



HUMBER COLLEGE OF APPLIED ARTS AND TECHNOLOGY



PHOTO BY KENNY WHITMELL

Calories anyone? — Students put on a bake sale in the concourse on Tuesday to raise money for the children's Christmas party. The response? Delicious!

Humber seeks strike money

by Chris Mills

Humber College lost \$605,000 during last month's faculty strike and the administration is now in the process of trying to get the money back from the provincial government.

Last Monday, Jim Davison, Humber's vice-president administration, told the Board of Governors (BOG) \$300,000 of the total can be attributed to lost revenues from the bookstore and food service operations and planned seminars and conferences.

"The other is a whole string of things, ranging from additional security during the strike (about \$40,000), to lost revenue from fees refunded to students (now estimated to be more than 300 drop-outs)," said Davison.

He added the school saved \$700,000 in teachers' salaries, but

that money is being claimed by the province from grant money. The school receives about \$39 million in provincial grants yearly.

"For that three and a half week period, savings derived from salaries and benefits ... the ministry has recalled and has downwardly adjusted our budget accordingly," he said.

The school is also making claims to the province over assistance to students adversely affected by the strike.

Roy Giroux, Humber's vice-president education and faculty services, plans additional counselling to assist students in re-examining their career plans, to help them adjust in the strike aftermath and to provide additional tutoring.

"We look upon these as additional costs incurred by the college as a result of the strike," said Davison.

In addition, Humber was one of the few schools who kept support staff operations open during the strike, according to BOG.

"We incurred costs unique to Humber," said chairman Peter Broadhurst at the BOG meeting last Monday.

Humber President Robert Gordon said, "These expenses will probably be argued with the province well past our fiscal year."

But according to John Humber, director of College Affairs for Ontario, all strike expense claims will be dealt with on their own merit well before the end of this fiscal year, which is the end of March.

"Where a college incurs, because of a strike, an expenditure which it would otherwise not have incurred, then it should be reimbursed by the province."

He said the government is going to organize a group of ministry and college representatives to look at each college claim and decide whether or not the cost should be covered by the province.

"Where there are expenditures in this fiscal year we hope to reimburse them in this fiscal year."

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Staff urged to claim lost pay

by R.T. Comber

Humber College teachers are being encouraged to participate in a grievance hearing before the Ontario Labour Relations Board to recover lost wages, said Brian Lyons, its organizer.

Lyons, a business teacher at Sheridan College's Brampton campus, said he wants the board to reimburse the teachers for wages lost during the strike period because, in his opinion, the Council of Regents and the Ontario Public Service Employees Union (OPSEU) were bargaining in bad faith before and during the duration of the strike.

Lyons said the teachers could be entitled to \$150 per day in lost wages if the board rules in favor of their complaint.

Humber College teachers have not yet organized their own contingent to meet with the labor board, but have successfully raised funds for Lyons' legal fees under the direction of Humber

business teacher Bill Campbell.

Campbell said he supports Lyons' actions because, "the negotiating teams were behaving like children, and it will be very good to hear the truth come out (at the labor board hearings).

"The (Ontario) government was taking advantage of the situation. It would be obscene to see the government come out with all the marbles," added Campbell, referring to the amount of money the government saved when the colleges were closed down.

Humber's teachers have no representation at the hearing now because of a lack of financial support, said Campbell.

"The party with the best lawyers stands the best chance of winning," he said, "and we can't afford about \$1,000 a day for lawyers for Humber."

Even though OPSEU has already filed its own complaint against the colleges claiming they were bargaining in bad faith

throughout the strike, union officials said Lyons' claim about the union's behaviour is "totally false".

"It is totally absurd to attempt to place the blame on the union, and there is no merit in (Lyons') complaint," said John Ward, an OPSEU communications officer.

Humber's OPSEU president, Gary Begg, does not support any charges against the union, but does support charges against the Council of Regents, which he said initiated bad-faith bargaining.

"I don't think (Lyons) will win because he doesn't have a strong case against the union," said Begg.

Council of Regents spokesmen were not available for comment.

Labor board hearings will not commence for at least another two months, so that the arbitration process between the union and the Council of Regents will not be interfered with by any of its findings.

Additional security fails to deter locker thieves

by Kevin McAllister

Despite the extra security precautions taken during the faculty's three and one-half week strike, five Humber students fell victim to locker break-ins, losing \$700 in personal effects, and text books.

Humber's Physical Resource Director Ken Cohen estimated that there are about 20 to 30 locker thefts each year, but since September there have been 12 locker thefts which is 50 per cent more than Cohen's estimate.

According to Cohen, the police and the school's insurance company suggested the college increase security in order to avoid a repeat performance of 1979's support staff strike. During that strike there were quite a few skirmishes between the striking support staff, and students, along with other altercations where the police were called.

Cohen believed that the college's experiences and the police's suggestions were reason enough to hire Intercon Security officers to patrol Humber's campuses.

Cohen said that Intercon charged approximately \$40,000 to patrol all of Humber's campuses. This is not including the money that went toward Humber's law enforcement students who also patrolled the halls. Their salary is unknown.

As an extra security precaution devised by the security department, all support staff members wore an identification card, with a mug shot of themselves. According to Cohen this was necessary when the premises were cleared to quickly identify them as employees of Humber College. By the end of this school year Cohen hopes to equip all the faculty, and

administration with them as well. Cohen added that this project will cost about \$1,500.

Cohen said in retrospect, the Intercon Security wasn't needed since Humber's faculty is not too militant, and the problems were minor. However, Cohen also pointed out that "the North campus alone has \$50 million worth of buildings, and \$20 million worth of equipment to protect," and in that sense the stronger security was needed.

Humber's Ontario Public Service Employees Union President (OPSEU) Gary Begg disagreed with Cohen, and said he believes that security was over-emphasized during the strike.

"Many faculty members were insulted by the sudden build up of security because it showed a lack of trust," on the administration's side, said Begg.

NEWS

Wintario money pulled

Grant cuts halt needed Equine Centre expansion

by Dave Earle

Plans for the expansion of the Equine Centre have been halted as a result of the cancellation of the Wintario Grants Capital Program, leaving students out in the cold.

The grants were to pay for one-third of a \$2-million expansion plan that was to include a new arena, lounge, more stables, and more classrooms.

Further problems in getting outside funding have also helped scuttle the plans.

According to Liz Ashton, Applied and Creative Arts chairperson, the college has been told it was not to get involved in outside funding programs.

According to Equine Centre Director Elizabeth McMullen, the new facilities are desperately needed.

"We have a nice-looking facility from the outside, (but there are) problems are on the inside," McMullen says.

"Until someone has to learn or teach out here, they don't know what we are doing without."

One of the problems is a need for western-trained horses.

"It's hard enough to learn a new style of riding without having to cope with horses that aren't used to it either," says Stephen Knapp, a first-year equine student.

According to McMullen, lack of extra stable space prevents the centre from getting "specialized" horses.

"We are forced to have horses that are not trained specifically in either style," says McMullen.

Students claim there is not enough leisure space for their use. Those in the program who wish to

smoke must leave the building to do so, and students must sit in the arena bleachers in order to have lunch if there are classes in progress.

Because the classroom at the centre was designed to accommodate half the number of students enrolled in the program now, McMullen says the facilities are much overused.

"We are currently functioning at maximum capability," says McMullen. "We can function as we are now, but we can't expand."

McMullen also says there is a desperate need for more washroom facilities.

"We have two toilets for more than 100 female faculty and students," says McMullen. "Although there are more female students than males, they have to cope with the same number of washroom facilities."

Students would also like to see shower facilities built into the centre. Students have no place to clean up after doing such things as "mucking out" the stables. They find the smell which remains is almost embarrassing when they have a class in the main building afterwards.

With a new leisure-driving course starting up soon, storage space is another of McMullen's priorities.

"If we don't get some new storage space, the students will have to drag the equipment down from the barn, and back up again at the end of the class," McMullen says.

There are plans to build a new storage shed off of the existing building, but details are still not finalized.



PHOTO BY DAVE EARLE

Fill-er-up! — Humber Equine Studies students line up to buy their daily lunch from a vending truck which visits the centre twice daily. The students and program Co-ordinator, Elizabeth McMullen, are upset over the recent cancellation of Wintario money much needed for better facilities. Cancelled plans included washroom and shower facilities.

OSAP system questioned by NDP

by Rick Vanderlinde

Ontario's NDP education critic has set up a program to find out how many students are getting what he calls a "raw deal" from the Ontario Student Assistance Program (OSAP).

MPP Richard Allen started his "OSAP Inventory Project" to discover how widespread OSAP problems are. Allen believes OSAP has wavered from its original objective of providing financial assistance to needy Ontario residents and he wants students

who are having problems to let him know.

"Only by keeping the minister (Bette Stephenson) aware of all the horror stories is there a chance that she might change the program so it meets its original objectives," Allen said in the release.

But OSAP's director, Bill Clarkson, told Coven that OSAP is the best student assistance program in Canada and that Allen is only criticizing it because that's his job.

"The luckiest student alive is

the student who lives in Ontario when it comes to financial aid," he said. "I think the points (Richard Allen) makes aren't valid. They're just not so."

Ellen Waxman of the Ontario Federation of Students said the province's students are better off than most other students in Canada because OSAP assesses for grants before loans. But, she also said that Ontario students still aren't getting enough money to meet their needs.

"You could say OSAP is bad

while the others (provinces) are worse," she said.

Waxman added that Ontario loans have increased by 120 per cent in the last five years, while grants have declined by five per cent.

Allen's legislative intern, Dave Docherty, said in an interview Friday that Allen's major concern is the way OSAP's appeal system is working. Docherty said Allen would like to see the rigid appeal system, that is now in place, loosened up. For students to appeal an OSAP decision, he said, they have to deal with three levels of bureaucracy and bulks of paper work.

"Once they do appeal sometimes it's December before they get their money. And you know what it's like to go for a couple of months on a shoestring budget," Docherty said.

Clarkson admitted there's a backlog of appeals but he blamed it on unsavory applicants, not the system itself. He said parents who would rather use the government's money than their own are "jamming up the appeal process".

'Upper income' grants criticized

"There are people appealing that really need the money, but there are a whole lot of people who are just trying to feed at the government trough," Clarkson said.

In his press release, Allen also criticized OSAP for increasing the number of grants given to students from "upper income" families. Docherty said that 25 per cent of all students who receive grants are from families who earn more than \$30,000 a year.

However, Docherty said the Ministry of Colleges and Universities points out that those in

higher income families are getting less money. And he also said Allen thinks the money would be put to better use if it was given to less fortunate students.

"Richard doesn't think they're

Prospect of Kraft dinners unthinkable

(the ministry) trying to rip anybody off. That's just the way the system is," Docherty said. "We just don't want to see any kids having to eat Kraft Dinner."

Clarkson agreed that about 25 per cent of all students are from "upper income" families but added that the majority of money goes to students who are worse off.

"Seventy-eight per cent of all the money goes to students from families who earn less than \$20,000 a year. The kids from lower income families are the best off as far as funding goes," he said. "He (Allen) re-words stuff to suit his own purpose."

And Clarkson added that in some cases a family that earns \$30,000 might be financially bad off. They may have five children, of which two are going to college, he said.

The fact that a government collection agency is forcing unemployed graduates to pay off their loans also concerns Allen.

Docherty said about 2,000 graduates, a number Clarkson confirmed, had to be handled by the ministry's collection agency this year.

If a student doesn't begin to pay a loan after the six-month, interest-free period is up, the bank the student deals with will start sending reminders. If no payments are received for 90 days after the six-month period the student will be demanded to pay back the loan in full within 21 days.



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Student-run project

Program to educate on alcohol effects

by Don Douloff

SAC and CAPS have each donated \$200 to a student-run program aiming to educate the college community about sensible alcohol consumption.

Colin McGuire, a business division representative, is spearheading the organization of a Humber chapter of BACCHUS (Boost Alcohol Consciousness Concerning the Health of University Students), an eight-year-old organization formed in the United States now making inroads in Canada.

The purpose of BACCHUS, said McGuire, is to educate and inform students, faculty, administration and staff about alcohol use and abuse. The group hopes to encourage alcohol-related research, promote alternatives to alcohol abuse and enhance communication in the college community regarding alcohol-related matters.

If successful, Humber will be the first college in Canada to implement a program of this type. Wilfrid Laurier University runs the only other similar program at the university level.

"What impressed me about BACCHUS was its subtle approach — the fact that it's students

talking to students," said McGuire.

"No one preaches a holier-than-thou attitude at BACCHUS... (they) won't point to somebody and say, 'you're drinking too much'," McGuire said.

McGuire said that, as director of pub programing, he has a responsibility to "promote alcohol awareness" in the college. During the summer, he received an information package from BACCHUS

BACCHUS' philosophy is not to eliminate drinking altogether

which piqued his interest about the organization, since it pertained to alcohol awareness among students. The alcohol-related deaths of three students (two of which were from Humber) this past summer helped "sway" his decision to institute the program.

He stressed BACCHUS' philosophy is not to eliminate drinking altogether, but to teach moderation among drinkers.

Education will be in the form of flyers provided by BACCHUS



and other agencies concerned with alcohol abuse.

One such flyer, distributed in the United States, is entitled The BACCHUS Guide to Successful Partying, which tells how to throw a party.

Covered are such topics as: "what to drink (and how much)", "getting the party off the ground and bringing it down" and, "food and drink? of course".

Another plan, already in effect

at CAPS, involves pouring soft drinks into the same glasses in which mixed drinks are served.

"This way, the person drinking straight pop is drinking out of the same type of glass that a person drinking alcohol is, so he isn't subjected to peer pressure to drink alcohol," said McGuire.

"Another program at Wilfred Laurier involves people wearing T-shirts saying, "BACCHUS Booster", said McGuire.

"They will spot someone drinking in the pub, and will go up to them and (chat) with them. They would then start dancing with them, just being friendly."

"Then, they'll introduce that person to somebody else at the party or pub ... in this way, they've stopped that person from sitting there, getting hammered for an hour."

Margaret Hobbs, manager of CAPS and a staff advisor for BACCHUS, said statistics in the United States show it to be a success. While she doesn't yet have the statistics, she's been told the incidences of vandalism which were related to alcohol have decreased dramatically at those universities having BACCHUS chapters.

At Humber's first BACCHUS meeting last week, there were no students present, save for SAC members. McGuire hopes to have more people out at the next meeting, on Dec. 4. He hopes to have a charter and constitution drawn up by Dec. 21.

"If we can change somebody's attitude, isn't it worth it? If we could prevent any more alcohol-related deaths, that would make the program worthwhile," he said.

Red Cross clinic sets blood record

by Don Douloff

Last week's blood donor clinic surpassed its goal of 530 units of blood by collecting 636 in the two-day event.

"The clinic was a great success," said Saleem Giga, one of 40 first-year public relations (PR) students who organized the event.

"I'd like to thank students, faculty, sponsors, The Red Cross, nurses, and everybody involved in the clinic," said Giga.

The clinic attracted 737 prospective donors, of which 101 were deferred to a later date due to medical reasons.

Giga said last week's clinic set a Humber record for first-day donations, with 332 units of blood.

More than 100 prizes were awarded at regular intervals throughout the clinic, made possible by the more than 30 sponsors who donated merchandise, ranging from fast-food vouchers to records.

Three grand prizes were drawn. Carola Hook, a third-year PR student, won the first prize of a weekend (two nights and three days) for two at the Toronto Airport Hilton.

Second prize went to Pierre de Raucourt, a second-year hotel and restaurant management student. He and a friend will spend a weekend for two (breakfasts included) at the Blackhawk Motor Inn, in Richmond Hill.

"(At the clinic) I turned down a chance to win two free tickets to the CN Tower, because I don't think it's right to win something just for giving blood. Then, I got a phone call telling me I'd won second prize," he said.

Terry Moss, a second year advertising and graphic design student, won third prize — dinner for two at the Bloor Street Diner.

All three prize winners had given blood before, and said they will do so again.

"There was a very good turnout for first-time donors," said Giga. Bruce Sinclair, Etobicoke's

new mayor, showed up at the clinic for 40 minutes to give away prizes and encourage donors.

Giga said Sinclair was the only celebrity of a dozen contacted who appeared.

Giga said the large number of donations shows that "celebrities don't influence students — students want to give blood."

de Raucourt summed up the feeling of all blood donors when he said, "You might as well give while you can, because you never know when you might need it."

Say it with a SAC poster

by Mike Williscraft

SAC has created a Sign Promotion committee to make posters and banners for parties, special events and other events.

Twelve Package and Design students have been hired by SAC to do the art work.

The 3'x10' or 3'x20' posters will cost \$15 and \$25 respectively. From each poster \$5 will go to SAC and the rest will go to the painter.

Orders, which will be taken on Tuesdays from 10:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m., must be placed at least two weeks in advance.

SAC's Director of Promotion, Bart Lobraico, is happy with the response to the new venture saying 10 orders had been placed the first day and many more are expected.

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Editorial

Unthinking remark

While many arguments exist on both sides of the recommendation to cut back CAPS' drinking hours, calling it "high-schoolish" is far from a reasonable contribution to the debate.

That identification of the issue was made by John Grassl, chairman of SAC's Centre Committee, which made the original proposal in the first place.

Perhaps Grassl thinks students no longer in high school no longer deserve to be treated as 'kids' who require supervision during activities which they should be able choose themselves.

To be convinced just how "high-schoolish" the idea is, Grassl should think back to last summer when two Humber students and a friend, drunk on a night's worth of beer, rammed the side of a freight locomotive with their car. The three were around the age of 20 — well above high-school age — and yet, under the influence of the alcohol they freely chose to consume, weren't smart enough to realize the 'kicks' they were having would kill them.

Grassl should look at the statistics which prove one person dies and 81 others are injured every day in Ontario as a result of drinking and driving.

Grassl should also look at the statistics which indicate drivers with the highest incidence of motor-vehicle accidents are males around college age.

Grassl should look south of the border where bar owners, even party hosts, are increasingly being taken to court because they let someone leave the premises in a drunken state. He should also look at the size of claims in those cases.

Finally, Grassl should consider the consequences to CAPS, and Humber College, if ever an incident involving all the above factors ever happened to a Humber student drinking at a pub night.

Legal trials, like ones now in progress in various parts of the United States, last for years, costing hundreds of thousands — even millions of dollars. Settlements are extra.

Depending on the liquor licence held by CAPS, should it lose its licence, the entire college may be denied the privilege of serving any alcohol whatsoever — how "high-schoolish" would THAT be?

And finally, and by far most importantly, some student and/or innocent bystander might be killed or maimed for life.

True, cutting the hours of CAPS, or of any drinking establishment, does not serve as the final solution to the problems of drinking drivers. But, until individuals in this society can be trusted to act sensibly on their own, it may be one step towards saving a life or two, and no one should ever consider that "high-schoolish".

If...

If there weren't any closets, there wouldn't be any hooks. If there weren't any hooks, there wouldn't be any fish. If there weren't any fish, there wouldn't be any chips. If there weren't any chips, there wouldn't be any monks. If there weren't any monks, there wouldn't be any friars. If there weren't any friars, there wouldn't be any batter. If there weren't any batter, there wouldn't be any pitchers. If there weren't any pitchers, there wouldn't be any water. If there weren't any water, there wouldn't be any wings. If there weren't any wings, there wouldn't be any planes. If there weren't any planes, there wouldn't be and travelers. If there weren't any travelers, there wouldn't be any cheques. If there weren't any cheques, there wouldn't be any banks. If there weren't any banks, there wouldn't be any long line-ups to get to a snotty teller who was going to tell you your account is frozen and your cheque bounced and the loans officer wants to speak with you to tell you the bank is foreclosing on your mortgage because it needs the money to pay for all the bad loans in South America and, besides, they made a profit of \$300-million last year and are a virtual monopoly in this country, so they don't really care.

And that would suit me just fine.



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Feature

But you're a man!

by Janice MacKay

When second-year nursing student, Steve Pridham, is working at Etobicoke Hospital for his clinical experience, patients often greet him with a shocked look. This look is invariably followed by the same question.

"You're a nurse?!" they say. "But how can you be, you're a man."

Although nursing is traditionally seen as women's work, Pridham, 33, predicts that in the next century just as many men as women will be working as nurses.

Nursing is changing yearly. Medical and technological advances are diversifying and expanding nursing, he said.

"Even women used to enter the nursing field just for a limited time — until they met someone and married. Now it is a life-time career," according to Pridham.

Sense of achievement and self-satisfaction

He is dedicating his life to nursing because it gives him a sense of achievement and self-satisfaction.

"Nursing no longer consists of just bed-making, bed pans, and bathing patients, as it did 30 years ago. Now nurses are more involved in the care of patients. It consists of more medicine, assessing, and diagnosing of patients," said Pridham.

Eleanor Wright Pelrine, director of public relations for the Registered Nurses Association, said nurses are now more a member of the health-care team than a servant to the doctor.

"In the old tradition, nurses just implemented a doctor's orders, now they are increasingly academically prepared for more sophisticated treatment of patients," she said.

Pridham said he enjoys the care and treatment involved in helping each patient, and realizes it is what he wants to fulfill his long-term goals.

He said he hopes the stereotypical boundaries which inhibit men and women will disappear through public awareness and education.

And the education must begin with children, he said. Some Grade 2 children on a tour of Etobicoke General Hospital were surprised to learn that men can be nurses. When they were introduced to Pridham, they figured him to be anything but a nurse.

"The children were astonished to see a male nurse. They had always been taught that men were doctors, and nursing was females' work," he said.

However, the situation is changing. Just as more women are becoming doctors, more men are choosing nursing as their career. Ten years ago, few men enrolled in the nursing course at Humber. But last year the nursing course had 11 men, and this year there are 13 males enrolled in the basic

nursing program which includes both nursing and nursing assistant programs.

Females in his class don't look at him as invading their territory

Pridham is the only male in his class of 40. He said that the females in his class don't look upon him as invading their territory.

But Donna Patton, a third-year nursing student, finds that some of the males in the program think they have to prove they are better than the females by continuously offering unsolicited advice.

Pridham said he was cautioned about other nurses taking advantage of the fact that he is male and supposedly stronger. Although he has been asked to do some of the heavy jobs, he has not had any problems with repeatedly being asked to move patients to the extent that it would interfere with his job.



Tie one on

by Brad K. Casemore

When it comes to taking a stand on an issue — any issue — and actually committing myself to a popular (or unpopular) cause, I am a truly incompetent individual. I'm certainly not a social or political activist in even the most remote way.

The decisive factor, I think, behind my abiding aversion to politicking is my professed meditative demeanor. I can't render a decision on any subject unless I've been afforded at least two years to thoroughly consider all of the pertinent alternatives.

I've been told by friends, and those who are indifferent to my existence (real or imagined), that this is an impractical and intolerably boring behavior. My unvarying response is that I'll study that assessment and get back to them with a rebuttle in a couple of years.

Lately, though, I've mustered the necessary courage and resolve to unconditionally state my vehe-

ment disdain for neckties. (No, I'm not kidding.) I actually hate neckties. There have been certain instances, when I've been seized by an inexplicable maniacal rage, that I've wished I could confront the inventor of the necktie and strangle the giggling ninnie with his own ludicrous creation. How's that for poetic justice, eh?

After all, of all the products arrayed in mankind's pantheon of ingenuity, the necktie is the most frivolous — with, perhaps, the possible exception of the toothbrush-bayonet, which I've yet to market.

The meaning of the word 'necktie' is silly enough to dissolve even the most humorless person into a fit of uncontrollable laughter. Funk & Wagnall's dictionary defines a necktie as follows: "a strip of material worn knotted around the neck or collar and hanging down the front of a shirt". This prompts one to ask incredulously if one wears a necktie with a straight-jacket, or with color-coordinated boxing gloves placed over the ears.

Besides the appalling ugliness of neckties, they're also terribly uncomfortable. Examples of this universal truth can be found at any formal gathering where, by the end of the evening, every male in attendance has either removed or loosened their neckwear.

These infernal clothing ornaments are impractical in other re-

spects, too. I'm sure that, at least once, everyone who has worn a necktie to a banquet has had to — in profound humiliation — remove it from a soup or salad.

Also, neckties are especially unflattering to extremely fleshy-necked geriatrics, for obvious reasons that require no elaboration. (Talk amongst yourselves, please.)

Of course, there are countless other reasons why neckties warrant our harshest condemnation.

However, the grim apotheosis of the necktie can only be permanently buried when we mercilessly expose the irrational pretenses for its existence. We should be asking ourselves: If neckties are overwhelmingly ridiculous and burdensome, why are they still mass-produced and sold to consumers who are, quite obviously, reluctant buyers?

Well, I've been informed that neckties are supposedly long, cloth (or leather) phallic symbols, intended to indicate the virility and masculinity of the wearer. Hmm, pretty grandiose pretensions for something that can be purchased for around \$10 in most department stores.

If neckties have maintained their longevity by somehow attaining the illogical status of phallic symbol, I'd like to be informed accordingly. It would make my personal crusade against asinine neckwear all the more persuasive.

My Turn:

I'm no jock

by Dick Syrett

There's no denying it. I'm lazy, weak, and dreadfully out of shape.

The ignominy of such an admission would certainly be lessened if I were firmly entrenched in middle age, but I am not.

At 21 I look suspiciously dissimilar to those strapping, well-tanned, athletic types you see wearing letter sweaters, deck shoes and yacht club stick pins in those Ivy League college calendars.

They usually drive fast, foreign sports cars (they drive with the top down because they like the way their blonde hair behaves in the wind) and they major in genetics and gym. Their bodies are horribly disfigured with disgusting muscle tissue and they talk like FM radio — "Biff, Tadd, let's do brunch sometime real soon, okay?"

Sound bitter? Not in the least.

I'm quite comfortable in my wallabies, lint-infested pull-over sweater, and my patchy, faded blue jeans. And yes, I have slouchy shoulders, an expandable waist, hair that doesn't behave in the wind, and baggy eyes that, at certain hours, I am told, rival those of Robert Mitchum.

Baggy eyes, slouchy shoulders and *misbehavin'* hair are all vital attributes for the serious journalist.

With all this in mind, one question arises. Why did I abandon my road to lethargy and entertain notions of participating in sustained physical activity?

As it happened, last Monday night my brother-in-law, who is deeply entrenched in middle age, invited me to play ball-hockey in a Brampton high school gymnasium with some of his middle-aged friends.

I was in an impetuous madcap mood so I accepted

I was in an impetuous, madcap mood, so I accepted. Foolish mistake!

I was rather naive in assuming that this balding, greying, bulging, band of accountants, lawyers and businessmen would be in far worse shape than I am.

Another foolish mistake!

The moment I stepped into the dressing room, I knew I was in serious, serious trouble. Some of these guys were wearing the latest in athletic foot-wear, sweat-bands, and protective eye goggles. I was immediately intimidated, and my feelings were quite justified. These old men meant business, and now I was going to die.

After my first shift, I felt dizzy and wanted to go home, but my wind steadily improved as the game progressed, and by the end of the evening I wasn't wheezing or gagging half as much as I thought I might.

Tuesday morning I awoke and quickly discerned that I no longer possessed effective control over my basic motor skills.

My feet ached, my shoulders throbbed (I was body-slammed repeatedly into the gymnasium walls by men almost twice my age), even my hair hurt.

What did I learn from all this? Simply that I am not constructed for such strenuous activity. I think, from now on, I'll participate in sports which are a little more in line with my capabilities.

Next week I'm playing bocce ball against a group of senior citizens.

I'm gonna whip their ass!

Leisure



PHOTO BY R. T. COMBER

"Take me as I am" — Blair Packham, leader of the Jitters, worked up a sweat during the band's performance Thursday night at CAPS. Packham is known for his high-energy, but sweaty, performance. While the band's music video is receiving play on video shows, and receiving a positive audience response, they are still awaiting the release of their album.



Juno nominee at CAPS

by R.T. Comber

Tonight, Capitol recording artist Sherry Kean will perform in CAPS, and for the first time this year, Humber College students will be exposed to some truly Canadian-style pop music.

"We really like pop music," said Kean. "I like to sing along to a melody that has been crafted. A nice turn of a phrase, wrapped with a short solo, makes a good three minute pop song."

Sherry Kean's voice is one of the most unique in the music industry these days, but Kean explained a voice like hers is not easy to develop.

"I practice training my voice like crazy," said Kean, and that will make me a better musician instead of trying to come across as being trendy. If I wear this (or that) for six months, I'll be 'hip,' but that will fade away. Trendy is not important."

Kean's video to her hit song I Want You Back is currently being aired on all the major video shows on television, like Muchmusic, and her debut album is still selling well. The album has not yet been released in the United States.

Kean admits that she likes all kinds of music, but feels some of the videos some bands produce are questionable.

"I think some of these heavy metal bands are too preoccupied with fantasy, like Running With the Devil, (by Van Halen) and stuff like that. I've never been interested with any of that," said Kean. "We're interested in reality, and our video shows that."

Kean's second album is in the initial stages of pre-production now, and she is looking for a late January release on the same label.

"Capitol Records has been very good to me. I think I have a pretty free hand to do what I want (when working with Capitol).

"The turning point for this band was when we got the recording deal," said Kean. "It's really exciting when that happens. Until you have a record deal, you have just a batch of songs, and you just play them in bars, but after you've recorded your songs you feel you're really developing as an artist."

Kean is also busy preparing for this year's Juno awards, being broadcast on Dec. 5. Kean is nominated for a Juno award in the most promising female vocalist category. As well, the band is scheduled to perform one of its songs during the live telecast.

Opening the show at CAPS this Thursday is Chalk Circle, an FM top 40 band.

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Sports

Trio leads Hawks' victory over Saints

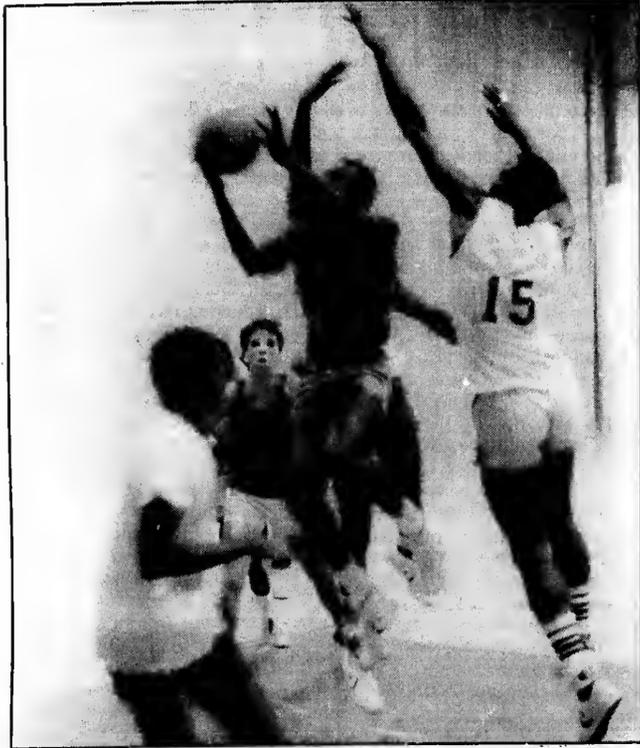


PHOTO BY CARLO GERVASI

On the road again — The Hawks won their fifth road game last week in Windsor to boost their record to five and one. The Hawks beat the St. Clair Saints with a score of 77 to 72.

Hawks fight to win

by Donna Ranieri

In Ontario College Athletic Association hockey action this weekend Humber's Hawks scored a 5-4 victory over the Canadore Panthers, giving them their eighth win in 11 games.

In the first period Hawks' defenceman Sandy Jones opened the scoring after being set up in front of the Panthers' net by OCAA scoring leader Steve Turner and centre Chris O'Toole. Jones set Turner in the clear for Hawks' second goal of the game. Winger Dwayne Rosenberg, who played his first game of the season for Hawks, was set up for an in-alone chance by Frank Marello for Hawks third goal.

Canadore then got on the scoreboard when centre Alain Thibault fired the puck past Hawk goalie Scott Cooper.

Dean Ackerland closed the scoring with less than four minutes left in the first period, making the score 3-2 for Humber.

There was no scoring in the second period however, the two teams engaged in a brawl, where every on-ice player was involved, including the two goalies who met near centre ice and battled it out. After receiving game misconducts, Hawks' Cooper and Panthers' Tony Garneau were replaced for the rest of the game by Mike Allard and Rick Hein. In the final period of the game, Canadore's Billy Othmer scored, as Panthers attempted to close in on Humber.

With less than five minutes remaining in the game, Canadore winger Peter Lecair scored a questionable goal.

Hawks Turner continues to lead the OCAA in scoring with a total of 36 points. Turner has netted 18 goals and has 18 assists in 11 games.

by Carlo Gervasi

In their try-outs two months ago, Humber's men's varsity basketball squad needed a leader, similar to the likes of Doug McKinlay, last season.

The good news for Hawks' fans this season, is they may have found a couple, in guard Wayne Ambrose and rookie centre-forward, George Skrba.

Ambrose, Skrba and forward Henry Frazer, teamed-up to lead the 4-1 Hawks over St. Clair Saints 77-72, last Friday in Windsor.

"They (Ambrose and Skrba) have been stand-outs for us, this season," team coordinator, Doug Fox said. "They played superbly in the St. Clair game."

Saints' Athletic Director Bob Weepers was also pleased with Ambrose's performance.

"He played a good, all-round game."

Skrba, Hawks' top scorer Friday night, netted 21 points, including 16 in the first half. Ambrose and Frazer combined for 16 each.

Once again, the Hawks were inconsistent throughout the game, but were fortunate that their opponents played much the same, Fox said. Against George Brown two weeks ago, Hawks hadn't played so poorly all season, but still managed to come out on top.

"We looked much better against them (the Saints)," Fox said. "There were some moments, when we looked really good in the game."

Hawks coach Mike Katz was relieved, following the game.

"It was a four-hour bus ride there (Windsor), and I'm just glad that our team came out on top, in a tough road game."

"We needed to win on the road, because we want the best possible start this season."

Hawks remain in second place in OCAA standings with eight wins and three losses in 11 games and trail the Seneca Braves who have nine wins and two losses in 11 games. The Georgian Grizzlies have seven wins and five losses in 12 games.

Hawks will host the first place Seneca Braves on Fri. Dec. 7 at Westwood arena at 5:30.

Lack of funds keeps women off the courts

by Denise Lyons

The female Kareem Abdul Jabbar and Dr. J's do not strut their stuff on the basketball courts at Humber College because, "women are not committed to the sport as men".

Or so says Peter Maybury, Humber's director of Athletics and Recreation. Maybury said athletes must be significantly committed before a team can be put together. He said, although there are women out there who want to play basketball "two to three women do not make a team".

The lack of funds for these programs is also a problem. In fact the last time the women played basketball at Humber, they had to do so in men's team shorts, proof positive that the \$80,000 Humber gets for sports can only stretch so far.

The college cannot afford to place money into a sport if there is not enough interest. According to

Maybury, Humber College does not get as much as Seneca College for sports, so they have to set their priorities for "the small amount of money" they are allotted. The exact figure Seneca allots is not known, but according to Maybury its, "way way way over that of Humber's".

Seneca College along with seven other colleges do have women's basketball teams. Maybury said the reason the men's basketball team is given so many amenities, gym bags and socks, is because that program has been going on at Humber for eight years.

"We want to be known not just provincially but nationally as one of the best colleges for basketball," he said.

The fact that Humber's colors are purple and gold also make the uniforms an expensive necessity since they are custom made.

According to Maybury, "the sport is fun but the business of sport is business."

Fox believed the defense also played a key role in the game.

"We used a zone defence for the first time this season, and it worked well."

Asked if he'll continue with a zone defence, Fox said it was common sense.

"The type of defence we use, depends on the type of team we play. If they're fast, we'll probably switch to a zone."

Saints' coach Dave McGuffin said it was the first time this season, Saints beat themselves.

"I think the rebounds were the difference, more than anything else in the game," McGuffin said.

"They killed us on the backboards. We just weren't executing ourselves fundamentally."

Hawks' highly-touted forward-guard Everton Henry,

remained on the sidelines, but Hawks saw the return of rookie-sensation, forward-guard George McNeil. McNeil was injured in Hawks last game against George Brown Huskies.

"McNeil played well against St. Clair," Katz said. "It (the injury) didn't seem to bother him."

Weepers, whose team trailed by only two points with about three minutes left in the game, believed Saints' defense could have executed better.

"We didn't play to our potential," he said.

"We were close, but they scored four-straight points, to make it 71-65. They (the Hawks) were well-prepared and quick."

The Saints, who were led by Chris Dupont, with 19 points and Dino Latalla, 18, dropped to 4-2.

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Women lob for spot near volleyball net

by Steven Nichols

Jack Bowman circles the gymnasium floor continually scribbling notes on a piece of paper and blowing his whistle to instruct the ladies to change their practise drill.

Often he stops to observe a pair of girls' volleyball technique to see if it is up to par.

This is the third try-out for the women's volleyball team and coach Bowman is running a smooth, but basic try-out for the 29 women competing for 12 positions on the squad.

Eighteen of these women will be putting the techniques that they have learned in the past two weeks into actual play this Saturday when they compete in an exhibition tournament against Ontario College Athletic Association (OCAA) teams at Lakeshore campus.

Bowman will be going with 16 to 18 women for their first exhibition tournament.

According to Bowman the team looks good this year, but the Hawks have come across some problems.

"Because there are so many girls trying out, they all can't attend the practices at the same time," said Bowman.

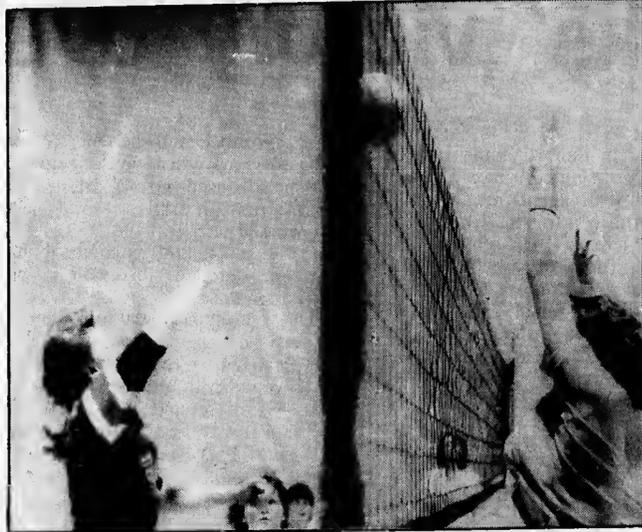


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Spike that ball — Some hopeful volleyball players vie for the 12 positions on this year's squad.

The team also faces a problem because of the teachers' strike.

"We're (the team) three weeks behind (practise time) because of the strike," Bowman said.

The maroon and gold missed their first exhibition tournament Nov. 17 because of the strike.

Bowman is hoping that his team will finish in first place in Tier 2 so they can qualify for the pre-final on Feb. 23 and 24 and possibly from there to the Ontario Championships on March 8 and 9 at Sheridan College in Oakville.

sidelines

by John Elvidge

Hawks learn lessons

Well — it had to happen sooner or later. After all, nobody, including myself, expected the Hawks to play their whole schedule without get bombed at least once. And, oh boy, did they get bombed.

One would think, that after a 12-3 scalping by the Seneca Braves, which by the way are shaping up to be the team to beat again this year, the Hawks would be ready to throw in the towel. But, not so — this team has class and character. In the wake of humiliation handed them by the Braves, the Hawks rebounded last Friday to regain their respectability, beating the Panthers of Canadore College 5-4.

Yes, that's right — the North Bay no minds — the same team that physically beat and intimidated our Hawks of yesteryear, putting them out in the first round of last years' playoffs. Dispite a questionable goal in the third period, in which the linesman may have missed an off side call, our Hawks controlled most of the game. And just like I expected the Panthers tried to goon the Hawks with their out-dated cementhead tactics. But this year the Hawks were prepared.

In a second period donnybrook our Hawks stood up to the Panthers, proving they weren't going to take any crap from them. It was a brawl that saw 10 players ejected from game for fighting, including Hawks goaltender Scott Cooper, who managed to force his blocker, which he claims he couldn't get off his hand — Ha Ha, into the head of his counterpart from the Panthers.

Needless to say, once the Hawks served notice that they weren't to be fooled with, I guess the Panthers decided that Humber couldn't be intimidated and settled down to play hockey for the rest of the game.

Getting back to the humbling the Hawks got from the Seneca Braves, first of all, they got what they deserved. They didn't skate well and Seneca did. They were guilty of far too many give-aways and shakey puck control.

Secondly, they let the Braves set the tempo of the game and subsiquently ended up losing control — if they ever did have control — of the game. In my opinion, you will never beat a team on their home ice if you let them play their style of game. When you play on the road control becomes an important factor — it's the difference between winning and losing.

The difference between winning and losing

The third, and most important mistake the Hawks made was a capital offence in any team sport — they gave up. Now, I can sympathise with the guys, one can only imagine what they were feeling, they probably just wanted to get the game over with and go home. But that still doesn't justify quitting. I remember a coach I had in junior hockey. He said it the best way it can be said, "if you're going to quit in a bad game, you aren't going to get a chance to quit in a good game."

I'm not going to make excuses for these guys, but there are facts that can be used to vindicate the Hawks to some degree. First, they played the game with a shortened version of their roster. Second, the players missing were, in fact, key players in both their offensive and defensive squads. And finally, I think they just weren't mentally prepared to face the Braves. After all, like any team sport there is a certain amount of psychology involved and the Hawks were simply psyched-out by a team with a strong winning record. Hopefully, now that they have their feet wet and realise that they can be defeated, they will put this setback behind them and play hockey like we all know they can.

I think they did a good job of proving it when they beat the Panthers. And I think these guys have far to much ability, determination and desire to play another game the way they did against Seneca.

The Hawks were taught a few good lessons last week and if the game against Canadore was the first test, I'm pretty sure they are quick learners. I'll give them 100 per cent for the rebound from the Seneca game, 100 per cent for effort and 100 per cent for being good participants of the game.

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