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Quote of the week

"It's not just
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Michael Kaufman,
White Ribbon
Campaign
organizer

Charges laid in assault

by Janet Piotrowski

Police have charged a 29-year-old Etobicoke man in connection with the sexual assault of a Humber College student.

Kenneth Thomas Davis was arrested at his home early Wednesday morning. He faces charges of sexual assault and choking in relation to Saturday's Humber valley attack and three other unrelated assault charges.

"Women at Humber can breathe a sigh of relief that this suspect is caught, but they still must use judgement," said Staff Sgt. Joe Wolfe at a press conference held at Metro Police headquarters

Wednesday.

On November 30, a 19-year-old Humber student, who lives in residence, was attacked on the bike path behind the residence buildings. She was walking to the Woodbine Centre where she works.

Detective Bill Whiteside of the Metro Police Sexual Assault Squad said she was jumped from behind, choked and sexually assaulted.

"A man on a bicycle followed her. At the bottom of the hill he abandoned the bike and continued following her to the top. Apparently he said something to her and it was at that point she was assaulted," said Whiteside.

He said when a student who spotted the attack from residence came to help the victim, the suspect fled on foot. Police seized the mountain bike the attacker left behind.

Wolfe said police identified Davis as the prime suspect by the "description and the nature of the incident." He said Detective John Munro of the Metro Police Sexual Assault Squad recalled a previous interview with the suspect, which was not related to any of the four incidents, and it triggered a connection.

Barry Saxton, Chair of the Task Force on Violence at Humber College, said the arrest was a

tremendous relief, but warned women not to "get lulled into a false sense of security." He said street-proofing seminars and other events planned by the task force will continue as usual.

Wolfe said Davis lives near the student residence.

The suspect is also charged with assault with a weapon, sexual assault and assault in three other incidents which date back to 1988.

All four incidents occurred on bicycle paths and in broad daylight, he said.

On July 10, 1988, a 41-year-old woman was attacked by a man with a knife while walking on a bicycle path in the Eglinton Ave. and Dundas St. West area. On July 15, 1991, a 47-year-old woman was sexually assaulted at Martingrove and Mercury Rd. and on September 8, 1991, a 56-year-old woman was assaulted by a man while riding her bike in the parklands behind Humber College. In all cases the suspect fled the scene.

"There is no question that his intent was sexually motivated in each attack, but not completed," Wolfe said.

With files from Kim Cavanaugh.



PHOTO BY KIM CAVANAUGH

Arrest made— The victim was walking along this path behind the college residence (above). Details of the arrest were given at a press conference by Staff Sgt. Joe Wolfe (inset).



PHOTO BY MARK LEVINE

Administration taking steps

by Chris Vernon

Humber College officials met Monday, Dec. 2 to announce an education and counselling plan in response to the November 30 sexual assault of a female student.

College President Dr. Robert A. Gordon said the best way to reduce the risk of violent attacks is to educate staff and students about the Humber valley and the issue of personal safety.

"We want to inform students. The valley is simply not safe. Women should not go in there alone," he said.

A meeting for residence students and a streetproofing seminar (planned before Saturday's attack) were held Monday, Dec. 1 as part of the administration's strategy. The streetproofing seminars will be ongoing.

The plan also called for counsellors in Counselling Services to assist students and staff with any queries related to the incident.

Gordon said there is not much

the college can do to make the valley safer.

"We don't own the land. The City of Etobicoke and the Conservation Authority should look into the issue. Their pathways may not be safe," he said.

Gordon also said that administration has always advised students to use the highway to get to Woodbine Mall.

Gordon said the purpose of the meeting was to gather facts and determine how to best inform the public.

Acting on recommendations from the Task Force Against Violence, the administration plans to continue to work on making the campus as safe as possible, according to an inter-departmental memo distributed December 1.

Target areas for improvement include lighting, emergency phones and a Safety Escort Program.

Rez students speak out

by Elexia Skeene

Humber College students living in residence are angry that it took last week's sexual assault of a 19-year-old student to raise the safety awareness issue on campus.

At a meeting organized by Residence Director Aina Saulite, December 2 at residence, students voiced their fears and concerns about the lack of security in residence. "(The attack) will have an immediate impact on everybody, but after January things will go back to the way they were before," said one student who lives in residence.

Students requested their names not be used because they were asked not to talk to the media about the meeting.

Students were taught safety precautions by police. "The police told us that we should not look vulnerable and we should walk with confidence if we're ever followed," a student said.

Some students were disturbed about rumors of other alleged assaults and blamed Humber security, administration and residence administration for not informing students in residence.

"We hear about these incidents but the administration is keeping them quiet. They are partly to blame," said a student.

One of the solutions suggested at the meeting was a 24-hour buddy system. A male and a female escort would walk with students in need of accompaniment.

One student said, "We heard about the buddy system when we moved in at the beginning of the year, but signs were only posted after the incident occurred."

Seventy per cent of men and women in residence have volunteered to participate in the buddy system, a student said.

Many residents were especially concerned about the lack of lighting behind the residence buildings.

Safety Escort Program starting

by Rick Cardella

A Safety Escort Program, designed to give students and staff "a degree of comfort" while walking to their vehicles or residence will start Monday, Dec. 9, said Gary Jaynes, superintendent of Inside Services.

"This is not a response to the alleged incident off college property," Jaynes said. "This program has been in the planning stages for several months and is now ready for operation."

Two teams of Community Service Representatives (CSR), either male-female or two females will walk the "requester" anywhere on Humber property. "There is security back-up and each team member will carry a portable radio and a flashlight," said Jaynes.

If someone is interested in using this service he or she can go to the Library entrance between 5 p.m. and 11 p.m., Monday to Friday, for assistance.

An "Escort Request Form" must then be filled out at the front

desk. A CSR will then be called and will meet the "requester" at the desk. From there the student will be walked to the requested location.

Students should know that CSRs will not escort people to the Woodbine Centre or through the conservation area behind the college. "We can walk people to the property line but we will not leave the boundaries of the college," said Jaynes.

Carla Hesch, one of four CSRs said she wasn't worried at all. "I feel confident. We're always in twos and if we run into any problems we have our radios." The first-year Graphic Design student said, "When we're not walking people around we'll be patrolling the inside of the college."

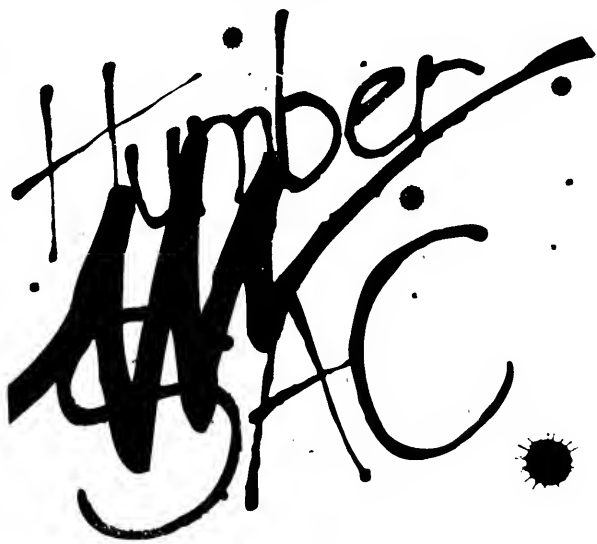
Jaynes said escort programs like this are not new. "These types of programs are in place at many American universities and it's now becoming a trend in Canadian universities and colleges."

The program is scheduled to run till the end of the winter semester.



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"A degree of comfort" — These are two of the Community Service Representatives who will be walking people to their cars or to residence as part of the Safety Escort Program.



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Large turnout at seminar

Police offer streetproofing tips

by Monique Taylor

The rising crime rate in Toronto and the weekend sexual assault of a Humber College student prompted women to attend a streetproofing seminar, Monday, Nov. 25, filling in Humber's Lecture Hall.

The seminar was a repeat of one held on November 12 and was planned before the weekend incident occurred.

Constable Stewart Davidson warned women of being trusting and accepting of everyone. He urged women to avoid being compliant victims.

He said that women should always be aware of men around them and project a certain image when they are alone. "The message I want you to give on the street is 'don't mess with me. I'll kill you.' Walk with your head up and your hands at the side, with confi-

dence," said Davidson.

He said that women must begin to trust their intuition. They should always be assertive and not afraid to over-react. "If you aren't a compliant victim he is going to pick someone else," said Davidson.

When he began to describe ways in which a woman could escape from an attacker his words were met with sighs of disgust. "Go for the eyes, and underneath the nose," said Davidson.

"Don't be squeamish because we could be identifying you by your dental records"

He quickly reminded women not to view self-defense with disgust. Davidson explained that when a woman is attacked by a man, she

must realize that he intends to harm her. "Don't be squeamish because we could be identifying you by your dental records," said Davidson.

"Make your house a safer place"

Davidson also suggested that women seriously consider streetproofing their homes. "Make your house a safer place: 60 per cent of the time he knows you, and 50 per cent of the time it happens in your home," he said.

"For the cost of \$200 or \$300 maybe you should have bars put on your windows."

"Don't open your door to strangers"

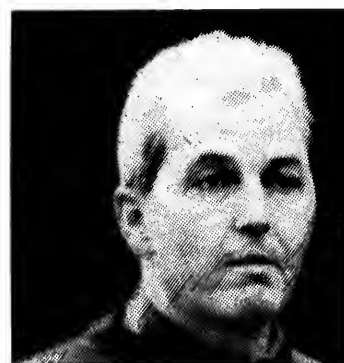
He encouraged women to apply deadbolts, a peep-hole, remove

hanging ivy from around the front door, remove high hedges around the property, keep the drapes closed, and most importantly, said Davidson, "Don't open your damn door! Don't open your door to strangers."

He said to protect yourself by being suspicious of anyone who comes to your door. Always look through the peep-hole, ask to see identification. Don't just glance at the ID, study it carefully, and check to make sure the picture matches the individual trying to get into your house.

Check person's ID

Davidson said, not only should you carefully examine the ID, but that you should also do a background check. Find out what office the person is from, phone the office and ask if they have an individual by that name working in the area.



P.C. Stewart Davidson

Davidson warned, "Secure your home. Do a little background check or you could be the victim."

He concluded the seminar by telling the audience never to tolerate abuse of any kind.

"When men abuse women, it is against the law. And it is NEVER, NEVER, NEVER (the woman's fault!)" said Davidson.

Students go to Disney

by Tanis Furger

Three Humber Hospitality students have been chosen to work at Walt Disney World in Florida.

"Our students work within the Canadian Pavilion, (in the Epcot Centre) primarily to give a flavor of Canada," said Joseph Whitfield, Hotel and Restaurant Management instructor and organizer of the trip.

Representatives from Walt Disney World visited Humber on November 11 to interview candidates.

Robert Porto, Walter DaSilva and Chitra Bachoo will be leaving for the Sunshine State in January. Two other Humber students are on the waiting list.

Disney representatives toured Eastern Canada, from Halifax to Toronto. Humber was the last stop on their tour.

The students viewed promotional material presented by Disney and each were inter-

viewed for about 15 minutes. Past experience in the hospitality industry was not an essential requirement. They were looking for people who could project a positive view of Canada, Whitfield said.

"I think Disney is very atypical of the modern hospitality company," Whitfield said. "You are looking for a person who, number one, looks good, and number two, has the opportunity to project themselves as satisfying the needs of the guest ... the academic knowledge is secondary."

As well as working at the pavilion, students will be taking a college program run by Disney.

The program involves attending lectures, meeting with leaders of the hospitality and tourism profession and working in groups on specific projects.

"These projects could be marketing, resource development, or motivation of Disney

employees," said Whitfield.

Last year, one Humber student was part of a group which redesigned Disney's laundry system. Disney has saved a lot of money because of this improvement, Whitfield said.

The interviews held at Humber were also open to the general public. Applicants do not have to be part of a college program, they only need to express an interest in Disney, said Whitfield.

"If one of the general public is a good candidate, then they get hired," he said.

Disney has offered the Humber students an initial work contract for six months, but there is a possibility they will be staying for 12 months, Whitfield said.

"If they're there for the 12-month program, participating in the college program of Disney, then they can apply for academic credits when they return," he said.

OSAP's reorganization will mean faster service

by Rick Cardella

The reorganization of the Ontario Student Assistance Plan (OSAP) distribution system is almost complete and that means students will receive their cheques twice as fast, said Pat Scrase, supervisor of Humber's Financial Aid.

"The Ministry (of Colleges and Universities) moved its head offices to Thunder Bay and they structured individual service units inside the new building to deal with North, South, East and West Ontario," said Scrase.

Now that all forms will be processed in one building and with a new computer system being installed, some "mailing procedures" and "reviews" will be eliminated.

"Now each college or university will have a direct person to call and they will be able to tell us instantly



Pat Scrase

where the application is, what stage it's at and when we can expect a delivery date," said Scrase.

This was impossible with the old system, said David Sidebottom, chairman of the Student Association of Financial Aid Administrators.

"Most of the computer work for processing applications was done on the main government computer ... because of other demands for that computer they could only use it on Wednesday nights."

Scrase said Humber has experienced "close to a 40 per cent increase in OSAP applications compared to last year."

Some students, who waited as long as 16 to 20 weeks for their cheques are looking forward to the new improvements.

"I didn't get my money till three weeks after school started and I couldn't buy my books. Hopefully next year I'll have my books on time," said Sondra Jones, a first-year General Arts and Sciences student.

"We are hopeful that the ministry's program will work as well as they presented it"

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Violence gets torn to ribbons

by Chris DiCesare

Two male staff members from Lakeshore and the North campus, are organizing the White Ribbon Campaign at Humber from December 1 to 6.

Les Takahashi from Lakeshore and Dave Darker from North campus, organized information booths at their campuses to promote awareness of violence against women.

Darker said the purpose of the White Ribbon Campaign is to raise

men's awareness of their role in fighting violence against women.

"Our culture is a breeding ground for violence against women," Takahashi said.

"I feel most people know about it (violence against women), but won't talk about it. It's not something we can ignore...we have female students coming to class with black eyes and not wanting to talk about it. We've had two this semester," Darker said.

Darker has been an instructor in

the Hotel and Restaurant Management program for about 15 years. He found out about the White Ribbon Campaign through Takahashi.

"The concept is that men are responsible for violence against women. Men have to spread the word that this behaviour isn't acceptable," said Darker.

The two men plan to distribute white ribbons and pins at the two campuses and "have banners up for attention."

"By wearing the ribbon we will be demonstrating our concern" for the victims, Takahashi said.

Takahashi has been teaching at Humber's Lakeshore campus for 13 years in the Orientation and Testing Center.

He was introduced to the White Ribbon Campaign at the Ontario Campus Men's Conference at the University of Toronto in mid-November. Delegates at the conference were made up of men from different colleges and universities from across Ontario.

"At the conference, we examined the development of masculine traits in males in Western society," said Takahashi. "Some of

these traits are that violence against women is an acceptable form of expression for males and that males deserve superior status in our society."

Takahashi said the first step in solving the problem is to make men aware of the woman's point of view as a victim.

"It isn't a quick fix situation. Networking is the answer," Darker said.

Proceeds from the White Ribbon Campaign will be donated to a local women's shelter.



PHOTO BY JULIA CASLIN

Wearing the ribbon of peace — Michael Kaufman dons a white ribbon to show his support in the campaign to stop the violent war against women.



PHOTO BY JULIA CASLIN

A show of support — Campaign organizers Michael Kaufman (left) and Bruce Kidd (right) give press conference urging men to help stop violence against women.

Message of love

by Leslie Wilson and Julia Caslin

A campaign by men opposed to violence against women was launched at a Queen's Park press conference, November 27.

The White Ribbon Campaign urges men across Canada to wear white ribbons or tie them to a car or house from December 1 through 6 to mark the two-year anniversary of the Montreal massacre.

"The ribbon is symbolic of a call on men to lay down their arms in the war against women. It is...a show of support (of) women across this country...a message of love."

said campaign organizer Michael Kaufman.

Kaufman wants all men to become active in the fight to stop violence against women. He calls on men to be part of the solution to the problem they have created.

"It's not just wierdos out there who are violent, it's next-door neighbors, fathers, brothers; any man could be a violent man," Kaufman said.

A broad spectrum of high-profile men supporting the campaign, include environmentalist David Suzuki, Ontario Premier Bob Rae, Assembly of First Na-

tions National Chief Ovide Mercredi, athlete Michael Smith, and author Timothy Findley.

Although the campaign targets men's participation, women's groups have also voiced their support.

"It's wonderful to see that men are taking the issue seriously," said Cathleen Kneen, executive co-ordinator of the Assaulted Women's Helpline.

Anna Willats, from the Toronto Rape Crisis Centre agrees. "Men have to get involved, it's the only way to get it to stop."

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Lakeshore may get new home

by Stephen Shaw

Humber is one step closer to finalizing the relocation of Lakeshore campus.

The provincial government has finally settled a bitter-decade-long feud between Toronto Island residents and Metropolitan Toronto.

The decision, which will bring an exchange of ownership of property on Algonquin and Ward's Islands, will remove what had recently become another obstacle in the way of completing Humber's relocation plans.

The deal, which Humber and the provincial government have been trying to hammer out for years, involves the present Lakeshore campus property being handed over to the province in exchange for the neighboring vacated Lakeshore Psychiatric Hospital, and about \$30 million.

While the provincial government's solution to the Island dispute includes giving Metro a portion of the land on the former hospital site, Humber administration said the Island proposal will not change Humber's relocation plans.

"The announcement involving the Toronto Islands really doesn't change the original program in which the college would move its existing campus to the hospital site," said Rod Rork, Humber's vice-president of administration.

Rork acknowledged last week's announcement

is related to Humber's plans but said, "The original plan is still in place and as far as we know, the hospital grounds have not been given away."

However, the decision announced by the province last week included giving Metro nine of the hospital's 15 hectares of land. Metro's portion will eventually be turned into parkland.

With the municipal elections now also out of the way, Rork said the college is awaiting an official response on the deal from Queen's Park in the near future.

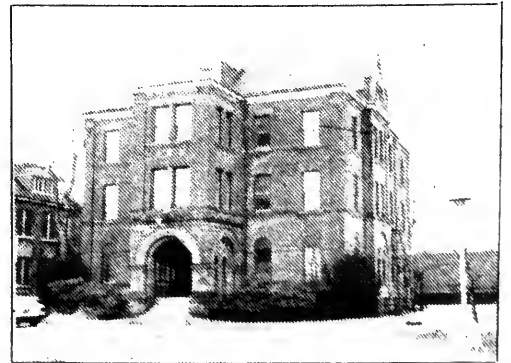


PHOTO BY SEAN HURLEY

Lakeshore Psychiatric Hospital

Students scamming Ma Bell

by Laura Tomassetti

Humber students trying to scam free long distance telephone calls are not getting off the hook and will have to pay up to \$1,100 in telephone charges said Bell Canada representative Theresa Young.

"Several inexperienced telephone users got hold of an AT & T calling card and made long distance phone calls from private homes. These calling cards are either lost or stolen so they are not validated," said Young. "They wouldn't have been able to use them at phone booths."

Some students may have thought they were getting free long distance phone calls because of the six week time period it takes to process the charges.

"A friend of mine told me about some code I could use so I won't have to pay long distance charges," said a Humber College student who asked to remain anonymous. "I spoke to a friend in London, Ont. for almost four hours last month and I still haven't received a charge on my phone bill," said the student.

The calling cards are from an American telephone company AT & T, so when long distance calls are made, AT & T receives the charges and sends them back to Bell Canada to charge the user. This explains the six week time period involved. "I know I can expect to see at least a \$200 charge on my next phone bill," said the student.

"Some students from Humber and Burlington have made calls up to six hours long to Bermuda and Mexico City thinking they were talking for free, but really they were being charged," said Young.

Students have also tried to scam the system by dialing a 14-digit code only Bell employees are allowed to use.

Young noted Bell Canada employs trained professionals who have previously dealt with similar telephone scams. "There are various numbers and various scams people use to try to beat the sys-

tem," said Young. "It's just naive...they think we don't know what we're doing."

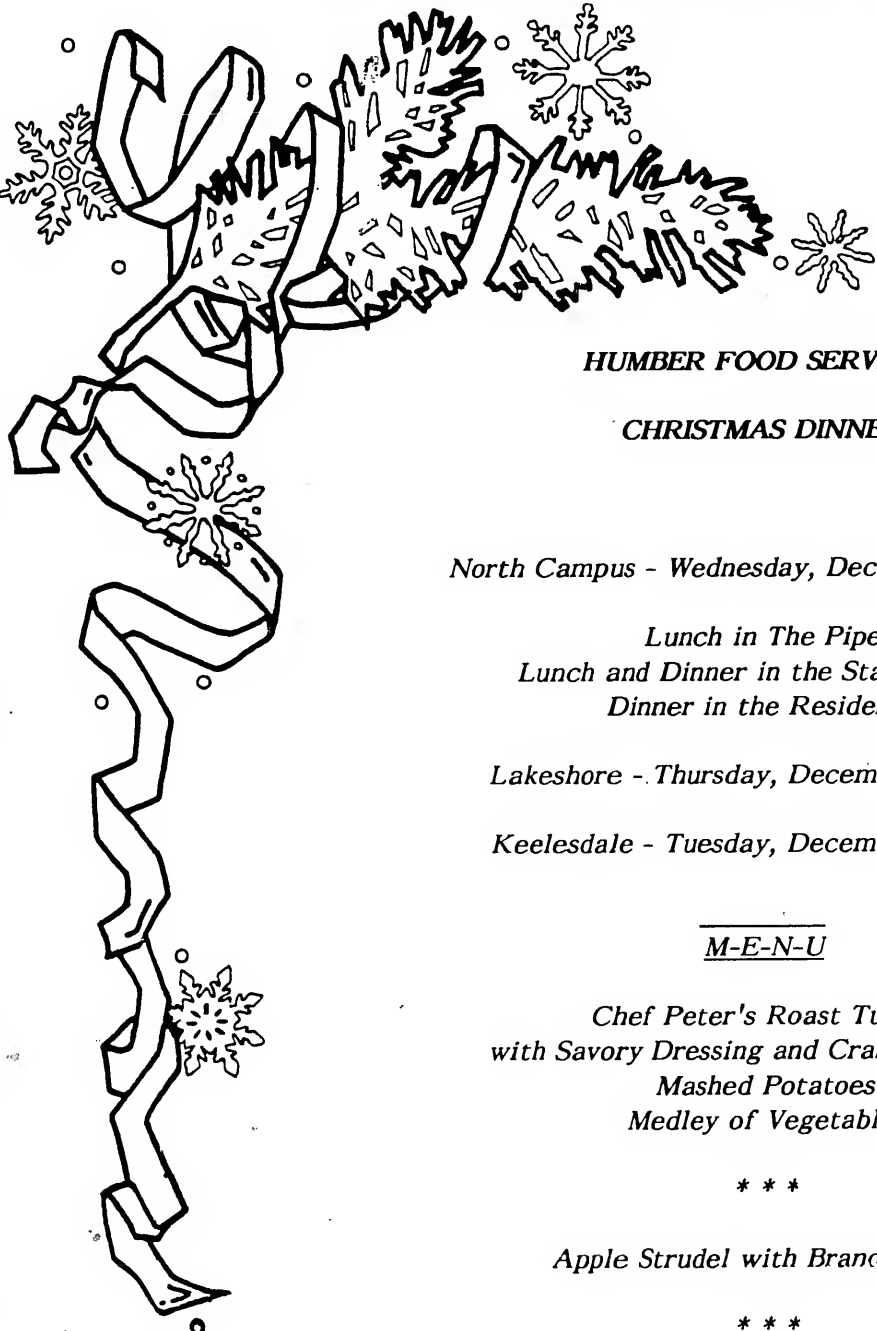

One student responded to Bell's crackdown on free long distance calls by saying, "There is no way in hell I can afford to pay all that money." This anonymous student made several lengthy long distance calls using the 14-digit code.

Young hopes to promote public awareness on this issue.

"There's no (specific) age bracket of who is making these calls, but students who are making long distance phone calls from either their home or someone else's home, rest assured, there are going to be a lot of pissed off parents within the next month," said Young.



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Walking with fear

Have you ever walked in fear?

Walking faster than you need to, constantly looking over your shoulder, alert to every sudden sound and movement. Have you ever lain awake at night too afraid to walk the few blocks to the all night store for cold medication? Has fear ever caused you to cross the street because a stranger is approaching?

Women walk in fear everyday. Some are even afraid to go home.

The reaction to the recent assault on the nature trail serves to illustrate this point. Women have been warned against walking alone on the trail, the suggestion being that the trail is not safe. It begs the question: Where is safe?

Women are attacked in their homes, on the street, at work, at school, in public places and in the privacy of their doctor's office.

Treating abused and battered women and children has become a growth industry. Like victims of an undeclared civil war, women and children find refuge in shelters and waiting rooms throughout the nation.

The statistics speak for themselves: A sexual assault is committed every 17 minutes and one in four Canadian women will be victims of such assault; half before the age of 17.

Sadly, these crimes are committed by men. Fathers, husbands, brothers, and boy friends. Women are forced to walk in fear of all men. They cannot differentiate between who is capable of rape and who is not. So all men must be suspect.

It is for this reason that the White Ribbon Campaign is so important in its goal to raise the awareness of men toward sexual assault and to demonstrate solidarity with the victims. It is hard for men to understand a woman's fear because men do not have to live with the threat of rape. But men can understand that rape is a particularly vicious crime of depravity that goes far beyond surface injuries.

Sexual assault is a complete degradation. The victim is robbed of her humanity and stripped of her dignity in a manner that reaches into the depths of her soul. She is no longer a person with life and vitality but a thing to be used and tossed away like any other disposable item.

The pain doesn't end when the attacker flees. It follows her to the examination room where evidence is removed, through the police investigation, and finally, if the suspect is captured, into the courtroom where the act is relived in full detail for total strangers.

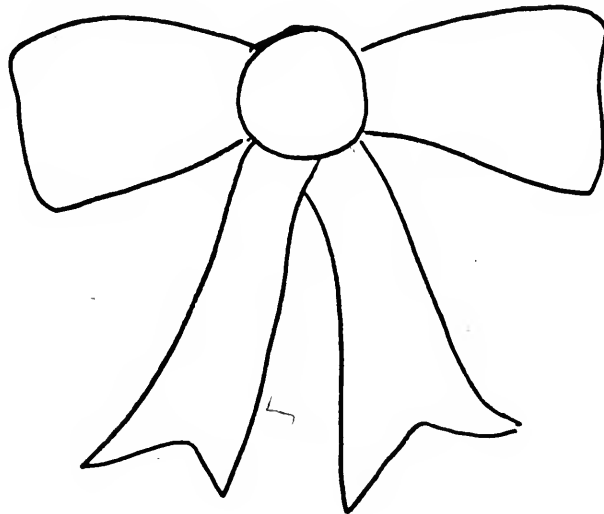
And the victim must try to reassemble a shattered life, rebuild her confidence, and re-establish her self-esteem. Sometimes this can take years.

Still, two years after the massacre of female engineering students in Montreal, society is unable to deal with violence against women. If any other cause led to as many victims as male violence does, it would be labelled an epidemic. But when the aggressors are male and the victims female, we refer to them as unrelated, isolated incidents.

How many "isolated incidents" make for a crisis?

Unless society begins to address violence against women in a serious way, it will continue. The next victim could be your mother, your daughter, or your sister. It is much harder to ignore when the victim is someone you love.

Have you ever walked in fear?



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Janet Baker
2nd year
Fashion Arts

"It depends on what background they are from. If their fathers are chauvinistic, they are more likely to be chauvinistic."

**TALK
BACK**

by Pam Pettibone
and Keri Wellhauser

"Do you think men's attitudes about violence against women have changed?"



Susan Hipilk
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"I think the awareness has increased about violence against women. I only hope that men are taking it more seriously."



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INSIGHT

Birth control pill may be replaced by implanted device

by Monique Taylor

An almost foolproof contraceptive that makes the birth control pill a thing of the past could be on its way to Canada.

However it remains to be seen whether this novel birth control method is going to be a North American woman's dream come true or the beginning of a nightmare.

A year ago, the United States Food and Drug Administration approved Norplant, a revolutionary form of birth control. In approximately two years, Canadian women will be faced with the option of using this new contraceptive.

Norplant was developed by the Population Council, an international non-profit research group and Wyeth Ayerst Laboratories.

Dr. Miklos Nadasdi, medical director of Wyeth Ltd., laboratory in Canada, said, "Norplant is six cylindrical sticks made up of two things, the cylinder and the hormone." These matchstick sized tubes are implanted beneath the skin of a woman's upper arm.

"It is a minor surgical procedure performed in a doctor's office,"

Nadasdi said of the 10 minute operation.

Once a woman has been implanted with Norplant, she is protected from conceiving for five years. Progestin, a synthetic hormone which is released from the tubes over the five year period, compares favorably to the pill. "Norplant is a little more effective than the pill, which is 98 per cent effective. Norplant is 99 per cent effective," said Nadasdi.

If a woman decides Norplant is not right for her then it may be surgically removed. Conception is possible 48 hours after the implant is removed.

The Bay Centre for Birth Control will be doing the research on Norplant. After it has been studied it will be marketed in Canada. Nadasdi said it will be legalized in about two years. Registered Nurse Deidre Bainbridge said it may take longer than that. "It would depend on how long the researcher would want to study Norplant," she said.

The arrival of Norplant may enable women to attain more sexual freedom. They may be released from the constant concern about birth control. A woman may no longer have to worry about a for-

gotten pill, inserting a diaphragm, sponge, foam, a miscalculated rhythm, a botched withdrawal, a broken condom or running to the doctor for the "morning after pill."

However not everyone is viewing Norplant as a positive breakthrough. Some women's and civil rights groups in the United States are concerned about the possible misuse of Norplant. Their concerns are already being illustrated.

A California judge imposed Norplant as a probation condition for a woman convicted of child abuse. Granted, child abuse is not something to be condoned, but many people feel these are harsh measures.

The questions being asked are: Has this judge abused his power? Has he abused Norplant?

Planned Parenthood Volunteer

Co-ordinator Barbara Smith said "The reason he made that condition is because he wanted her not to get pregnant for five years. (He) is basically telling her she does not have the right to have children when and how she likes."

The woman is now working with the American Civil Liberties Union in an attempt to get the order reversed.

The judge's decision is not an isolated incident of the possible abuse of Norplant, concerns go beyond this one decision. Some politicians also feel that Norplant can be used as a means of controlling poverty and welfare payments, through limiting the number of children a woman can have.

David Duke, the well-known Republican from Louisiana, advocates giving cash incentives to

mothers on welfare, if they use Norplant.

A State legislator in Kansas has introduced two bills which are aimed at combating and controlling pregnancies among poor and drug addicted women.

"Basically, it seems Norplant is being offered to women of lower incomes and women of color," said Bainbridge.

Does this mean that politicians will be able to control which women can reproduce and which ones can't?

Over the next few years, as Canadians use Norplant, will we be in danger of facing reproduction regulations based on income and other variables?

Or will Canadian politicians merely see Norplant is an effective method of birth-control to be used at a woman's discretion.

Food banks a quick fix but no solution is in sight

by René Shute

Some say that food banks are a quick fix solution to poverty and that they should be stopped.

Last Tuesday, November 26, the St. Lawrence Centre hosted a discussion on whether food banks are beneficial.

Anti-poverty activist Carol Cayenne, law professor Allan Hutchinson and journalist June Callwood made up the panel to address the issue.

Food banks opened in the mid 80's and were intended as emergency relief in the face of poverty caused by the recession. Almost ten years later we're facing a more severe recession and the number of food banks is increasing.

Some food bank volunteers are concerned that they're perpetuating poverty and dependence by providing for needy people.

Cayenne organized the Parents Against Poverty Food Depot as a reaction to the hungry families that surrounded her.

After five years she decided to close down the food bank because she didn't want to become an arm of the welfare system.

While Cayenne feels that welfare is necessary and society needs a safety net, she's convinced there's a better way.

"We (the food bank) were a quick fix solution," Cayenne said, "but the larger problem still remains."

Cayenne said that many people who use food banks don't need them, but an outraged audience member disagreed.

"You people frighten me," he said, "because if one person needs the food bank that should be enough to keep them open."

A former food bank volunteer shared her guilt and relief about getting out of the organization.

"I knew we weren't making lives better in the long run," she said, "but maybe it's the only solution (to poverty) now."

Hutchinson said that people who think they can help should do what they can.

"If this means food banks, that's fine, but there are other ways. We just lack the imagination to find them," he said.

The panelists agreed that poverty should be addressed in schools, although this change to curriculum will be difficult to make.

"Poverty issues aren't marketable," Hutchinson said, "and unfortunately we'll have to sell them to the school system."

Another suggested solution was to donate money, rather than food, to the poor.

"When you hand out food, you make the decisions. When you hand out money, they (the poor) make their own decisions about what to buy," Callwood said.

Callwood said that her family was poverty stricken at the end of the depression and took money from an anonymous donor. It made her uncomfortable that her family relied on hand-outs. It made her angry then and she is still angry.

"This government has the money to rid poverty," Callwood said, "But they continue to rely on food banks to feed the poor."

Cayenne agreed and added that the media must focus on the real issues and the real life of poverty.

"We must do more than make people feel good about giving cans of food."

Smokers play cat and mouse

Last week *Coven* ran a story headlined "Stiff penalties for smokers." The story described the process involved when a smoker is caught with a cigarette between the lips in a non-smoking area. An offending student will be warned by letter. A second offence will get you an invitation to a meeting with Director of Student Life, Rick Bendera. Caught again, and there is a \$100 fine. Fail to pay the fine and you will be tossed — pardon the pun — out on your butt.

As a smoker it's difficult to take the threats seriously. Sure, I would like to quit smoking and I really can't afford the fine, but I haven't been caught yet. In fact, it adds a little pleasure to an otherwise filthy habit.

Not getting caught becomes a game of cat and mouse. Security



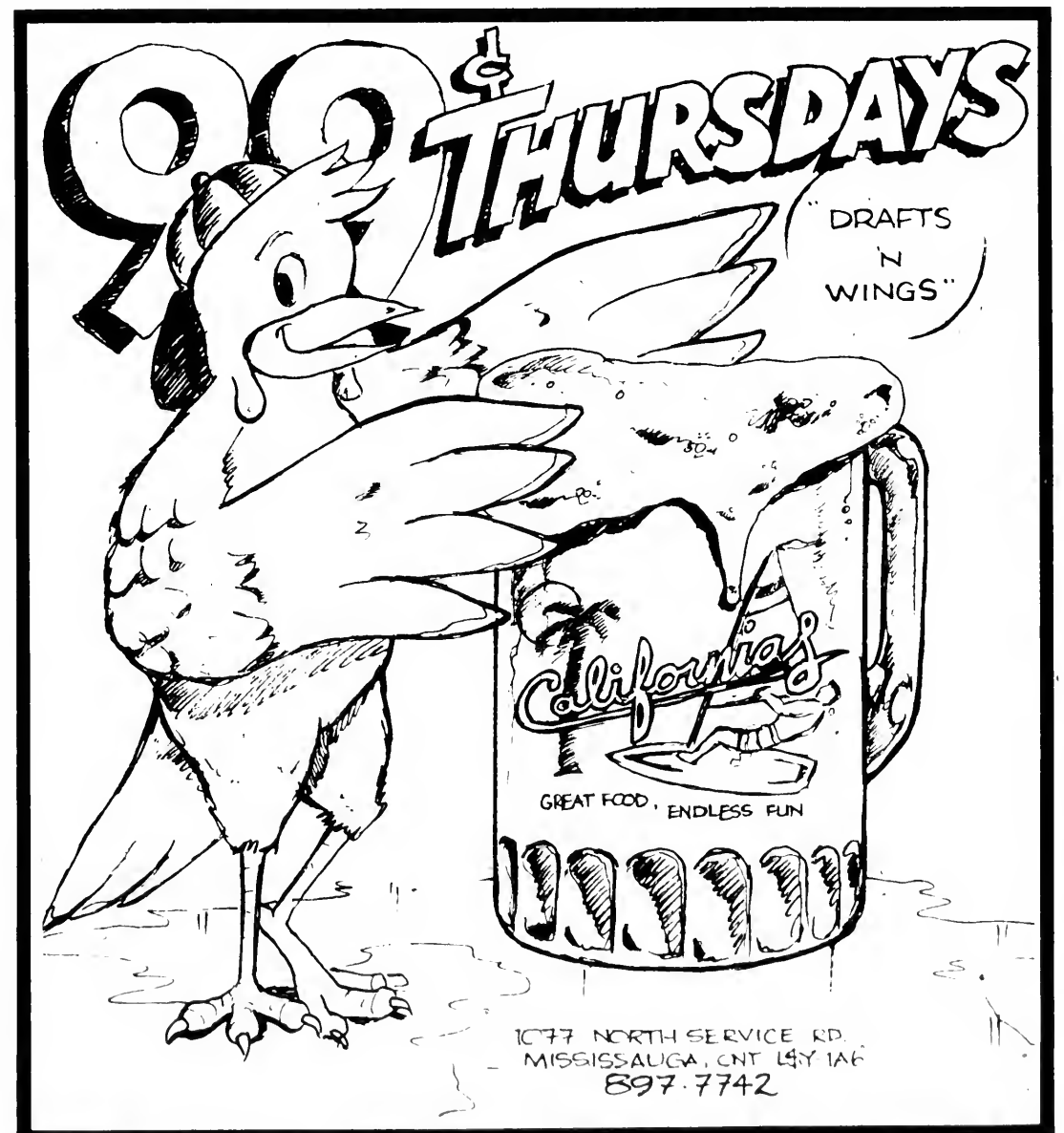
by Sean Hurley

(the cat) stalks the Pipe searching for the elusive smoker (the mouse). So there you are, lungs filled with smoke, cigarette cupped inside your hand, appearing as normal as can be to the trained eyes of Humber security. And when that blue uniform rounds the corner, passing just out of sight, smoke streams from your mouth like a balcony-

fire out of control. Gasping and coughing you smile with glee at having once again fooled the cat.

If Humber administration is a little miffed at the flagrant disregard for rules, so they should be. But they are partly responsible. They must know a new rule will not end years of addiction and neither will a fine.

The stiffest penalty any smoker will have to face comes in the form of heart and lung disease. In the short term, there is the risk of developing pneumonia while smoking outdoors in the dead of winter. We've had a few cold days already, but without fail smokers are out there, trembling from top to bottom, shuffling their feet, trying to stay warm, and raising a cigarette to purple lips. Now that's a penalty.



LIFESTYLE

Streetwise martial arts from Humber grad

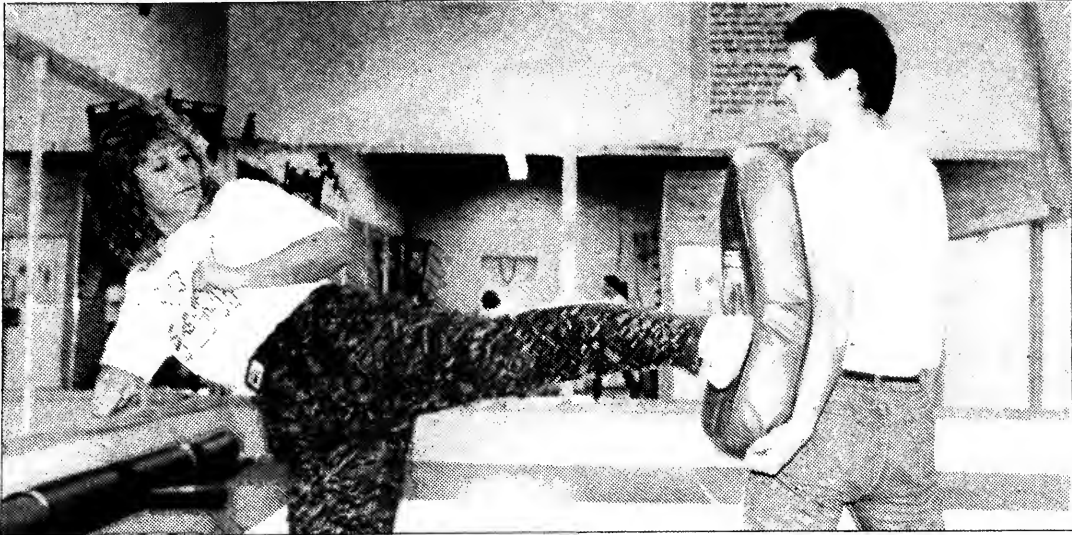


PHOTO BY EDDIE GORDON

Watch out Ninja Turtles! — A member of the 'Street Smarts' program demonstrates self-defence techniques with Humber student Andrew Fratepietro.

by Eddie Gordon

Diane Kerbel, a Humber alumnus, co-ordinates the 'Street Smarts' program, a licenced eight step self-defence system taught to men, women, and children.

Sensei (martial arts master) Wally Slocki, a ninth degree black belt in Karate, has combined the best techniques of Karate, Aikido, Jiu-Jitsu, Tae-Kwon-Do, and Kung-Fu into the self-defence system.

Kerbel, 37, graduated from Humber in the Rehabilitation Worker program in 1978. Kerbel, who had previously taken three years of martial arts, found the 'Street Smarts' program both physically and mentally effective.

A former green belt of Shito-Ryu Karate, Kerbel became the co-ordinator of the program because of her previous experience both in working with people and the martial arts.

"Like the Rehab (Worker) program, the awareness of the mechanisms of the human body are very much a component in the martial arts," said Kerbel.

According to Kerbel, the 'Street Smarts' program — a by-product of Superkids Karate Inc. — is unique, promoting confidence and self-esteem in its participants. Some of the participants have been victims of rape, robbery, and assault.

Harold Warden is the co-founder of 'Street Smarts' and Superkids Karate Inc. and is also a licenced black belt instructor in Karate.

Gord Martineau of City TV was quoted as saying, "As a student of Mr. Slocki's for many years I can attest to the high level of expertise brought to the 'Street Smarts' program."

The program was created to give a person the security to face present day crime.

According to both instructors, the 'Street Smarts' program is highly effective and easy to remember.

Each session lasts two hours and costs \$25.

The next session is available in the second and third week in January at the Superkids Karate Inc. Dojo at 1600 Steeles Ave. W.

Sophisticated tests for retail jobs

by Lara Thais King

Are you an honest person? Have you ever felt like swearing? Have you ever felt like hitting someone?

If you are going to apply for a job in the retail industry then these are the types of questions that you might be asked.

Many retail employers are screening their prospective employees with a psychological test.

"It's becoming more common in retail," said Humber's Co-op Placement Officer, Karen Fast.

Some feel this is extreme for a minimum wage job, but Fast said employers use a variety of different avenues to come to a decision ab-

out hiring, and this is just another method.

Nancy Epner, a Retail Management student at Humber, said it's a good sign because it reflects a sophisticated business practice.

"There's a big push for service excellence now," said Epner.

The test is created to help employers find an employee with empathy, control, and stability. "They don't want someone who will fly off at a customer because they have had a bad day.

"It's no longer fly by the seat of your pants management," she said.

The psychological test takes about 45 minutes to complete and is given to part-time, full-time, and management applicants.

The test is a personality profile: a test on aptitude not ability.

Fast has just recently become aware of these tests, since some retail co-op students have had to take them this year.

There may be more tests, even if you get the job. You might also have to take a test on store procedures to show that you understand what is expected of staff.

These tests are used in many big companies, such as Fairweather, Eddie Bauer, Suzy Shier, and United Cigar Stores.



PHOTO BY CATHY MICKALAKOS

Swinging seniors — Public Relations students held an open house to introduce seniors to the new Storefront Humber program.

Storefront Humber kick-off a success

by Keri Wellhauer

The 'Meet Your Neighbor' open house for seniors at Storefront Humber, on November 27, was an outstanding success, said an organizer.

Storefront Humber is a non-profit organization that gives support to senior citizens. Cathy Mickalagos, a Public Relations certificate student, said the purpose of the event, held at Amos Wate Community Centre, was to help bring seniors of all cultures and backgrounds together to familiarize them with the program.

Executive Director of Storefront Humber, Mary Hansen said, "We recognize the loneliness that seniors experience, and we're anxious to get them out of the house and into a fun, relaxed environment with other seniors."

Mickalagos said the program's goal is to provide support services to seniors to help them remain in their homes. Volunteers perform light housework, laundry, shop-

ping, banking, escorting, home safety checks along with home maintenance services, repairs, grounds work and income tax services.

"Fees are minimal and are set according to annual income," Mickalagos said. "Storefront's research indicates that approximately 6,100 senior citizens live alone or with others over the age of 60. By the year 2011, about 12,000 seniors will reside in the Lakeshore community."

At the 'Meet Your Neighbor' open house, the seniors were living it up, Mickalagos said the turnout was very good.

"The seniors really enjoyed the entertainment and they were dancing and singing."

"We had a lot of support from the small businesses in the Lakeshore community that provided us with the food, refreshments, and donations," said Mickalagos.

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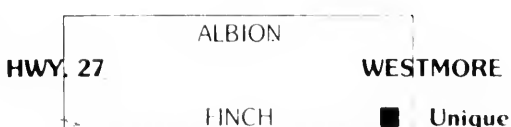
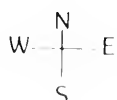
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ARTS

Discovery in *The Secret Garden*

by Janice F. Wong

A hidden garden, a spoiled orphan girl and some wild sound effects make *The Secret Garden* a frightfully delightful play for theatre lovers of all ages.

The Secret Garden runs through December 29 at the Young People's Theatre at 165 Front Street East.

Adapted from Frances Hodgson Burnett's novel, *The Secret Garden* is a modern version of the story, told in a way that captures the attention of children who are accustomed to Hollywood special effects and stick-wielding amphibians in masks. A gothic mansion, a mystery waiting to be solved and terrific scares successfully hold the attention of any restless child.

The story is narrated by two children, Janet and Geraldine, played by Kalan Chung and Martha Schabas. They provide a lot of background information that would otherwise interfere with the story. During scene changes, they discuss the events and try to solve the mystery. They act as links between the audience and the actors, inviting you to help solve the mystery.

The play focuses on Mary, the snotty orphan who is sent to her uncle's manor in England. Her uncle is despondent and melancholy, heartbroken over the death of his

wife several years ago. Mary is left to amuse herself, and her curiosity and boredom lead her to discover a secret garden. In unlocking the secrets of the garden, she opens the door to self-discovery and renewed love.

The play provides some good scares for any age. The eerie music by Mario Marengo sends chills down the spine, and the dark, gloomy mansion is convincingly created with a simple set. The school-aged audience screamed with delighted terror at the unexpected twists in the plot.

Sherry Smith is perfectly prim and proper as Mary. She is spunky as well as spoiled, which many children can probably relate to. Her transition from a self-absorbed brat who can't even dress herself to a loving, eager child is smooth.

Tony Desmond is the wonderful animal-loving character of Dickon, who befriends the lonely Mary and introduces her to the world of nature. In a funny, light-hearted way he shows how important it is to love yourself as much as the outside world. As Mary's personality grows, her garden blooms.

Paul Ledoux adapted the novel and he cleverly employs devices that send kids into hysterics. Mary spits in the housekeeper's face, sticks out her tongue at everyone who doesn't cater to her and plays with her porridge. The kids loved every minute of it.

The play is a wonderful way of

reintroducing the 1911 book to a new audience. Adults who loved Burnett's novel will find the play maintains the spirit while updating it for a newer, sophisticated audience of children. Judging from the

exclamations of "cool" and "wicked", the play was a hit with the kids.

Tickets, however, are not a pleasant surprise. At \$27 for adults and \$17 for children, this is expen-

sive theatre fare. But, if you are looking for a unique Christmas gift, *The Secret Garden* is perfect for a special night out.



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The Secret's out — Performing in *The Secret Garden* are from left to right, Sherry Smith, Greg Morris and Tony Desmond. The play is a delightful adaptation of Frances Hodgson Burnett's novel.

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**Stansfield
tour planned**

by Diane Dunn

The cupie doll curls may be gone, but the strong powerful voice of Lisa Stansfield can still be heard on her new release entitled "Real Love."

The 13 tracks on her new album have a definite R&B feeling that has marked her style in the past.

The first single found on *Real Love* is change, a love song with a upbeat tempo which is sure to be a major hit.

Stansfield's voice is again brought to its full potential in the tracks *All Women*, *Real Love*, and *I Will Be Waiting*.

A new maturity level is introduced with lyrics such as "I've waited for this moment! The moment when we share ourselves! This moment can't be thought about! It has to be felt."

Stansfield shares part of herself through each of her songs, which she has had a major hand in writing.

The song, *All Around The World*, from Stansfield's previous release hit number one, on both R&B and Dance charts, has made people stand up and take notice of her new compact disc.

Stansfield said the newly-found fame hasn't gone to her head though.

"You can't start believing that everyone loves you," said Stansfield. "The main reason why people like you is because you've become successful." She believes

the success in the past hasn't affected her judgement of people.

Stansfield accomplished an historic feat when she topped Billboard's Black Music charts in July 1990, with her two hits, *All Around The World* and *You Can't Deny It*. Stansfield is the first female singer to have two consecutive number-one hits on the charts.

Stansfield is planning a tour for early 1992 in the United States. Fans can only hope she will schedule a date or two here in Canada.

Jazz grooves at Fall Showcase

by Chris DiCesare

In the rich tradition of Humber music, the first in a series of concerts was performed in the Lecture Theatre, November 27 by students from the first-year Jazz program.

Four ensembles presented four different styles of jazz music for the listening pleasure of a crowd of over 250 people at the 18th Annual Fall Showcase. Some of the songs performed by students were original compositions, written by the students or by the staff directors of the bands.

For the students who performed, the evening was a triumphant success. They were well rehearsed for the first in a series of five live concerts to take place over the next six months.

in front of an audience. Humber's strong background in the performance side of the music program is what makes it great.

"I wanted to take vocal jazz and performance so I transferred from the University of Windsor for the performance program," said Sara Clarkson, a member in one combo.

"It's good to play in front of people. It gives you the chance to showcase what you've learned at school and on your own," said Fritz Kraai of a "fusion jazz" ensemble.

The first act to appear at the concert was the jazz combo, which played four "mainstream" jazz numbers. Three of the pieces were

written by other musicians and the fourth was an original. The original song, *Hossenferrer*, was written by the drummer of the combo, Ben Ball. The combo is directed by Pat Labarbera

The next act, an instrumental quintet, played "fusion jazz", which differs from mainstream in that mainstream is a more "triple based" style while fusion jazz is an "eighth note" style.

The staff director of the fusion jazz quintet was Mike Farquharson.

The third act of the concert featured a vocal group, under the guidance of Trish Colter.



PHOTO BY CHRIS DICESARE

Blow that Horn — Humber's Big Band smokes at the Fall Showcase on November 27.

The last act of the evening was a "Big Band", which played four selections with vocals by Stephanie Scerri.

Humber has produced some fine musicians through the years and for the longest time it was the only school in the country to offer a "jazz"-type music program.

Respected jazz musicians, John Johnson and Vern Dorge both attended Humber. "Also Rik Emmett (of *Triumph* fame) attended the music program for a while," said Master of Ceremonies and Music Program Co-ordinator, Eddie Sossin.

The instructors in the music program have all been professional

musicians at some time in their careers.

A perfect example is Farquharson. He is a part-time instructor at the college who had to miss his quintet's performance Wednesday night because he was playing to a bigger audience as a bassist in the musical "Les Miserables."

Audience members in the Lecture Theatre Wednesday night, said they could find no fault with the acts that performed.

"I thought it was really good. All the bands were good. I can't wait for the next concert," said Karl Svab, a first-year Engineering student.

Proceeds from the concert will go to the Music Activities Fund.

Students appreciated the chance to perform

Students who performed on November 27 were "the cream of the crop", said Event Organizer Trish Colter. Colter is also of Music Vocalists and acting assistant co-ordinator of the Music department.

Colter said the ensemble program "as a whole has auditions at the beginning of the year and we (the department heads) place the students according to ability."

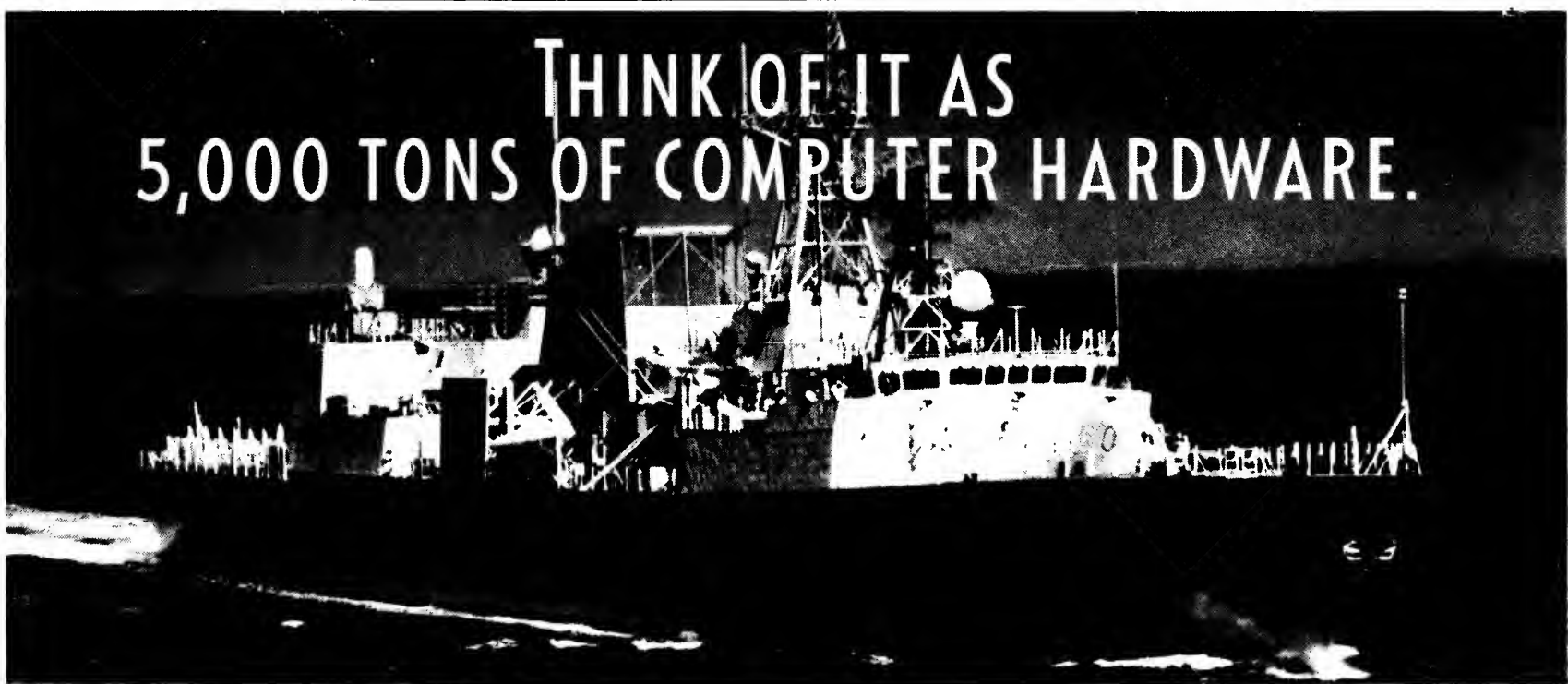
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All that Jazz — Trish Colter's vocal ensemble really knows how to belt out a tune.

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SPORTS

Loyalist breaks Humber's heart

by Frank De Gasperis

The volleyball Hawks match against the Loyalist College Lancers was exciting, fast-paced, tension-filled, and above all, heart-breaking.

Humber lost three games to two, to a never-say-die Loyalist squad. The Hawks had many opportunities to win the match, but were continually denied by Loyalist.

The first game was a dogfight, with the Lancers taking an early 10-7 lead. But behind the booming serves of Brian Alexander, Humber took control of the game and won 15-12.

The Hawks were pounding the ball in the second game, notably James Garrod and Scott Purkis. Trailing 8-1, Loyalist began to show some life, and took a 12-9 lead. With some great serves from Dave Abrams, the Hawks regained the lead 14-12. The Hawks were unable to score the winning point, squandering many chances, as the tough Loyalist team won the game 17-16.

The third game was all Humber, led by the solid spiking of Greg Chornomud and Garrod, blocking by Dan Payette, and more great serving from Abrams. The Hawks cruised to a 15-5 win.

Humber appeared to have the match won, leading 14-7 in the fourth game. They had numerous chances to win but once again, couldn't find the killer instinct. Loyalist came from behind to win 16-14 and evened things up at two games apiece.

This set up rally point to decide the winner. The score was very close throughout the game, with Loyalist holding on to a slender 11-9 lead. For all their toil, the Hawks could not take the lead, finally succumbing 15-13.

"That's volleyball; anything can happen. I am positive if it was not rally point we would have won," said Hawks coach Amer Haddad. "We have a lot of young players, so they don't have enough experience yet."

A rally point is when either team can score a point, regardless of who has serve.

The Hawks had outpointed Loyalist in the match 73-65 and were clearly the better team, which made the loss even more disheartening. It was their first rally point of the season.



PHOTO BY FRANK DE GASPERIS

Take that!—Lady Hawk Kathleen Tauskela (10) looks set to beat a Confederation block during their Monday, Nov. 27 meeting. Humber scratched out a victory, coming up with some accurate spikes and solid serves to win the match three games to two. They are now 4-1 on the year.

Lady Hawks edged out

by Frank De Gasperis

Rally time!

The volleyball Lady Hawks defeated the Confederation College 67s in rally point to win the November 27 match three games to two.

"That was the third rally point that (Confederation) lost and it was (the) second straight that we won. That takes a lot to do," said Lady Hawks coach Dave Hood.

The first game was marked by the solid spiking of Lady Hawks Colleen Gray and Suzanne Sharp, and some great serving from Kathleen Tauskela. Humber took a 12-8

lead before Confederation mounted a strong comeback to win the game 15-13.

The Lady Hawks cruised to a 15-6 victory in the second game, as Gray served for eight consecutive points and Paula Lattanzio came up with some great spiking. The Lady Hawks continued their domination in the third game, winning 15-6. Gray and Sharp led the way with more solid spikes, along with Raquel Queensborough's accurate serving.

Confederation rebounded in the fourth game, winning 15-10, tying the match at two games all and setting up rally point.

In the decisive game, the Lady Hawks took control behind some fantastic serving from Sharp, to win 15-8.

To be successful in rally points, teams must avoid service errors, something the Lady Hawks did expertly.

"We need more consistency in our serving, but we came through when we had to in the end," said coach Hood.

With the win, the Lady Hawks improved their season record to 4-1. They next see action on December 6 against the St. Clair College Lady Saints.

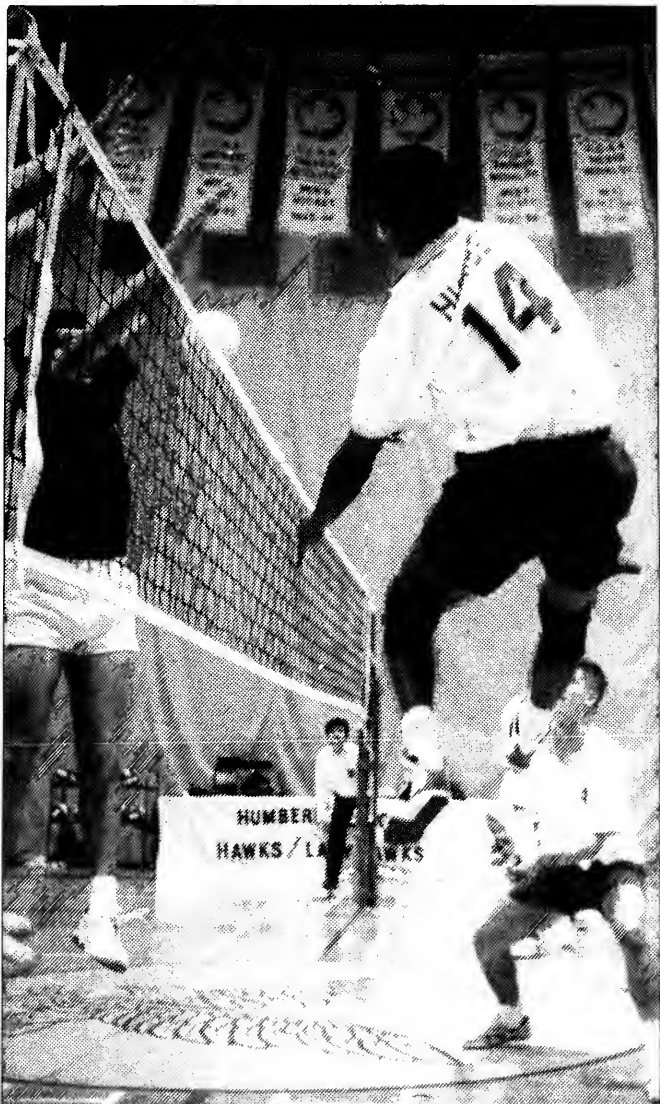


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Bombs away—The Hawks lost a heartbreaker to Loyalist last Tuesday, Nov. 26. Here, Humber's James Garrod (14) tattoos one while teammate Greg Chornomud (4) covers him. Several times, the Hawks seemed to have the match won, only to have it slip away. Loyalist came back to win a nail-biter, three games to two. Humber's record now stands at an even 3-3.

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DURHAM	9	7	2	14
SHERIDAN	5	4	1	8
HUMBER	5	4	1	8
GEORGIAN	9	3	6	6
CENTENNIAL	6	2	4	4
ST. CLAIR	7	2	5	4
CONFEDERATION	10	2	8	4
FANSHAWE	7	1	6	2

MEN'S DIVISION I VOLLEYBALL (as of December 1)

	MP	MW	ML	PTS
SENECA	7	7	0	14
DURHAM	7	5	2	10
LOYALIST	8	5	3	10
SHERIDAN	4	3	1	6
HUMBER	6	3	3	6
ROYAL MILITARY	7	3	4	6
FANSHAWE	6	2	4	4
MOHAWK	7	1	6	2
CENTENNIAL	6	0	6	0

WOMEN'S DIVISION I BASKETBALL EAST (as of December 1)

	GP	W	L	PCT.	GBL
HUMBER	6	6	0	1.000	—
GEORGE BROWN	4	4	0	1.000	1.0
SENECA	2	2	0	1.000	2.0
CENTENNIAL	5	0	5	.000	5.5
DURHAM	6	0	6	.000	6.0

MEN'S DIVISION I BASKETBALL EAST (as of December 1)

	GP	W	L	PCT.	GBL
HUMBER	5	5	0	1.000	—
SENECA	5	4	1	.800	1.0
DURHAM	7	5	2	.714	1.0
ALGONQUIN	7	5	2	.714	1.0
GEORGE BROWN	8	3	5	.375	3.5
CENTENNIAL	6	1	5	.167	4.5

Humber pumps up

by Sasha Paul Sabga

The Humber College weight room is attracting more students because of a recent equipment upgrading.

According to Jim Bialek, assistant athletic manager, the college has spent approximately \$25,000 on new equipment this year. This includes weight machines and aerobic bikes, rowers and stair climbers.

"The weight room use has been phenomenal this year. There has been non-stop usage by both males and females, from the time it opens until it closes," Bialek said.

He attributes the increased use to the changes that have been made in the facility, adding that the Athletics Department is trying its best to make the place a little more inviting and comfortable.

"What we are trying to do is create an atmosphere which will hopefully encourage the students to take a certain pride with regards to the maintenance of the weight room," said Bialek.

He said a "Green Tag" policy has been put into effect this year, where students who are not wearing the required green shoe tags are asked to leave.

A towel service has also been implemented, where students are given a towel to wipe down the equipment after they use it.

According to Doug Fox, athletics director, the weight room is increasing its supervised hours to make sure the new equipment is not being abused, and also to give instructions on how to workout properly.

Fox said long-term plans include the construction of a fitness centre above the Humber pool, which would include a weight room, fitness lab, and an aerobics centre.

Fox said that after the college sells the Lakeshore campus it will free some capital which may be used in the construction of the fitness centre.

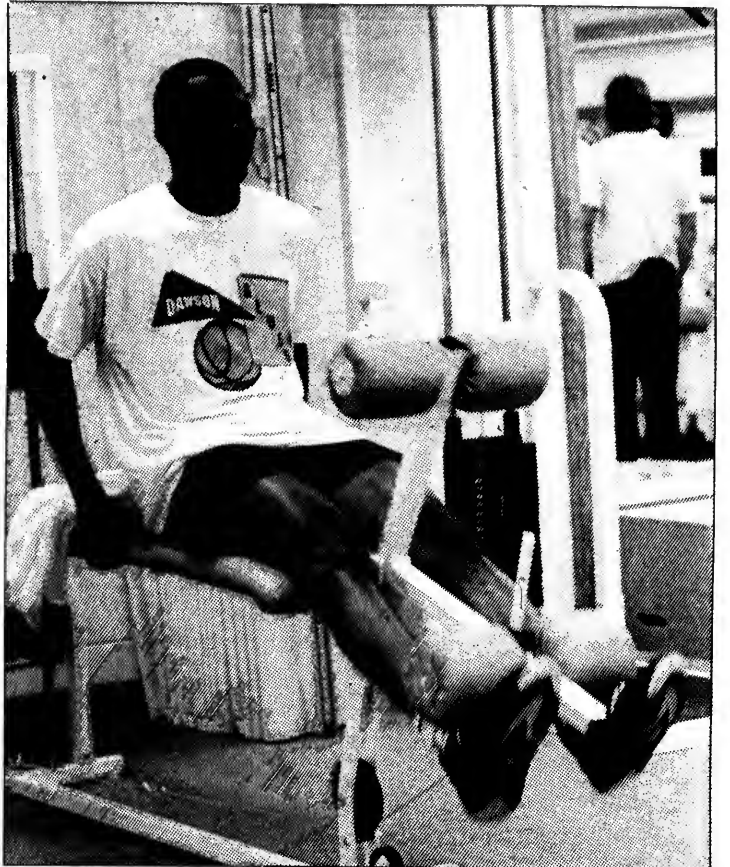


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Doin' some reps — Another work-out buff gets down to some muscle straining exercise in Humber's weight room.

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