

# Osler caught in 'fiery' debate

by Maureen Kelly

Fire Inspector David Gazey of the North York Fire Department has advised Osler Campus to proceed with fire drills and evacuation procedures, despite Safety Co-ordinator Greg Alexander's statement two weeks ago that students could remain safely in their rooms in the event of fire.

Gazey also suggested that students begin signing in and out of the residence at all times so fire fighters will know if anyone is left

in the building during a fire.

Alexander, a school fire safety co-ordinator with the North York Fire Department, was invited to Osler for a demonstration on fire prevention about two weeks ago. During that demonstration, Alexander explained to students it may be to their advantage to stay in their rooms in the event of fire rather than evacuate, which often causes panic.

He assured doubting students that their chances of being safe were good, pointing out that in

Canada no deaths have resulted from fire spreading from one suite to another.

Gazey contradicted Alexander's views, but only in the specific case of Osler. He said Alexander's statements were by no means wrong, but at the same time, Alexander was not familiar with the building. Alexander's job was to inform students about basic fire prevention, not fire prevention for Osler, he said.

In a building like Osler campus where the rooms are very small,

Gazey said it is advisable to evacuate. He also said drills are necessary to ensure maximum safety. Gazey has made arrangements with Marni McAlpine, the administrative service co-ordinator for Osler, to hold two or three drills within the next month in which it will be compulsory for all students to participate.

Gazey said evacuation is recommended at Osler because the windows in the rooms are too small to allow for escape, and despite the location of ledges outside the windows, they would be unsafe, especially in the winter.

Gazey suggested another set of drills in January for newcomers to

the residence. McAlpine estimates about 50 new students will move into the building in January.

McAlpine said because many students do not participate in planned drills because they know they are false alarms, this year drills will not be announced in advance. A notice, however, has been posted in the elevators instructing students to participate in drills.

"By not announcing drills ahead of time, students will be more apt to participate because they won't know if it is real or not," she said.

"If a fire broke out and we evacuated, there is no way we could possibly know if there was anyone still inside," she said.

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**Sweet victory**—The Humber Hawks celebrate after winning the Royal Military College Invitational Tournament in Kingston last weekend. The boys whipped Canadore 11-3 and Centennial 6-4. See story pg. 7. Photo by Steve Buffery.

## Lack of space

# BOG postpones LS expansion vote

by Doug Devine

Humber's Board of Governors (BOG) has postponed its decision on the proposed student centre for Lakeshore 1 until next month.

The \$68,000 centre had already been accepted by both BOG's property committee and finance committee but was turned down by the full board meeting last week.

"They wanted to make sure there was adequate funding for the cafeteria addition," said Paul McCann, co-ordinator of student services.

BOG was unsure it could provide enough money for the second phase of the plan which involves an addition onto the new cafeteria. Because the centre will be built in the old cafeteria there will be a shortage of cafeteria space. The Student Union (SU) had hoped to go ahead with the construction of the centre and wait until next summer to build the addition.

But BOG feels this extra cafeteria space will be needed immediately which would push the initial cost of the centre to \$147,000.

"The Lakeshore administration decided the space taken up by the centre is necessary for the students," said McCann. "There

would be a serious overcrowding problem if the old cafeteria was taken away."

Now the proposal will have to go back to the property and finance committees before it can again be presented to the full board.

SU had agreed to provide \$25,000 for the centre and the finance committee had agreed to donate another \$25,000. The rest of the costs would be covered by an interest-free loan from BOG.

SU had also hoped to build a new addition onto the north wall of the campus in four or five years to house a pub and meeting area similar to CAPS at the North campus.

"They didn't have enough money for the second phase of the plan," said Student Union President John Fabrizio. "Hopefully they will have more by the next meeting."

## The world comes to Keele

by Bev Kurmey

Food and crafts will be displayed and cultural song and dance will echo through "The Corridors of the World"...actually the halls of Humber's Keele campus, in February.

Pat Stocks, recreation supervisor at Keele said February is a slow month for activity. The event will ward off the after-Christmas blues.

Students studying English as a second language will display a variety of cultural wares from Korea, Japan, Jamaica and many other countries.

This event was planned to accommodate all cultures represented at the campus. At Keele, English is taught to recent immigrants to Canada.

The classrooms and the cafeteria will house the displays. Each room will display a different country.

Six teachers are in charge of the resources needed for the event, and participation on the part of students and teachers is voluntary.

Stocks said the objectives of this event are "to raise the moral welfare and well-being of the students, socialization, and to make it a learning experience for everyone involved."

# Ministry probing working conditions

by Mary-Ellen Sheppard

Ontario's labor ministry will begin a series of inspections this month at Humber College to ensure all areas, including classrooms, kitchens, and cafeteria, have safe physical working conditions.

The inspections result from a directive of the two-year-old Occupational Health and Safety Act which states a "health and safety representative will inspect the physical condition of the work place" in order to "identify situations that may be a source of danger or hazard to workers."

Ken Cohen, director of physical resources, said the inspectors have the power to shut down an entire area on the spot if they believe it has unsafe conditions that could be hazardous to a worker's health.

The inspectors will check all of the college, he said, taking special note of the potentially-hazardous areas, such as machine shops, steam plants and carpentry shops.

Gary Jaynes, Humber's safety co-ordinator said the inspectors will be looking for "contraventions of the Health and Safety Act."

"The inspectors will not likely find any safety problems at the college because we try to resolve the problems before it is necessary

to bring in the labor ministry, he said.

Cohen said Jaynes makes frequent inspections of potentially hazardous areas within the college to make sure they are kept as safe as possible.

Pat Corsey, program

administrator for Extended Coverage Workplaces, said the inspectors will check "every physical condition at the college to ensure its safety."

"Humber is the first community college to have a complete inspection," she said, "although some colleges have had part inspections."

Corsey said the inspection will involve three parts beginning with the inspector and the worker representative discussing the minutes of any safety meetings.

The second part will be the actual physical inspection of the buildings, including classrooms, kitchens, cafeterias, and workshops, she said.

For the final part of the evaluation, the inspector and the worker representative will talk about resolving any safety problems they may have found.

After these first inspections, Cohen said, safety inspectors will have the right to come into the college at any time without warning.

## Exec positions filled, reps still needed

by Doug Devine

The Lakeshore Student Union (SU) filled three vacant executive positions last week.

Divisional representatives were appointed to the positions, which have been empty since the beginning of the year.

Accounting representative Mario Galati will be the new SU Treasurer; Marketing representative Peter Saunders is the new Promotional Director; and Andrew Ellis, the

representative for Solar Technology, will act as Social Activities Director.

SU is still looking for divisional representatives in seven programs. Nine positions are available and there are no reps at all from Lakeshore 2.

General Business and Secretarial each need two reps while Yachting, Accounting, Social Services, Precision Instrumentation, and Electrical Control all have one position open.

# Student eyes North York board

by Corinne Doan  
A Humber College first-year Radio Broadcasting student, is on the ticket in North York's Ward 7, running as a trustee for the Board of Education.

Robert Manson, 20, is running in the municipal election for the opportunity to "vocalize some thoughts" he has about the education system.

Manson feels the other candidates are ignoring specific issues within the borough. His

main concern is with the students' education.

Manson's opponents in the race, incumbent Mae Waese and Keith Smith, are running campaigns based on issues concerning declining enrolment and increased student education costs. Manson recognizes these problems too, but he wants to give the ward the attention it needs in other problem areas.

He wants to make sure

communication channels between parents and educators are opened. "More often than not parents are getting a PR type contact from the schools," Manson said. "Rather than something concrete they can comprehend and put in action." "Because of this a student's education suffers."

Manson would also like to see a change in the teachers' contract relating to the seniority code. The

contract now favors the teacher with the greatest amount of seniority. And since the number of teachers on staff is relative to the student-teacher ratio, declining enrolment is a big issue. New teachers, because they lack seniority, are dismissed first.

The problem encountered most often by Manson this far in his campaign is people don't take him seriously because he is a student.

"It's not so much the voters as it is my opponents," said Manson.

Manson is running his own campaign from the basement of his house. He said most of the people working on the campaign are fellow Humber students, giving their time voluntarily.

A school board trustee makes \$7200 a year and must attend the weekly regularly scheduled meetings.

## Sounds of silence

# CHBR airwaves blocked

by Norah Fountain

Lack of communication seems to be blocking the CHBR airwaves for students at Humber's North Campus this year.

Although Lakeshore 1 dines to the sounds of CHBR in their cafeteria and the station can be heard in every corridor at Lakeshore 2, the halls of North

echo with the sound of...silence

Where did all the music go at North? Radio Coordinator Stan Larke said CHBR is supposed to be aired in Caps, the Humberger, the gym, the Staff Lounge, the Seventh Semester and the Pipe. The corridors are also equipped to broadcast CHBR, he said, but in reality only the Staff Lounge is currently playing the station.

Larke isn't sure why CHBR isn't heard in the corridors but he mentioned the Business Division had objected to loud music in the concourse. Larke doesn't understand how the division can put up with blaring portable radios often played in the concourse when they objected to CHBR.

Larke and his students are concerned that the Humberger no longer hears CHBR, especially as several students gave up their Christmas holidays last year, to install new speakers.

## Wires disconnected

Larke said during the summer, existing radio wires were somehow torn out of the Humberger. Radio Broadcasting still pays a monthly rate to Bell Telephone for CHBR to be sent to the Humberger via those wires. Even if they had time to reconnect the wires, Larke is sure that Humber's "building people" would not allow them to crawl around the ceilings to do the job.

Director of Physical Resources Ken Cohen said he was unaware that any wires were disconnected in the Humberger this summer. He added if they were disconnected, it would be up to his staff to do the rewiring.

Their desire to play CHBR in CAPS poses another problem said Larke. A patch cord was ripped out of Student Association Council's (SAC) sound equipment and without it CHBR can't be heard in CAPS. But Larke doesn't see why the cord couldn't be replaced for a mere \$1.50. If replaced, said Larke, a simple flick of a switch would be all that's necessary for CHBR to be aired.

"But CAPS won't let us touch their equipment or go anywhere near it. They won't let us go in to turn it on," said Larke.

However, CAPS Manager Margaret Hobbs said a radio student had been in recently to look at the equipment but nothing had happened since. She says she doesn't know why CHBR isn't aired in CAPS other than the patch cord problem.

## Want rock played

Some of the radio students would like CHBR's rock hour played in CAPS, especially on Mondays so Coffeehouse groups could be announced. CHBR's rock hour is played daily between 12 and 1 p.m. Coffeehouse groups usually start at 1 p.m. on Mondays.

Radio students say they work hard, each putting in an hour each week to read news or act as disc jockey. But some feel their efforts are wasted and that CHBR is practically non-existent for students at North. "No one hears you", complained one student, "except for the handful of radio students in D222 or the students at Lakeshore."

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# Pub passes need approval

by Sue Legue

Fifty advance tickets for Thursday night pubs at the North Campus will be available to all Humber students if the Students Association Council (SAC) votes to accept the motion at tonight's meeting.

The motion was proposed by the Centre Committee last week after SAC recently voted to allow the college varsity hockey team privileged entrance to the pub.

## Requested passes

The team requested they be allowed into the pub without waiting in line after their Thursday night practices.

"The only reason we didn't like Thursday practices was because they cut into pub time," said Hawk Assistant Captain Jerry Cantarutti. "This is the only viable alternative."

The original proposal applied only to the hockey team, but SAC President Harry McAvoy said the privileged entrance must include all college clubs to avoid an elitist situation.

"We (SAC) set a precedent," said McAvoy. "We either go all the way with all the clubs or we forget it."

Three weeks ago SAC voted to disallow any college clubs, including SAC members privileged entrance into CAPS.

Had the motion stood at only giving the Hawks the privilege, McAvoy said he would have expected a barrage of criticism from other groups in the college.

"You can bet neither the Hawks nor SAC would've been too popular with the other students," he said.

Advance tickets may be an adequate temporary solution but McAvoy said he foresees some

problems. Because the tickets will be available to anyone in the college, he expects a number of students will purchase them only because they don't want to go early to lineup for the pub.

"It's going to be hectic in the (SAC) office," he said. "This process is going to take a lot of time and work by our receptionist."

## Advance tickets sold

To compensate for the extra time and paper work, advance tickets will be sold at \$3 each — \$1 over the regular \$2 cover charge.

If the motion is passed, the tickets will tentatively be on sale every Thursday from 7:30 a.m. to noon. If the ticket holder is not in the pub by 8:30 Thursday night, their ticket is invalid and no refund will be available.

# New scholarships announced

by Annie Dimopoulos

Two new scholarships, specifically designed for women, have been added to this year's awards list, according to Rebel King, Student Awards Officer.

The Pallas Athena Award,

named after the Greek goddess of wisdom, was developed to "show appreciation for women who have gone out of their way in supporting women's programs through affirmative action," said King.

This year, the award, which

includes a certificate and a cash award, will be shared by two third-year journalism students, Cathy Krever and Flo McDougall.

Both students helped tremendously with affirmative action, according to Doris Tallon, Humber's Women's Advisor.

They are "women who have shown dedication and support for the concerns of women," added King.

The other award, The Kathleen Higgins Memorial Award, is presented to a "female student in technology, for scholastic excellence in the subject of physics," said King.

This year's recipient is Lesley Sinclair, who also receives a certificate and a cash award.

The two awards were donated by "women of the college," and not by a specific committee, according to King.

# Package design students win \$1500 in awards

by Kathy Willoughby

Thirteen Humber students shared about \$1500 when the annual Package Design and Development awards were presented earlier this month.

The biggest award (\$300) was given to Anna Ventura by Ted Herriott Associates, for the best package design by a third-year student.

Packaging Association of Canada Awards which are presented to students who redesign packaging for products which receive little or no advertising, were received by Brian Chung

(\$250), Sandra Dong (\$150) and Betty Tranquada (\$100).

Other winners include Martin Tsukada, Melaine Bagelman and Vikki Lompert, who received Dave Chesterton Associate Awards for the most growth or noticeable self-awareness in package design and Malcolm Chambers, Attilio Bucino, Laurie MacKinnon, Soon-Year Lee, Brian Chung and Mario Giachini who were recipients of American Can awards for the best package designs of future products by first and second-year students.

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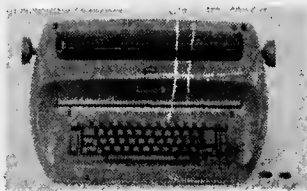
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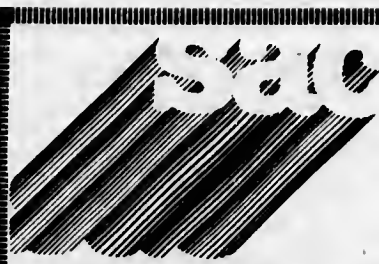
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## 'Tempting strike'

Last May, government and Ontario Public Service Employees Union (OPSEU) negotiators huddled together in Toronto to discuss the second-year salary of the two-year contract agreed upon last year.

So far, what has come out of the talks is a fact-finder's report—a procedure required by law. And it appears as if only the law-makers are benefitting. The report is buying the Colleges and Universities Ministry negotiators time. But how much time can they buy before they tempt teachers to strike?

The report, now in mediation, was compiled by Gary O'Neill and Stewart McBride who recommended college faculty settle for a 7.6 per cent pay increase for the 1980-81 college year.

This recommendation, if the ministry decides to stand by it, may be the straw that breaks the camel's back. With inflation riding at about 10 per cent, the fact-finder's report offers no incentive for teachers to stay in the college system.

Many faculty members do not hold an academic degree and have been asked to give up their professional careers to teach. But with what seems as short sightedness by the fact-finder, and consequently the recommendations the government wants to be accepted, there may be an exodus of teachers into the workplace.

If the government and the colleges want to maintain and improve the quality of college education, they will have to pay for it.

Management offers a \$1 increase per hour for partial-load teachers. These teachers on the average earn about \$6,000 a year and number 5,000. OPSEU claims the government visualizes this class of teachers as casual labor. With such an offer, the claim seems to be correct.

The fact-finder justifies the 7 per cent offer to full-time teachers by saying it meets the "normal criteria for wage and salary determination." The report, however, doesn't define what normal criteria means.

University salaries settlements range between six to eight per cent, but their salaries average about 20 per cent above college wages for teaching six to nine hours a week, claim OPSEU.

As well, college faculty find themselves falling behind secondary school teachers. OPSEU insists college teacher's average salaries have now decreased by about \$2,000 in comparison to high school teachers.

The deterioration of real wages of the college teachers will force many back into industry. As a result, the colleges will then seek replacements, but they might not be of first-class calibre. This scenario should not happen to the college system while Ontario is on the threshold of an industrial and technological revolution.

If the government does not become more reasonable with its offers, they will have to bear the social costs of insufficiently trained students, inadequate college teachers, and a college system not prepared to meet the needs of the future.

But it appears teachers won't ask for what they possibly deserve. They are lackadaisical and react uncaringly when their union acts on their behalf.

OPSEU, particularly at this college, is weak, a paper tiger. It is not a flagship union such as United Auto Workers or the Steelworkers. Humber's faculty do not take an interest in their union and when they criticize OPSEU, they criticize themselves. A union is only as strong as its members.



Item: Osler residents torn between two experts.

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As some of you may not realize, being a third-year television journalist is not all fun and games. If you haven't noticed we're the students who lug around portable video tape equipment and cameras almost constantly.

Through the course of a day, we run into many obstacles, most of them because of lack of common courtesy.

For example, when taking shots in the concourse, at least 15 people jump in front of the camera and yell, "Hi Mom!" Not too ingenious and certainly not very imaginative.

What these few inconsiderates don't realize is we are working on class projects that must be flawless and professional looking. How many times do you see someone run in front of Joe Schleisenger while he's doing his stand-up extro for CBS news?

Why give us a hard time? These people probably would take great pleasure in re-locating a surveyors pole. Projects must be redone.

And at the very opposite end of the spectrum are those people who are extremely camera shy. They believe every reporter is out to reveal some sensational expose.

There have been many occasions where we've been told not to take pictures. What have they got to hide, I ask?

We'd like to stress that the package we produce is strictly for our instructor's eyes. We promise not to sell it to Eyewitness news,

take something out of context, run someone's life, or any of the other infamous deeds attributed to journalists.

And then there's the bureaucrats to contend with.

One reporter was doing a story on vandalism to the pop machine and asked to talk to a custodian. He refused to give an interview, refused to make any comment, nor would he reveal his name. His explanation was his boss is the only man who will deal with journalists and as usual, the top man is always too busy to see us. I would like to know what harm

there is in getting a reaction from someone closer to the story?

No wonder we journalists smell something fishy and want to investigate a possible scandal when people are always hesitant to reveal facts.

We are merely third-year students struggling towards a diploma and just like everyone else, the easier the better. We certainly don't need the extra resistance.

For those understanding people who give us full consideration, thank-you.

Pat Johnson

## 'Pot smokers reeky scum'

Lakeshore Student Union Vice-President Amanda Traynor's suggestion to have "council members monitor the lounge" brings to mind some parallalism with the North Campus.

At a SAC meeting last March, Humber College President Gordon Wragg proposed that law enforcement students patrol the hallways, looking for drug users.

The by-product of such a scheme, whether it be in the North Campus hallways or the L.S. quiet lounge, would lead to mistrust,

ridicule, or violence. Law enforcement students and council members would certainly become the targets of ill-feeling, if they chose to become the "rats" of Humber College.

The pot puffing patrons of the lounge have ignored the sign posted on the wall. What makes Traynor so certain that a council members warning won't be ignored? Pot smokers are a stubborn bunch of reeky scum.

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# 12,000 mile hop to Humber

by Norah Fountain

You may think you've come a long way to attend Humber, but compared to the distance journalism student Lynda Long has travelled, your journey is just a drop in a kangaroo's pouch. Long hails from that "down under" island—Australia.

Raised in the tropical 'Sunshine' province of Queensland, Long lived in several Australian cities before leaving Townsville for her trek to Toronto last summer.

Her husband, through his work with Adult Education in Brisbane, got to know University of Toronto professor Alan Thomas, also ex-chairman of the U of T's Adult Education Department. The relationship was the start of a completely new life for the Longs. They uprooted themselves from Down-under, he seeking a Masters in the Ontario Institute for Studies in Education, while she studies at Humber.

## Kangaroos hopping over paddocks at dusk, are a beautiful sight

Lynda Long was a journalist, working on provincial dailies in Australia, but couldn't get a Canadian work permit. She is especially interested in the electronic editing course at Humber, as computers are just now entering Australian newsrooms.

Now she busies herself with school, but her thoughts are never too far from home.

Long detests the Canadian climate. Her friends write of basking on beaches in 34 degree Celsius sunshine while she shivers in the cold fall air.

"I can honestly say I've never been so white in my life, except maybe the day I was born."

She curiously awaits the winter that everyone keeps warning her about. "How could it be worse," she asked, "I'm dying already from the shock of cold weather."

She didn't even know what to look for in a coat and had to drag someone along to advise her. Long admits, however, that it's nice to see the change of seasons, having never experienced this phenomenon before.

"The cold is actually much more bearable here," says Long, "than even the slightest chill at home because of the lack of heating. Winter is practically unknown in Australia. It's quite common to hear an Australian ask another about their impressions of winter and get this reply: 'Oh, I missed it. I went out of town for two days.'"

Average Townsville temperatures range from 20-22 degrees Celsius with the odd nightly temperature of 15 degrees, says Long.

When Canadians think of Australia they conjure up visions of sunshine and kangaroos.

Similarly Australians see Canada as mounties and moose. "I haven't seen any moose," regrets Long, "but I saw a mountie at the Ex."

Kangaroos, hopping over paddocks at dusk, are a beautiful sight, says Long. In the cities, sanctuaries where one can pet koala bears and feed the kangaroos are popular with tourists and locals alike.

Her accent, with its broad,

...dining out is much cheaper because tipping does not exist there

drawn-out vowels is the only thing that shows she's not Canadian born and bred.

Even Canadian swearing appeals to Long. Words which Canadians consider tame could warrant a punch in the mouth on the other side of the world. Laughingly, Long admits she adores to use words in traffic jams, for example, that she would never dream of uttering back home.

When asked if she'd picked up the Canadian 'eh', she replied in delight that North Queenslanders always tack on the 'eh' with every sentence. The word, which she always joked about before, really made her feel welcome in her new home.

"But Canadians have a distinct accent too," says Long. "Your

vowels are short and clipped and you definitely sound different from your southerly neighbors. I can always pick out a Canadian accent from an American one. Americans are so loud," she exclaims.

Long has developed many Canadian loves, such as her love for donuts. Donuts, like hot dogs, are rarities in Australia. "And we don't celebrate the hamburger like Americans," says Long, "though our burgers are fabulous."

Long is also impressed with Canada's multiculturalism. She is pleased that Australia is beginning to accept more immigrants. The Australian White Policy, one which only permitted white immigrants, is now changing, a change which Long feels is a wise one.

Long says she gets the impression that Canadians view Australia as being on another planet, but basically the two countries are similar. Musically, Long feels Australia is ahead of Canada in the rock industry. Split Enz, said Long, a group who recently visited Toronto, was hailed by one critic as a new Australian band. Long says the band has been popular in Australia for about four years, and are actually from New Zealand.

Food is cheaper in Australia, said Long, and dining out is much cheaper because tipping does not exist there. A dinner bill for two at a ritzy restaurant would probably be no more than \$60.00. "And that's with plenty of grog, too," adds Long, grog being the

Australian term for liquor. In comparison, a ritzy Toronto restaurant, say Winston's, could cost a couple \$80.00 or more. A good steak, said Long, at home would cost \$6.00 or \$7.00. Here, beef costs much more.

In fashion, clothes are cheaper here but the styles are comparable to those in Australia, excluding winter gear.

The most startling price difference is in apartment rental. "My husband and I currently pay \$301.00 for a one-bedroom apartment like a rabbit warren," says Long, "one which you couldn't swing a cat in."

At home they rented a two-bedroom, fully-furnished apartment with carpeting,

The sunshine is so much stronger there, it smells

balcony, laundry and parking for \$228.00. "And that was extremely expensive," explains Long.

But most of all Long misses the sunshine.

"It's hard to explain to someone not from Australia, but I miss the smell of sunshine, the sunshine is so much stronger there it smells," she says.

Ah, what the average Humber student would do for a whiff of that sunshine. It's going to be a long, cold winter.

# Program proves to be a real blast

by Dave Silburt

Boom. Pow. Zap.

No, it's not an old Batman rerun; it's the sound of Humber College's Explosives technician program, an intensive, two-year course covering the finer points of controlled destruction.

The course is presided over by Patrick Merryweather, a former mining engineer whose blasting experience goes back to World War II.

Merryweather says people who want to work in explosives have three ways to start. The first is to work for a big explosives manufacturer like CIL (Canadian Industries Limited) or DuPont, as a technical service representative.

## Looks for experience

But technical service employment may not be a viable alternative for Humber students. Seab Albright, in charge of recruitment for DuPont, says he looks for experience as well as considerable education. They are particularly interested in university graduates in chemistry or engineering.

"We don't want to get involved with rookies," says Albright. "We play it as safe as we can."

Another way to enter the field, says Merryweather, is to work in a quarry or mine, and pick it up on the job.

## Getting started

The third way to get started is to take Humber's two-year program. It's the only one of its kind in the free world, says Merryweather.

Each year, an average of 25 to 35 hopefuls enroll in the course and

this year's class of 17 is smaller than past averages.

The graduating class usually numbers only seven to 10 and Merryweather attributes the high attrition to students not knowing quite what they're getting into.

"They become enamored of the word 'explosives'," Merryweather says. Later, they are scared off by the highly technical course content.

The course content includes general chemistry, the chemistry of explosives, mathematics, construction and technical drawing,

surveying and safety, among other courses.

"There's more to it than blowing up bridges," is Merryweather's succinct way of putting it.

Blasting is one of the few fields left which is not heavily regulated. No certification is required in Ontario, only in British Columbia is a probationary period and a "blaster's ticket" from the department of labour required, says Merryweather.

Under the current system in Ontario, those who work with explosives have a log book detailing

where and when they work. The log is signed by the employer as a running record of the employee's experience.

Merryweather says this system is rumored to be an interim measure, prior to the introduction of some form of certification similar to that in B.C. But Richard Slee, an administrative assistant for the Mining Health and Safety Branch, flatly denies it.

Slee says employers, under section 10 of the regulations governing (hardrock) mines, must maintain training programs in various

aspects of basic mining skills, including drilling and blasting. The employee's log book retains the record of what he has been trained in, and is proper certification of employee expertise. No plan is afoot to introduce a B.C. style certification system, says Slee.

## Safety comes first

Merryweather considers safety a priority in the Humber course. No explosives are set off near the Humber campus. Practical work in blasting is done on field trips.

Merryweather says the program has the best of safety records: no accidents. That's a comforting thought to students in a field where mistakes are generally limited to one to a customer.

The class has recently returned from a trip to Queen's University, where they studied the formulation of various types of explosives including such familiar ones as C-4. (Remember the plastic stuff James Bond used in Goldfinger?)

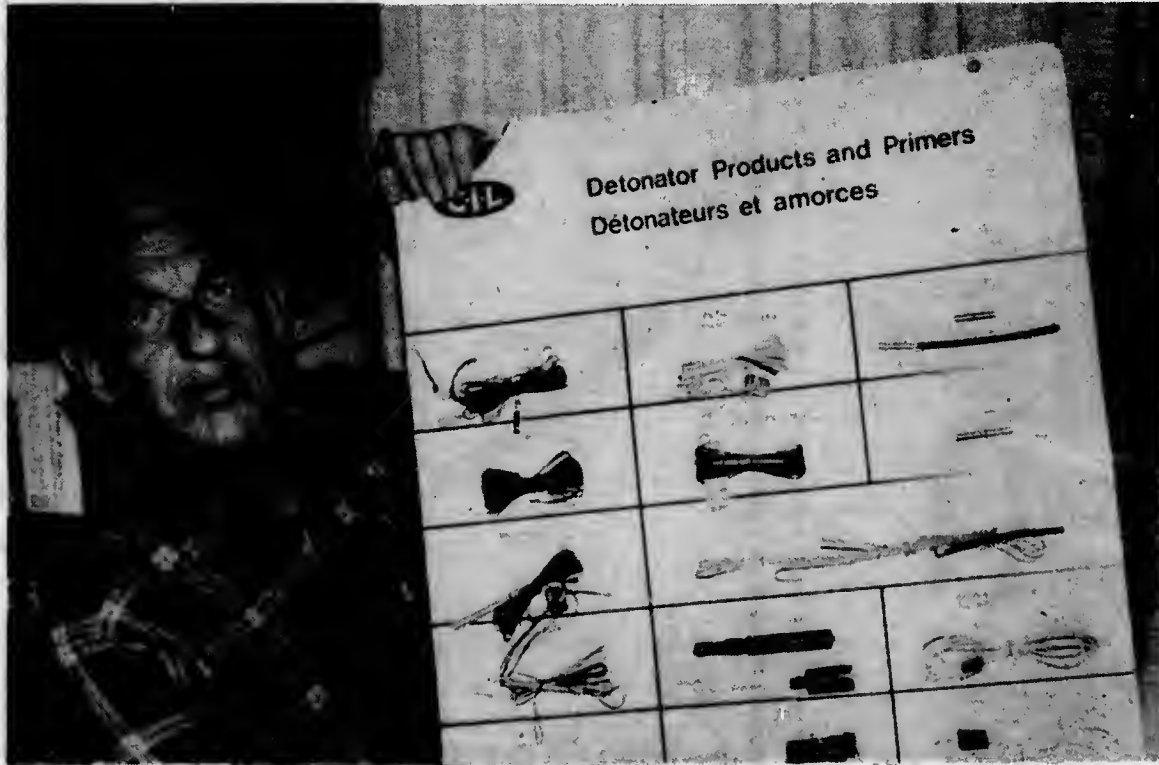
At the end of October, they return to Queen's, Merryweather says, to do a course in blasting vibrations analysis—one of the more esoteric aspects of this complicated business.

## Only at Humber

But drilling is only one aspect of the whole field of the explosives technician, which is taught formally and completely only at Humber.

"We cover it completely, from cradle to grave," says Merryweather, "including testing, application and magazine storage."

More than blowing up bridges, indeed.



Patrick Merryweather stresses the importance of safety when dealing with explosives.

Photo by Dave Silburt

# Jazzy noon-hour concert adds spice to lunch

by Rod Brawn

The Friday lunch-hour crowd in the Lecture Theatre was treated to some fine music last week as the Humber College Department of Music presented the second in a series of Wednesday and Friday concerts.

"Al Weiss and His Dancing Bares" and Eddie Sossin's Jazz Workshop "G" provided the music.

Jazz Workshop "G" opened the

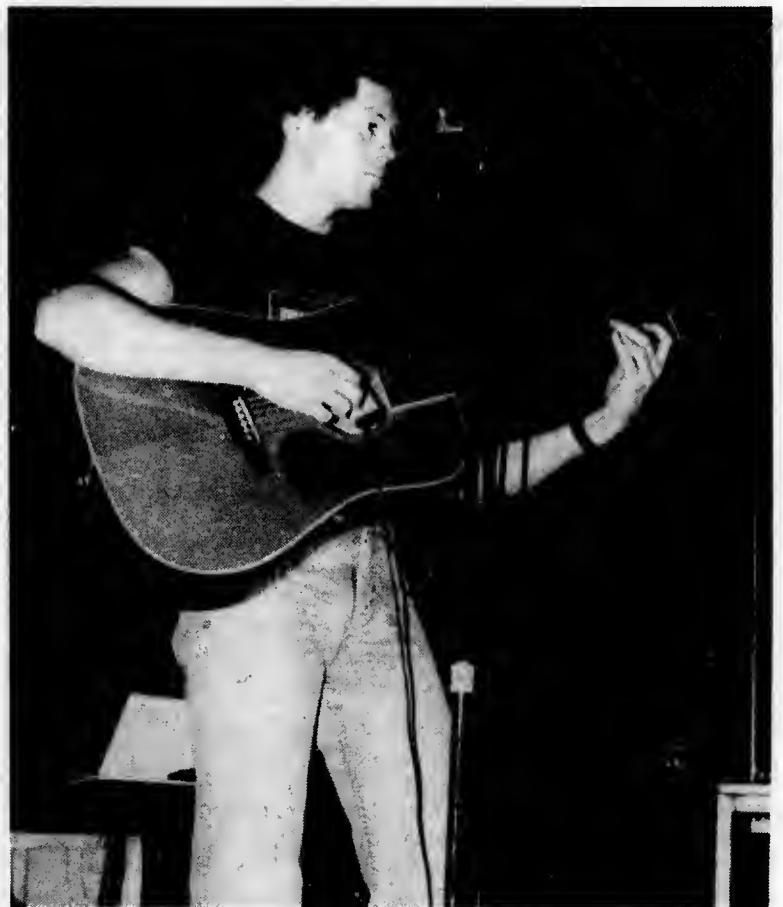
concert with a happy, swinging arrangement of Simon and Marks' All of Me. Rocco Continenza, the band's man on trumpet, flugelhorn and vocals, opened the song with a really authentic-sounding 30's style vocal. Good solo work by all of the bands members followed.

These young musicians imparted real freshness to the music although at the beginning of their solos they were a bit tentative. I wished they had been allowed to

play one more chorus on each of their solos as they played with more verve as they loosened up. The young ladies playing alto and tenor sax would have been heard better if they had stood closer to their microphones.

The second number played by the "G" Workshop was a Keith Jarrett tune called Lucky Southern. This Latin-sounding, contemporary jazz tune must be closer to the idiomatic home of the band's members as they obviously felt more relaxed with it. The only trouble experienced by any of the band was when Continenza had a little trouble getting his flugelhorn to sound in the opening duet with flautist Margot Langstroth.

"Al Weiss and the Dancing Bares" took the stage next, opening with a Charlie Parker number called Moose the Mooch. Great duet work in the technically difficult opening was followed by good solo work again by Lewis and then by Weiss. Their job was made easier by a rhythm section which encouraged and supported them all the way.



Good music—Coffeeshouse Co-ordinator and Humber College music student, Chris Smith, entertained the audience at last Monday's coffeeshouse in CAPS. Photo by Steve Cossaboom.



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## Octoberfest oom-pah-pah pub was great time and "wurst" time

by Steve Cossaboom

"Don't get your boobies wet," band leader Andre Blumauer warned at the Octoberfest pub last Thursday.

Blumauer, leader of the oom-pah-pah band, was coaching the female participants in one of the evening's beer-drinking contests. In a reversal of the average wet-T-shirt competition, Blumauer told the Humber girls who were vying

for the fastest gulp in the college to try not to get damp drinking the ale.

Along with the suds-guzzling, students eagerly raced through barrel-rolling contests, polka'd their hearts out in spot dances, ate Bratwurst-on-a-bun, wore funny hats with feathers in them, and made a lot of noise in the process.

Unfortunately, not all the stu-

dents directed their energies in the pursuit of a good time. Pub manager Margaret Hobbs said a few people were kicked out of CAPS for their over-zealous behavior, and one person was removed for smoking marijuana.

One chair was damaged, and the stall door for handicapped people in the men's washroom was ripped off.

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**Humber Hawks**—score during tournament in Kingston.  
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# Hawks defeated 57-49

by Lynne Fitzgerald

The Humber Hawks girls basketball team were defeated in overtime after a close battle with the Mohawk Mountaineers in the season opener played last Wednesday at Humber.

After a slow start, the Hawks came from behind to lead through most of the first half until Mohawk dropped two baskets to even the score at 25 apiece.

Hawk's guard Donna Lidstone was the leading scorer throughout the first half and managed to

maintain the pace until she fouled out nine minutes into the second half.

Prior to Lidstone's exit, the Hawks had monopolized the ball to secure a 16 point lead with eight minutes remaining in the game.

Lidstone's bench support wasn't enough however, and Mohawk's man to man press sent the Hawks into a costly panic. Coach Gary Noseworthy said that because the girls haven't been taught how to break a press, this cost the team dearly.

Mohawk wasted no time in regaining lost ground, using the Hawk's disorganization on the court to even up the score with two minutes remaining. About all Humber was able to do was to hold

the Mountaineers at 48 until regular time expired.

Mohawk however, still hot from their 16 point rush, came out shooting in overtime, scoring 9 points to Humber's one, ending the game at 57 to 49.

Humber's Lori Baddek earned her share of the glory, tied with Lidstone and Mohawk's Ann Devoski for top scorer of the game.

Noseworthy said he was pleased with the team's performance until they began making costly mistakes, but chalks it up to the fact that they've had little time to play together as a team.

"The girls got panicky," he said "they made a lot of mistakes and began throwing balls away."

## Hockey Hawks on warpath, unbeaten in six games

by Steve Buffery

The Humber Hawks varsity hockey squad has again proven it's a force to be reckoned with in Ontario Colleges Athletic Association (OCAA) play this season.

The Hawks, who were sporting a 2-0-1 record, travelled to Kingston last weekend for the annual Royal Military College (RMC) Invitational Tournament and won the meet by beating two strong teams.

The Hawks crushed North Bay's Canadore College 11-3 Saturday

and beat cross-town rival Centennial College 6-4 Sunday.

In winning the tournament, the Hawks extended their win streak to four games. They also beat Ryerson Polytechnical Institute 6-4 Wednesday night.

Humber played superb hockey against Canadore, with Warren Giovannini leading the way with two goals and three assists.

The Hawks jumped into a 4-0 lead on two goals by Brian McGowan, and one each by Dwayne Rosenberg and Giovannini before Rod Stampler could fire one in for Canadore.

All four Humber goals resulted from fine passing plays, the exception coming when Mark Bannerman scored a short-handed goal to widen Humber's lead to 5-1.

Dana Shutt then scored on a neat three on two play when he used Warren Giovannini as a decoy and increased the lead to 6-1 before Canadore slipped two by. Hawks

goaltender Dave Jennings.

After that, Humber literally bombarded the Canadore goal with five straight goals by Brad Emerson, Giovannini, Bannerman, Mike Hubert and Conrad Wiggan, making the final score 11-3.

Such was not the case in the second match of the meet against the Centennial Colts.

Despite some excellent penalty-killing and goaltending by Dave Jennings, Centennial had a 2-1 lead going into the second period on goals by Dave Butterworth and Bill Swire. Dana Shutt netted the lone Hawk goal on a rare power play opportunity.

Dwayne Rosenberg, Warren Giovannini, Conrad Wiggan and Dana Shutt all punctured the Colt's mesh before Nick Tseramis could manage to reply for Centennial.

With a 5-3 lead going into the third, both teams scored for a 6-4 final, with Mark Bannerman netting the Hawks final goal.

## Mohawk flattens Humber

by Norman Nelson

A mountain got between the Humber Hawks and victory in last week's season basketball opener as the Mohawk Mountaineers toppled the Hawks 76-36.

The Hawks were totally dominated by the taller Hamilton team. In the first half there was a five minute stretch where the Hawks failed to net a basket. Stretches like these were not an uncommon occurrence.

Humber literally ran into a human mountain in the form of a six-foot-seven former all-Ontario basketball star, Harry Van Laar.

Van Laar seemed to be in total control of the game every time he was on the court. Last year he was captain of the University of Lakehead in North Bay, playing in a league with the universities of Winnipeg, Brandon and Manitoba—powerhouses in Canadian Basketball.

Fox found some consolation in the second half statistics. Out-scored 48-16 in the first half, the Hawks closed the gap in the second half to 28-20.

During the game the Hawks could not penetrate the tough Mountaineer defence. When Mohawk got the ball a quick break usually resulted in two points. Thanks to Van Laar, Mohawk also controlled the rebounds. Van Laar scored 8 points for the Mountaineers, all in the first half.

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