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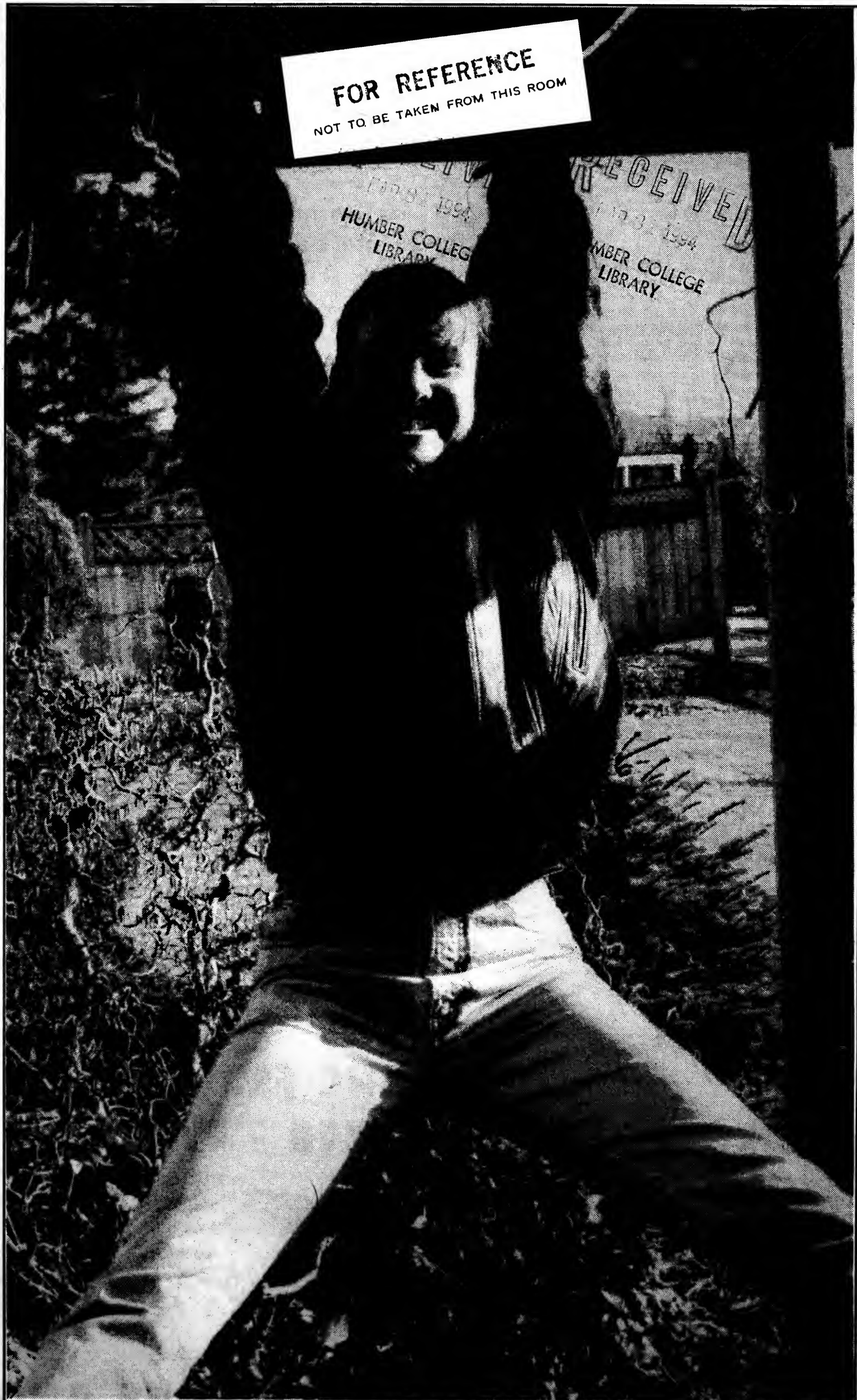
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THOUGHT OF THE WEEK

"April is the cruellest month, breeding Lilacs out of the dead land, mixing memory and desire, stirring dull roots with spring rain."

—T.S. Eliot
— *The Waste Land*



JUST HANGING AROUND— Jennifer Cox, a first-year Early Childhood Education student, is enjoying the mild temperature of spring in Humber's Arboretum. For more pictures of spring see photo-spread on page 10.

Shelie McGrath

Student representatives scrap over no-vote council position

by Cynthia Keeshan

Nino D'Avolio, vice-president of the North campus' Students' Association Council (SAC), believes something is rotten with the appointment of Dan Gibbs as student representative to the Board of Governors (BOG).

In an interview on Tuesday D'Avolio said, "The process was rigged."

"He was acclaimed, not elected into the position. How can he represent the student body, if he wasn't their chosen representative? The students at Humber have been betrayed."

In response to D'Avolio's accusations, Gibbs said, "to me, it sounds like sour grapes".

D'Avolio's concerns stem from a meeting held Monday night by the Council of Student Affairs (CSA). North campus student council representatives learned that Gibbs had been acclaimed as student representative on the BOG.

However, Dan Gibbs, president of Lakeshore Campus Students Association Council, said that the democratic process was never threatened by his acclamation.

"D'Avolio's accusations are wild and completely unfounded. I knew about the position with BOG,

and I was always interested. When the opportunity arose, I applied, and was given the position," said Gibbs in a phone interview, Tuesday.

Chief Returning Officer for the elections, Gary Begg agreed. He says that the proper election procedures were followed.

"There is a skimpy set of rules which pertain to the conduct of the elections, and they have been followed in this case", said Begg.

"The election resulted in an 'acclamation' on March 11, when it was learned that only Gibbs had applied for the position. There is nothing illegal about that," he added.

Yet the fact that Gibbs was the only applicant who ran for the position, has also turned into a source of aggravation for vice-president D'Avolio.

D'Avolio contends that because an advertisement had not run in *Humber etc...* publicizing the upcoming position, the students at the college campus were "robbed" of the opportunity.

D'Avolio added that because the position was

not advertised, it makes Gibbs' appointment "invalid."

"This was a key position, and it wasn't publicized," said D'Avolio.

"As far as I know, student electoral positions can't be acclaimed, they must be elected."

However, Begg disagreed. "The election was completely legal. It was in fact publicized in *The Communicque*, and circulated throughout the college. Nino (D'Avolio), like every one else, had an equal opportunity to apply."

The Communicque, which advertised the student representative position, was issued and circulated on February 10, 1994.

According to the president's office, approximately 1500 of *The Communicque* are circulated throughout the internal offices of the college. Therefore, like Gibbs, all the members of SAC had equal access to the election.

"If D'Avolio read *The Communicque* on a regular basis, he'd be more informed as to what is going on, on the college campus," said Gibbs.

Advertisements for BOG positions are only required to run if an election is needed—more than one student applies for the position—to inform students of the nominees.



Nino D'Avolio, SAC vice-president



Dan Gibbs, Board of Governors representative

D'Avolio versus Gibbs, round two

by Glenn Teneycke

Humber College North Student Council (SAC) is accusing the Lakeshore SAC of "betraying students".

Lakeshore SAC president Dan Gibbs said he was trying to protect students when he voted against a North proposal asking for \$111,000 from the Student Reserve fund.

At Monday's Council of Student Affairs (CSA) meeting, the North campus' SAC proposed to take money from the reserve fund, collected from student fees. It was accepted despite opposition from Lakeshore student representatives.

The CSA is a legislative body comprised of six student leaders and six administrators who oversee student governments and operations.

North SAC vice-president Nino D'Avolio said he was angered that Gibbs and Lakeshore vice-president Rhea Toomer voted against their bid. D'Avolio said that Lakeshore should have supported the initiative because the money would go towards improving campus life for the students.

The \$111,000 that North SAC received included \$80,000 for the expansion of the A+ services, \$21,000 for Caps to add a new computer system and sound system, and \$10,000 for subsidized day care. Lakeshore SAC received \$23,000 for repainting

the student lounge, the purchase of a few computers and a video editing system for student use.

"I'm upset that Lakeshore went against us," D'Avolio said. "Our council gives them \$10,000 per year towards their operating budget and now they let us down when we needed their support."

Gibbs, who acts as chairperson of the CSA said that he rejected the North's proposal because it exceeded the suggested guidelines that SAC take only \$100,000 from reserves.

"Lakeshore could have come up with a proposal for \$100,000 to help students, but we have to exercise some fiscal restraint," Gibbs said. "If a very important project comes up in the next few years we have to make sure the money is there."

The reserve fund is collected from student funds that are not used. The amount collected from student fees for 1993-94 is \$3.60 a student.

In past years, the reserve fund has paid for projects such as the initial construction of Humber's A wing, the bleachers in the gym and the new student centre.

D'Avolio said the college administration discourages departments including SAC from asking for money from the reserves. D'Avolio said that money should be put towards projects that benefit students.

John Sutton, Director of Financial Planning at

Humber told those in attendance at the CSA meeting that fiscal restraint should be practised by student governments. The CSA has already committed \$600,000 towards starting a scholarship fund and an additional \$350,000 to improve the athletic centre, he said.

Humber's vice-president of Faculty Services Roy Giroux explained that one of the rationales for CSA is that we don't want to over commit. "If you empty the reserves than you lose the opportunity to build."

D'Avolio said that the administration's reluctance to allow money to be taken from reserves causes conflict amongst CSA members.

"The administration is pitting us against other departments," he said. "We shouldn't have to fight with Lakeshore and the athletics department over money."

According to Lakeshore SAC president Gibbs, Lakeshore does not have any ulterior motive for voting against the North SAC.

"It's got nothing to do with tensions between Lakeshore and North, he said. "Every department has to make concessions, including the North."

Thankyou

To all their friends at Humber who wished them well at their Retiree ceremony, last Friday.

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CLASSIC HITS FROM YESTERDAY AND TODAY

Administration proposes fee hikes which government wants canned

by Glenn Teneycke

The Ontario government has decided to increase tuition, but wants to prevent schools from raising incidental fees until students are consulted.

This has created confusion at Humber where the Board of Governors has already approved a plan to increase incidental fees by almost \$5 a term.

The Ministry of Education announced tuition will increase by 10 per cent in 1994-95 and 10 per cent for 1995-96. Humber's full time students will pay \$1,008 tuition before incidental fees.

The government wants incidental fees to remain at last year's level. These charges are charges that students pay to student council and the administration for services such as forums, athletics and convocation.

"We have decided not to allow increases in ancillary (incidental) fees until an agreement is developed by each institution and its students," Minister of Education and Training Dave Cooke said in a speech to the legislature.

Roy Giroux, Humber's vice-president of Education and Faculty Services, said the NDP has yet to inform the administration about how it should consult the students.

"We are totally confused by the decision," he said at the Council of Student Affairs meeting, Monday. "We have an obligation to let our (43,000) applicants know how much they are going to pay

next year."

Humber's administration is unclear about whether the NDP will allow the

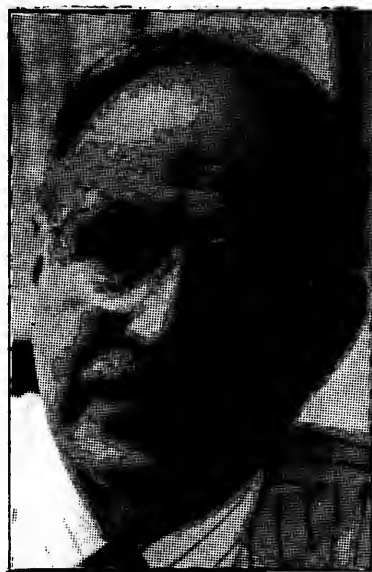


Lesia Bailey, Student Council president

four per cent increase of incidental fees approved last February.

Student affairs fees, which include Student council, athletics and the reserve fund, were raised one dollar to reach \$59.40 a term. College service fees, which include ID cards and transcripts, were increased by \$3.90 to reach \$59 a term. In total, incidental fees were expected to reach \$118.40 in

1994-95, up from \$113.50 in 1993-94. The combined incidental fees and tuition will cost full-time Humber stu-



Roy Giroux, vice-president of Education

dents \$1,245 next year.

But the announcement by the NDP could mean that the decision made by the Board of Governors is void unless approved by students.

Vicki Hodgkinson, a senior policy analyst with the NDP government told *Humber etc...* that the one dollar fee increase in student affair fees will likely remain.

"If the student government has agreed to the increase in fees then it will be allowed," she said. "What the ministry wanted to prevent was school administrations arbitrarily charging students without their involvement."

Hodgkinson said college service fees fall under the consultation process the NDP asks for. Humber's Giroux said he is skeptical that the fees increases can be changed.

"I don't think the government can retroactively go back and change what was decided weeks ago by the Board of Governors," he said.

Student leaders said that even if fees go up this fall, having student involvement in future decisions is a step in the right direction.

"I can see this as a blessing for the students at large," SAC president Lesia Bailey said at the CSA meeting.

The Ontario Community College Student Parliamentary Association (OCCSPA) greeted the tuition announcement with "mixed surprise". Although OCCSPA General Manager Heather Russell said the tuition increase disappointed her, she added that she was happy the NDP used their suggestion to freeze incidental fees.

OCCSPA's President, Wayne Phillips said in a news release that the student lobby group wanted to ensure student involvement in college fee decisions. Phillips said that OCCSPA intends to involve itself in the consultation process.

by Dixie Caldwell

See no candidates, hear no candidates.

In keeping with election regulations, nominees in this year's race for positions on the Students Association Council (SAC) will not speak to members of the press before the close of nominations on April 8.

According to Debbie Eveson, the Chief Returning Officer for the elections, it would be wrong for the candidates to talk to the press.

"I don't think it's fair for them to talk. It's totally like campaigning," said Eveson.

But such a move could hurt potential candidates who are only allowed seven days for campaigning.

"They're not even allowed to say that they're running until April 11," said Eveson. "Right now they can go up and get signatures but they can't go around

saying 'vote for me'."

"They would have to be (disqualified). I would have to be fair to all of the rest of them," said Eveson.

SAC's constitution does not state that nominees are forbidden to talk to anyone about their potential candidacy.

The vacant positions are president, vice-president, seven divisional representatives for Applied and Creative Arts, eight for Business, five in Technology, four in Health Sciences and two in Human Studies.

In order to be nominated, candidates for president and vice-president must complete a nomination package including a list with 100 signatures on it. Divisional representatives must have 50 signatures.

Social Sciences Professor Gary Begg said that while there is no law in the SAC constitution, nominees take it upon themselves not to talk until after closing.

However, the election rules state that no form of campaigning must take place before or after the campaigning period opens and closes.

"It could be that they're just showing some discretion," said Begg. He added that in real elections such as municipal or provincial elections, candidates usually make it known somehow that they're running.

"People get to know who candidates are before the closing date. The rule isn't comparable with Ontario elections."

The nomination end on April 8. Campaigning starts Monday April 11 at 9 a.m. and runs until Monday April 18. Voting takes place April 19 and 20.

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Giving up on the war on drugs

Experts recommend policies which support addicts, instead of 'Just Say No' slogans

by **Monica Janik**

International experts at a forum last week advocated giving up the war on drugs and focussing instead on reducing the harm to drug users.

Co-sponsored by the Canadian Foundation for Drug Policy, five experts explored the issue of harm reduction and found prohibition isn't working. They suggested governments look for more ways to help those who are using drugs and to minimize the risks to society.

The forum found there was a need in Canada to accept some people do use drugs and don't succumb to the war on drugs campaign.

"It is difficult to think of any situation where legislation and actual societal practice are so far apart... (as they are) where drugs are concerned," said Jack Layton, former chairman of Toronto's Board of Health, in his opening comments at the forum entitled "Is Zero tolerance the answer to drug abuse?"

Pat O'Hare, a founding member of the Mersey Drug

Training and Information Centre in Liverpool, England, said his agency started giving out clean syringes for drug injection in 1985.

"Harm reduction is practising safe drug use ... essentially it's minimizing the harm from drug use. First, you have to accept drug use. Simply, you can't stop it, but you can reduce the harm," said O'Hare.

O'Hare said the driving force behind starting the agency was the public health risk. "The AIDS virus is transferred through injection,

therefore sharing syringes was a risk. The syringe exchange enables them to do what they're doing safely for themselves and others."

O'Hare said HIV infection among injection drug users in Liverpool is very low. Quoting a recent mortality study, he stated Liverpool has the lowest mortality rate among injection heroin users all over the world.

"Essentially we've got a pretty healthy bunch of drug users," he said with a chuckle.

Dr. Ernest Drucker, from the Montiflore Medical Centre

in New York, says New York City currently has 200,000 people infected with AIDS and 35,000 people have died already.

"Our response to the needle exchange is so far behind this monster (AIDS). It is a truly preventable disease with the use of proper needles," Drucker said.

He said drug use is a "universal phenomenon — a function of human misery with adverse effects."

According to Drucker, drug-trade murders will continue because of three words — money, money, money.

"Young men in the Bronx don't have much opportunity for employment, so essentially it's either McDonald's or the (drug) trade."

Ricardo Soberson, of the Andean Commission on Justice in Columbia explained through a translator that a great allocation of resources for harm reduction policies has been set aside for 1994-1995.

"We have to think realistically... globally 400 tonnes of heroin are produced annually and consumed by five million drug injectors among 80 countries. It's a global crisis."

Dr. Alex Wodak, who runs a Drug and Alcohol Centre in inner-city Sydney, developed the first syringe exchange program in Australia in 1987.

"I look at drug users as people ... it's astonishing what we have in common, similar lifestyles, aspirations and hopes."

Dr. Diane Riley from the Canadian Centre on Substance Abuse said she has been a supporter of harm reduction since the early '80s. Riley said society's insensitivity to drug users is similar to "burying one's head in the sand."

Riley commented there are more drug users in prisons on drug related charges than in treatment.

"Drugs are present in every correctional institution in Canada. Inmates will share the same syringe hundreds of times for months, even years," Riley said.

Riley explained one of the main purposes of the forum was to explore and recommend alternatives which will make Canada's drug laws and policies more tolerant, more pragmatic and above all more humane.

"If someone is trying to get off nicotine, they are provided with the 'nicotine patch'. If someone wants to get off heroin, there aren't enough methods or programs available. Overlaying this with a legal or illegal stigma confuses the issue."

Pat O'Hare is an advocate of the legalization of all drugs.

"When public opinion changes; politicians change their issues. They will only do what they think will win them votes."

He said once people recognize the true issues and support them, government policies will change.

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Fewer grads find work, again!

by Michelle Wamboldt

The percentage of graduates who found work in a related field last year hit a record low according to a College report released this month.

The Graduate Placement Report was presented to Humber's Board of Governors March 14. The report shows reduced 1992-1993 graduate employment outcomes for most divisions in the college.

Based on a sampling of last year's graduates, only 59 per cent of students found full-time or part-time work in a related area, as of December 11, 1993. These numbers are down from last year with 62 per cent employed full-time and part-time in related fields, continuing the downward trend of the past six years.

Placement officer Margaret Antonides said, "It would be unrealistic to think we could keep our good placement stats in this kind of economy."

The report shows many programs had extremely low placement rates. "The economy is such that every program is having difficulty," said Antonides.

Humber's placement stats ranked higher than Centennial and Durham College and only one per cent below Algonquin.

Nursing and Ambulance and Emergency Care are two Health Sciences programs which Antonides said did particularly poorly with placements.

Seventeen per cent of Ambulance and Emergency Care's 1992-93 graduates were employed full time in a related career.

Chairperson for the Ambulance program Ken Harrison said the program has implemented an enrol-

ment reduction from 100 students to 85. Harrison said with the exception of Centennial most of the other six Ontario colleges offering this full-time program have also considered enrolment reductions.

"We have been advised by members of our advisory committee that they don't foresee any change until 1996 when the social contract is over."

Harrison said low placements are a cyclical event and he anticipates an increase after 1996.

According to Harrison, many students enter the program knowing the poor job prospects. He said many use the program for access to

other health care professions.

Rose Cunha, chairperson for the nursing program, said: "The placement stats are extremely important. If your graduates can't get jobs then really you have to think about whether you should be taking anybody (into the program)."

Cunha said nursing will be reducing their enrolments in the Fall and will also be looking at whether or not they will continue with the February intake of an additional 50 students.

Cunha says the whole health care system is restructuring. "There will be other jobs and there will be different jobs, and so we have made changes inside the program to

prepare people with different skills, so they will match those jobs."

"I have 150 grads," said Cunha, "and so the fact that almost half of them have found full-time employment in nursing, I think is still very impressive."

First year nursing students Marg Weber and Christine Timmons plan to move to the United States to find work. "I think it's unrealistic to think you'll get a job in Canada," said Timmons.

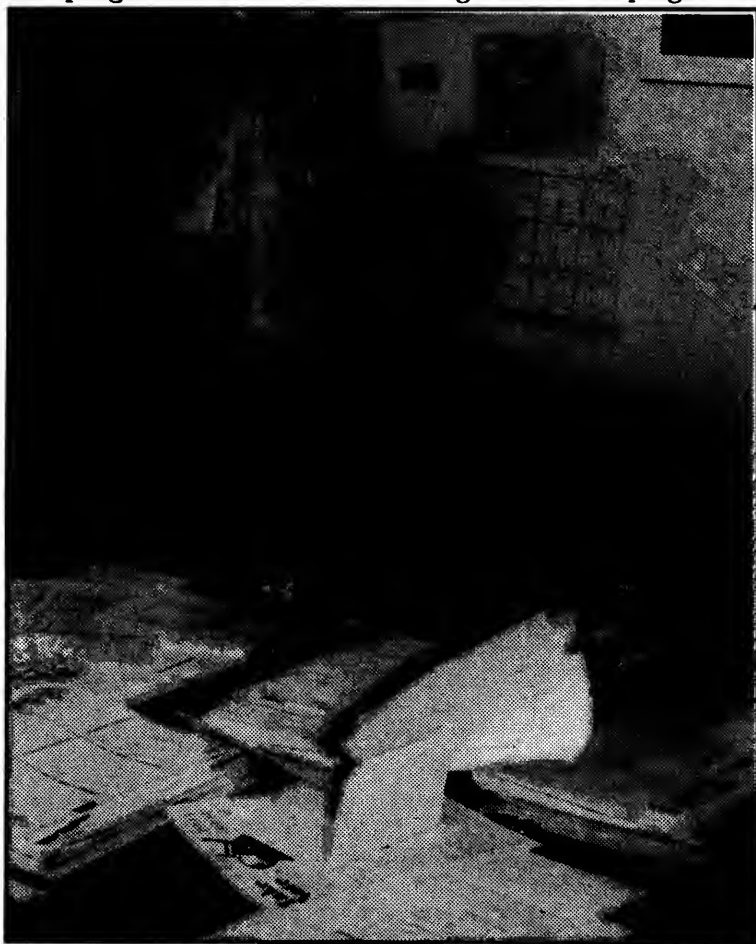
According to the report, the Applied and Creative Arts department is seeing an increase of part-time and freelance employment.

"If they can't get a job they create a job," says Antonides.

"They do some freelancing and it's probably indicative of the future too, more and more people are starting their own business."

"It's disheartening entering the work force when the job situation is so bleak," said Public Relations student Kristen Rector, whose program shows 54.7 per cent for full-time related employment.

These reports are available for all faculty and students at the Career Placement centre. Antonides said the stats are used in various ways including information for students inquiring about potential programs, employers inquiries, quality control on programs and program reviews within the college.



MARGARET ANTONIDES — Placement officer.

Work experience translates into course exemptions

by Andrew Parsons

Students with job experience can use their training to get exempted from college courses, but few students are aware of the program.

Prior Learning Assessment (PLA) was introduced to Humber College by the Ministry of Education and Training in September and is aimed at people who have work, volunteer or community service experience related to a specific course.

Prior learning consultant Pamela Mitchell said PLA has not been widely promoted because some aspects of it are still up in the air and will be ironed out over time.

She said an advisory committee, made up of representatives from the various departments, has been set up to deal with any problems or changes to policy.

No matter how much experience and knowledge a student has, 25 per cent of the course load must be taken at

the college.

Mitchell said, "we're not trying to assess the experience, we're trying to assess if the student has the skills at the level we teach."

By the beginning of the next school year half of the courses are expected to fall under the assessment program which is open to new students and those already studying at the college.

The evaluation is carried out by faculty for a tax deductible \$50 charge. Decisions are based on a number of criteria including letters from past employees, samples of work, and/or a performance test that can demonstrate skills.

"Often prior experience gives them great knowledge," said Mitchell. But "not necessarily the depth we teach or theory that we want to support the teaching."

Whether all courses can fall under PLA is yet to be determined.

"There has been a problem

trying to get faculty inline," said Brian Cunningham, the student representative for the advisory committee. "Some faculty don't agree with the assessment."

Eleanor O'Connor, second vice-president of OPSEU and faculty assessment specialist on the advisory committee, agreed PLA is important for the college but certain work related aspects of it must be worked out between the college and faculty.

"The union sees it as a valid access for mature students and for recognizing things they have learned from experience," said O'Connor. "The faculty is important in the assessment process and it is important that (the PLA) is recognized as a standard workload."

According to O'Connor, there is "no formal structure in place" but said evaluation and being on the advisory committee should all be included in the teacher's agreed workload.

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Only five days to choose a leader

Are you a student at this college who wants to run for a Students' Association Council (SAC) post next month?

Don't think about talking to the press before you're nominated.

According to SAC policy, possible nominees cannot campaign before they're nominated. Although they can talk to friends about their prospective candidacy, according to council, talking to the media would hurt the chances of other candidates.

The chastisement would be disqualification.

The logic behind the policy is sound. The trouble is, from nomination to student elections, nominees have only five school days to campaign.

It's no wonder most students don't know their prospective president. It's also a challenge for nominees to properly argue the issues in so short a time span.

Nominations for SAC representatives end April 8.

Students hit hard by NDP

The New Democratic Party is moving across the vast riches of Ontario, calling itself a government, and tarnishing everything in its path.

Education is the next target of this dark shadow.

As politics goes, this is textbook theory. The NDP promised to freeze tuition fees when they took office, however after four years they now plan to hike post-secondary fees by 20 per cent over two years.

This will increase the difficulty lower income students face getting a higher education. The NDP were once considered the voice of the working class but they have failed in labor relations and are failing with Ontario's future.

Of course everything costs money and there has been pressure to hike tuition, but 20 per cent is simply unacceptable.

What makes this harder to believe is that almost in the same breath the NDP say they plan to spend \$51.6 million this year to create summer jobs for students. (The same amount they spent last year) This will create 24,000 jobs, most paying minimum wage.

Well hello. What the hell do you think is more important to students — landing a temporary low-paying job or getting an education so they will have a career to earn a good living. The government is trading the present for the future and it's sad, because in the long run it's in society's (as well as the government's) best interest to have students get those careers and support themselves.

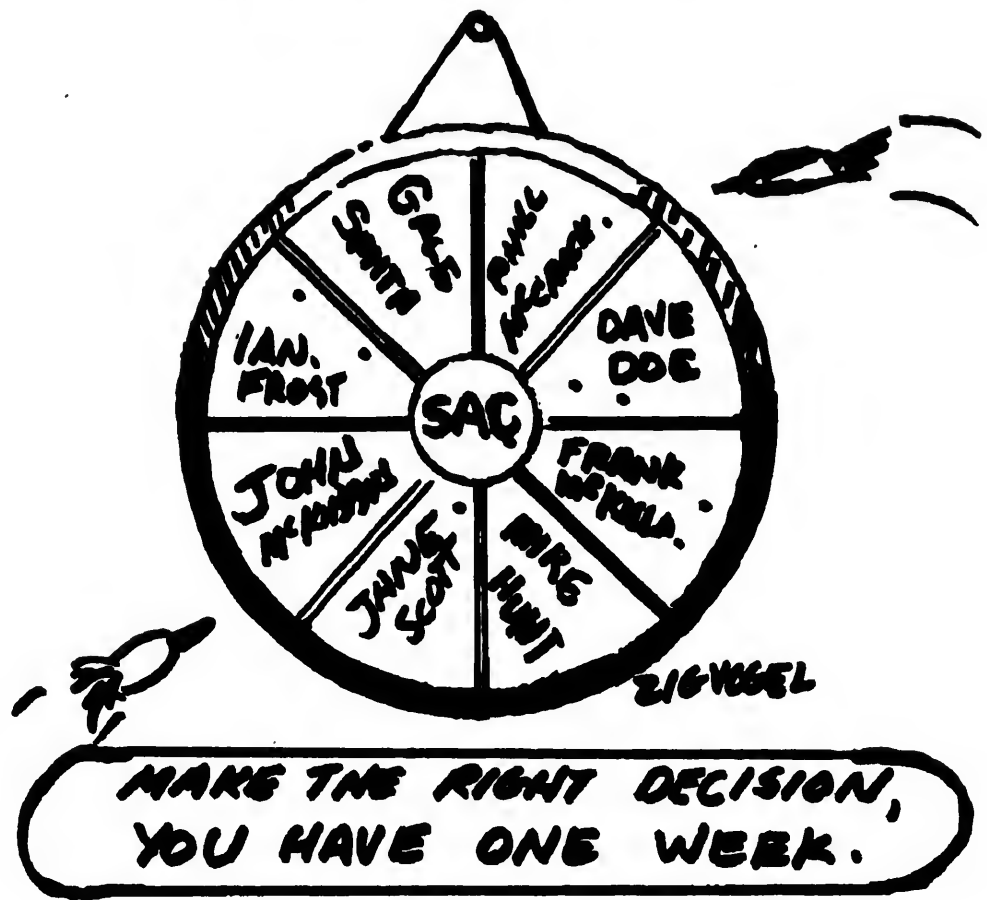
If more people had careers, there would be a decline in the number of people dependent on social programs, and the government would gain income from taxes.

It's easy for people to point the finger at students and say they are not pulling their weight. But students are trying hard to become independent and will join the parade of tax payers if given a chance.

NDP cabinet ministers and back benchers should remember when they too had to balance studying and working part-time.

Tuition hikes are inevitable as the cost of education goes up, but 20 per cent is too much too fast. A more rational approach would see funds diverted from the summer jobs program to colleges and universities, and a 10 per cent tuition increase for students.

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Letters to the Editor...

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Keep those butts outside

Dear Editor

What do the security guards do at Humber? Does this college really have a no-smoking facility? As a non-smoker, I'm sick of walking in the doors to the school and gagging due to the amount of smoke in the stairwells.

Has anybody ever been fined for breaking the law for smoking in the school? I'm sick of being told where to go when I ask people to go outside to smoke. Are smokers too lazy to take the extra steps to go outside? Or is it too cold for those "tough" individuals to take the weather?

These are the same people who are vandalizing the stairwells with their lighters. Don't tell me the wanna-be security guards have never noticed this. I know they have, because I have pointed it out to these individuals who are paid to walk around the school and do nothing. People on staff at this school are guilty of this too.

Take your pollution outside and respect others' health and safety.

Randy Turenne
 Music Student

Studs not for the passive

Dear Editor

I am writing in response to last week's letter to the editor written by Yvette Czigli. The letter had many amusing and inapplicable comments to make about the fun-filled game of Studs. Humber College is indeed an institution of higher learning, so let's put all that knowledge into gear and identify the difference between right and wrong, good and bad!

First things first! SAC will not be picking up the tab. No student funds were used to run the show! All of the expenses were donated, and will continue to be donated by surrounding restaurants and businesses. I hope this clears up any further questions or rumors that may turn up.

The letter also referred to Studs as perpetuating the image of the submissive woman. In which manner can this statement be justified? Studs is a game that promotes social interaction between males and females. In no context does the game Studs ever try to relive or bring forth the image of the passive or obedient woman. Studs may be viewed as a silly game, but in no way, shape or form does it degrade women. At no point in the game are any of the contestants either forced to say certain things, nor are they forced to participate in the game. Furthermore, the male contestants can only

request a second date, allowing the female contestants to make the final decision on whether they would like to pursue a second date.

SAC's decision to run an event such as Studs lies with the directors and the representatives of SAC. The politics of SAC president Lesia Bailey should not interfere with events being sponsored by the SAC. Let us not forget that SAC is here to serve the students, and to host events and services that are in interest to the student body. To conclude any further disputes on this matter, Lesia Bailey has been the leading facilitator for the sexual harassment program at Humber College. At no point will she, or SAC, tolerate any act that either promotes or commits the act of sexual harassment or assault. SAC will continue to promote social interaction, and take in any requests from the student body for a specific event.

The response to the Studs game last month was enough for one comprised of two males and three females. If SAC would of held a Studs game that was flip-flopped with two females and three males, would last week's letter to the editor have been written?

Mark Berardo
 Director of Publicity and Promotions
 Student Association Council



Ontario Hydro power struggle:

Provincial residents held hostage with threat of blackouts

by Alan Swinton

Well that was a close one. Both sides in the Ontario Hydro power struggle have somehow overcome their brown-out of wisdom and reached a bright little settlement.

In all the years of labor disputes, there have been few as blatantly futile as this with its galley of rogues.

We were all being held hostage by terrorists in our Hydro plants. They threatened Ontario residents with rotating blackouts. Power to run our schools, our homes, our businesses would have been cut, rendering the affected areas dead. Basically, they were going to punch our lights out. Sound like terrorists to you?

In a power shortage of the senses, that strike could have made for one of the most potentially dangerous and disastrous situations in the history of Canada. The FLQ incident would look like a sitcom compared to a neglected nuclear reactor going loco and barfing up a bright green dust cloud. Three Mile Island administration would brighten up enough to say, "Maybe



we did have a nuclear accident, but at least we weren't stupid enough to cause it".

What would happen to the students of colleges and universities? How much of our hard earned money would have gone

down the tubes each day because of power failures? Our lights, our computers and almost all our equipment would be useless. Caps could get cut short during pub night, a riot could break out (I mean, what else could start a riot here?). Hydro isn't an essential service and students obviously aren't viewed as essential at all. Welcome to the real world.

Let us, if we can, forget the selfish, unimportant plight of a few greedy people and focus on important human needs in this province.

People who use electric wheelchairs need electricity to recharge their batteries, would be deprived. Thanks for scaring the daylight out of the disabled, Power Worker's Union, you're really everyone's pal. And special thanks to the Ontario government for looking out for the little guy, and being so harmonious with the labor force. That certainly worked out well, didn't it?

It's about time someone came to the startling realization that Hydro is an essential service. Gee, what a bright idea.

57 channels & nothin' on

by Andrew Parsons

I own a television and I get all the normal channels.

There's a problem with my small Magnavox. I think it's contracted some strange foreign illness. It could be the Beijing flu or god forbid, chronic bronchitis.

The symptoms are strange and it's been happening for a while. No matter how many times I search and turn it on and off, there's nothing worth watching.

I'm sure that your television is having the same problem as mine and I've heard the new cure is just on the horizon.

A 500 channel universe is not far away and will present a good alternative to lack of quality programming on the picture tube today.

It will be good for television. It will be good for us.

I'm sick of turning on the TV and being faced with cute sitcoms and boring dramas.

I'm sick of turning it off and reading a book or renting a movie.

Face it. Television is old, not very exciting, not very ground breaking and it's hard to find any form of originality.

It may have been avant garde when man landed on the

moon, or when the Beatles played Sullivan, or when Kennedy was shot. I'm sure the first color television was very exciting. But in the nineties, nothing about television is avant garde.

There has been a strange hold on television for several years. I don't know who is to blame. It could be Christian conservatives or Charlie Brown for all I care. But shows are formula driven and creative and new ideas are difficult to find.

Television underestimates the viewer. It undermines us. Not everyone wants to sit and watch shows where people submit home videos of their children falling out of high-chairs onto the floor. Not everyone cares about battling figure skaters or cartoon characters that are pyromaniacs.

The 500 channel universe may just be the shot in the arm that television needs.

Specialty channels like all sports, all drama, all ethnic, all shopping, have already proven popular.

I only hope that with another 500 channels someone will come up with something different. A channel about literature. A channel that only

shows a radio playing be-bop jazz — well, I don't know, but anything is better than Full House, Hard Copy or Saturday movies with Craftmatic

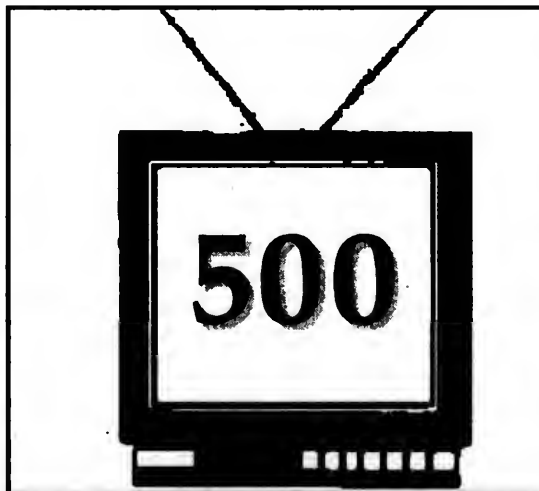
alternative programming: in America, there is a channel about the environment and it's filmed by the general public. It's their stories — unprofessional or not — their programming and it's what they want. It's the ultimate in interactive television.

It may sound boring as hell, but have you watched television lately?

A broader base of channels will offer alternative programming. The future of television does not end with more channels. It begins with the ways in

which it's presented. For the MTV generation, brought up in the age where it's hard to tell the difference between the programs and the advertisements, there must be a new spin on programming and the way it's presented.

Timothy said that watching television is voluntary enslavement. Hopefully in this new universe, creativity and new ideas will win out over commercialism and make it easier on all us slaves.



Adjustable Beds.

We don't need hour long paid advertisements for cubic zirconium. We don't need cameras on the beach during the invasion and we don't need the media telling us what's in and what's out.

With 500 channels it will be very hard for television to distort reality — or exploit it. There will be too many damn channels to brainwash anybody.

Here's a fine example of

People living under ground in hard times

by Michelle Wamboldt

As a basement dweller, the recent tragic deaths involving basement apartment fires are too close to home.

Often, for students the only affordable housing to be found is a basement apartment. Too often these are unsafe fire hazards with small windows, sometime with bars, one exit and no smoke detectors. Many times we pay under-the-table rent for lease-free apartments. We are drawn in by the cheap rent and try to overlook the blatant dangers. My last basement apartment had only two windows, each 1' x 1' — a frightening thought.

It is unrealistic to think that basement apartments can be abolished. Any action of this kind could only lead to a more severe black market rental scene where conditions could only worsen — free from legal protest. Families often rent the basements in their homes to supplement their incomes in these tough economic times. This should not be done at the physical expense of others. The government should not protect these renters who often avoid paying income tax on this rental income.

Legalizing these apartments is the answer. This would lower rental competition and people would be able to report fire hazards to the proper authorities.

Mississauga Mayor Hazel McCallion is to be applauded for her efforts. She is not standing by waiting for more tragedy to prompt action, she is at least trying to change a law to enable authorities to enter these apartments and do inspections.

By implementing safety guides and inspections there would be less tragedy and less people being taken advantage of because for monetary gains.



photos by Robert Ellidge

IT'S ALIIIVE! — A couple of Humber students tinker with one of the many ghoulish creations of KNB EFX (above). Everyone's favorite demented govtender, Jason (left).

Hollywood comes to Humber

by Robert Ellidge

Hollywood special effects man, Greg Nicotero visited Humber last Thursday to speak about his job and reveal many of the secrets behind some of the scariest moments in movie history.

Nicotero, who runs K.N.B. EFX Group Inc., based in Chatsworth California, has worked on movies such as *Dances with Wolves*, *Hard Target*, and *Gross Anatomy*. He is currently working on *Darkman 3* here in Toronto.

The audience of over 30 students were given a slide presentation in which Nicotero explained the nature of his work on dozens of movies and then went over the history of special effects — beginning with the movie *Frankenstein*.

"When this film (*Frankenstein*) was released, people were lined-up around the block and fainting in the theatre because it was so scary and like nothing they had ever seen before," said Nicotero.

While audiences in the early '30s and '40s were being shocked at the unreal horror on-screen, they also became more and more sophisticated, said Nicotero. If an effect wasn't done properly, the audience could tell. Another characteristic common to all films of this era are the long, lingering edits.

The late '60s saw the use of faster editing and the use of color in the

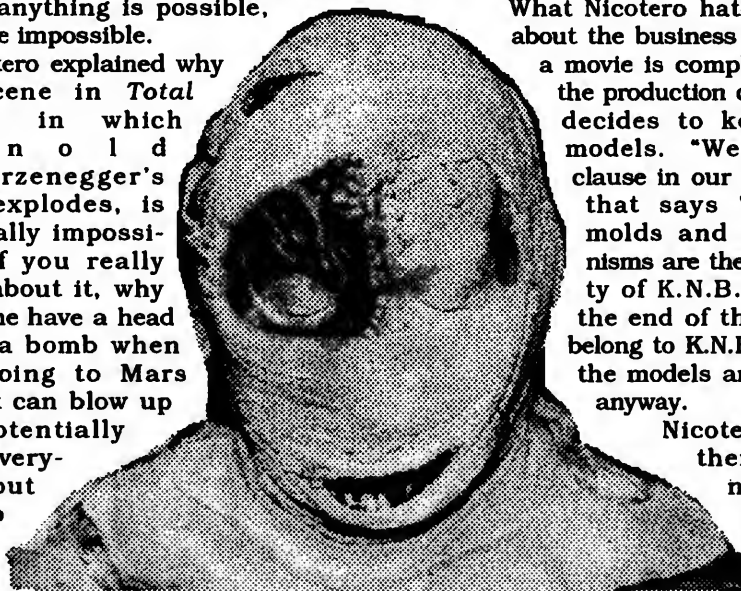
movie *The Wizard of Oz*. Nicotero said foam latex, which is used prominently by all make-up artists today, was first used in this movie for the lion character.

The release of *Planet of the Apes*, in the late '70s meant the beginning of mass make-up on the set. "Now you're dealing with an entire race of people, it's not just one guy... it's a hundred people," Nicotero said.

Rumors in Tinseltown say Oliver Stone is planning a remake of *Planet of the Apes*, and Nicotero said it will be interesting to see how the special effects and make-up are used by Stone.

In the '80s and '90s, audience expectations have risen to the point where anything is possible, even the impossible.

Nicotero explained why the scene in *Total Recall*, in which Arnold Schwarzenegger's head explodes, is physically impossible. "If you really think about it, why would he have a head that's a bomb when he's going to Mars (and) it can blow up and potentially suck everybody out into space.



Logically it doesn't make sense, but for the movie (and the audience) it works."

Nicotero got into the business with only a background in art. One day he met a friend working for a special effects company and decided to pursue it as a career. Now he is in control of his own company and spends most of his time working on the business side of things.

The Humber students had a lot of questions about the job market for Nicotero, who receives dozens of photos and videos each week from amateur model makers and artists. His criteria for hiring a new employee: "Show me something I haven't seen before."

What Nicotero hates most about the business is when a movie is complete and the production company decides to keep his models. "We have a clause in our contract that says 'certain molds and mechanisms are the property of K.N.B. and at the end of the shoot belong to K.N.B.'" But the models are taken anyway.

Nicotero said there is nothing he can do

about it because standing up to a large company like Disney or Paramount will mean his reputation in the industry will decline.

Joan Ward, a first-year fashion arts student said, "I came because I want to be a special effects make-up artist in the future." She said the fashion arts program doesn't really deal with this area of make-up.

Michelle Primeau, Students' Association Council activities coordinator, planned the event and thinks the students learned a lot about the industry. "A lot of people had questions about computers and what effect that's having on special effects."

Nicotero is positive computers won't take over the industry. He said the revolutionary graphics in the movie *Terminator 2* are good for the audience, but actors still require something physical on the set to relate to in order to play their role effectively.

He also said the capabilities of computer graphics are so advanced, that after the death of actor Brandon Lee while filming *The Crow*, Industrial Light and Magic, another special effects company, offered their services free of charge to finish the film with a computer-generated version of Lee. The director and studio declined ILM's generous offer.

"I think the students really enjoyed it. A lot of them got some information about where they could go in aspects of jobs and what's going on in Hollywood right now," said Primeau.

Band of Gypsies has a whole lotta soul

by Gilles Ducarme-Suetsens

Gypsy Soul brought the soul of funk with them when they played the Student Centre last Wednesday. Amidst all the gamblers from the casino that was set up last week, there was a receptive audience where some listened and others danced.

Guitarist, Ewan Miller, describes their sound as "funk, rock, jazz, get down and boogie" music. The wide array of available instruments and musicians makes their sound distinctive and gives them a fuller tone very similar

to larger acts in the seventies.

Miller, besides playing the guitar, also plays the saxophone in the band. Rounding out Gypsy Soul is Trevor Bedard on bass, Lauren Bauer on vocals and harmonica, Evan Cranley on the trombones and percussion, Cathy Craig on the trumpet, David Krain on guitar and Darren Shearer on drums.

Gypsy Soul has played several university and college dates before coming to Humber.

"Since we've been playing universities we've been reaching an older crowd because

before that we were playing lots of all ages shows. (Colleges and universities) gives us a bigger following," said Miller.

In fact, they have been receiving a phenomenal amount of support from both their fans and the media. They have already established themselves as a band with a good draw and have been featured in *Now Magazine*, *The Toronto Star* and on *CBC*.

Gypsy Soul — who got their name from a line in a Van Morrison song — are influenced by such recording greats as James Brown and the Tower

of Power.

As for their reaction when they played here last Wednesday: "It was good for us. Especially for a show during the day. It's not like a bar where everybody is drinking and partying... (although) I wouldn't mind playing Caps at night," said Bedard.

In the meantime, look for them around town because they always have a string of dates lined up, or check out their CD due for release late May/early June. They need your support because as Bedard says: "We're trying to make a living out of this."

Painter inspired by bloodshed

by Erica Zlomislac

In his tiny quiet Etobicoke apartment he pays homage to them by painting them.

With the stroke of a brush and some oil paint he immortalizes the souls of those victimized in the wars in Croatia and Bosnia-Herzegovina.

It is his small contribution to the victims; by reminding anyone who looks at his art, to remember his subjects.

"Everyone has to contribute to keep the memory of the war alive in people's heads," says Vito Zmak, the 32-year-old self-taught artist.

The wars in Croatia and Bosnia-Herzegovina have continued now for nearly four years, but Vito only started to use war themes in his work a year ago.

He visited the republics in the fall of 1992 to gain a better understanding and what he calls "feel for the war". Zmak says the scenes he was exposed to helped him paint better than merely observing war images on a television screen.

Son Come Home, *The Angels Watch Over Me* and *Small Innocent Eyes* are just a few of Zmak's paintings which are currently displayed at the Croatia Club in Mississauga. As one visitor observed, the titles are almost as important as the art itself. For his titles, Zmak uses many phrases and lines from Croat folk songs and sentimental pop songs about the war.

The paintings' name plates are cut-out photographs of images of the war. Titles are then superimposed on them to create another small picture relating to the painting.

His subjects seem to be the most vulnerable and innocent in the dirty Balkan war — the elderly and small children.

In *Do Not Harm My Land*, an elderly couple is being evicted from their home.

The Angels Watch Over gives the observer a look through the sniper's viewfinder at a tiny child, who helplessly stands clutching wild flowers.

In *Small Innocent Eyes*, a child peers through a shattered window from a dark room. The house from which she appears is damaged.

The painting's focus is the child. Her clothes are tattered and raggedy, her face and hair seem unbathed. Her mouth firmly holds a pacifier, while she blankly stares out of the glassless window. She does not cry but her large brown eyes look frightened. She is witnessing the horrors of war first-hand at a tender innocent age. While most children are playing, she watches adults playing at war. Her future is uncertain.

"Children here are fairly secure, over in the war zones the kids' lives are different," Zmak says.

Zmak's jovial and light-hearted demeanor seem a contradiction to the artwork he produces.

Most of the work uses dark colors and tones.

Dressed casually in jeans, he insists he does not fit the typical personality of most artists.

"I don't want to fit that typical ponytail, dark shades mould. I don't say a lot about my paintings, they speak for themselves," he said.

Son Come Home depicts the silhouette of a young soldier slouching by a dark, bare tree. He carries his gun aimlessly.

The tree has no leaves, but stark branches because of either the winter or a deliberate attempt to burn them. The tree is the soldier's crutch.

It is a lonely painting. There are no faces, only shadows, and one is left to wonder if the man weeps after loss or defeat. His body seems to reflect his weary soul.

The painting was inspired by a song by the famous Croatian singer, the late Tomislav Ivčić:

The song speaks of a mother who desperately wishes for her son to return from the front-line fighting. Prayers are the woman's attempts to console herself, but she is alone. Daily she watches the road by which he left, looking for him to return.

Zmak would like people to look at his art and question the war. He hopes his work will help people find some answers.

Zmak's brother Joseph says, "his paintings force you to stare at them and think". He said he watched a patron in the club enjoying an evening of drinking with his friends when



courtesy photo

ART IMITATES AGONY— Vito Zmak's paintings include *Father?* (lower left), *The Angels Watch Over Me* (above) and *Son Come Home* (lower right).

he suddenly looked up at one of the paintings and became sombre and serious.

"The reality of the picture hit him at that moment," he said.

The response to Zmak's art

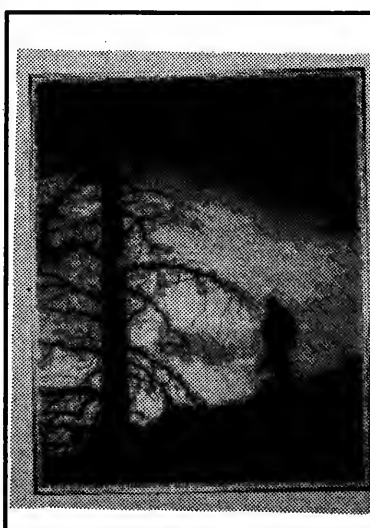
has been overwhelmingly positive. He has even been commissioned to do private works.

Zmak also does native folk art.

His work will continue to be displayed at the Croatia Club until fall 1994. The Club's manager, Vince Zlomislac, frequently displays the work of local and foreign artists.

"Zmak's paintings have received a number of compliments. The Club benefits by the beauty his work adds to ordinary bare walls and Zmak has the opportunity to display and sell his work," he said.

On the duration and range of his work, Zmak insists, "As long as there are thousands of refugees and the war continues, I can continue to paint hundreds of more pictures. There will always be a subject matter".



COUNTRY OF DESPAIR—*Son Come Home*, in the scarcity of the land and the silhouette of the young soldier, conveys a sense of defeat and loneliness.

"Demented" Pavement's Toronto gig dismal

by Kathryn Bailey

What is Pavement, but a flat, lustreless surface with the occasional bump or crack?

Pavement is a band that would defy this description in all instances but this one, because this is a review of the lustreless show they put on Friday night at The Palladium.

Audience expectations were high as the band took the stage for the first time in Toronto. Everyone was anticipating the brilliant, textured "out of control" energy found on the band's recent album, *Crooked Rain, Crooked Rain*, and even some of the erratic "out of this world" thrills of the first album, *Slanted & Enchanted*.

Instead, what the audience got was a somewhat spiritless journey through the band's repertoire — with major sound screw-ups.

"The soundman is fried," proclaimed singer/guitarist Stephen Malkmus who, along with the other band members, was motioning to the sound booth throughout the show.

Minus the soundman, Pavement have the potential to be a phenomenal live band.

With the daft stage antics of the percussionist who wears those glasses with the fake big eyes, Bob Nastanovich (Bobby N), and the understated, slightly mantacal vocals of Malkmus, Pavement come visually and vocally close to recreating the feel of their

recorded material.

Musically, Pavement's live sound lacks the precision and animation found on the albums, but definitely new drummer Stephen West kept the show moving — although he comes in the shadow of old drummer Gary Young, who apparently used to hand out vegetables during live shows.

Whether or not vegetables were passed out, the fans seemed to have a pretty good time — considering they waited more than two years to see Pavement since the release of *Slanted & Enchanted*.

There were moments — mostly during the old hits — when the entire audience bounced in unison, occasionally disrupted by a couple of

irritating crowd surfers.

A few overexcited fans also pulled a decorative palm tree out by the roots, much to the disappointment of The Palladium's staff.

Generally, however, the show wasn't as exciting as one would expect, coming from the bunch of demented college kid lookalikes which are Pavement.

They didn't even play the current single that everyone truly wanted to hear: *Cut Your Hair*.

Opening band Codeine did nothing to alter the definition of the word.

According to the Oxford Dictionary of Current English, codeine is a drug used to "relieve pain or induce sleep".

The band achieved a sluggish, gloomy atmosphere, with incredibly melancholy music and sparse vocals.

Pavement fans surprisingly seemed to enjoy this band — even though the music presented was the complete opposite of Pavement's.

The audience stood transfixed by the non-presence of the band, swaying back and forth during the set.

If anything, Codeine provided the perfect set-up for Pavement.

Pavement's theory must have been, "have Codeine drug all the audience members with sound, so that anything else is startlingly exciting — even if it's not the greatest we'll ever do".



Finally, it's *SPRING!*

The cold war is over in Canada!

After one of the worst winters in southern Ontario history, where temperatures reached a bone-chilling -25 C, (not including the wind-chill factor) Torontonians are

finally seeing the first signs of spring.

The buds are blooming, the birds are singing and people are starting to wear shorts.

Now if only those darn final exams would go away!



Shellee McGruthers

BEWARE OF THE PUDDLES! Bikers can finally ride without slipping on the ice or being buried in a snowbank.



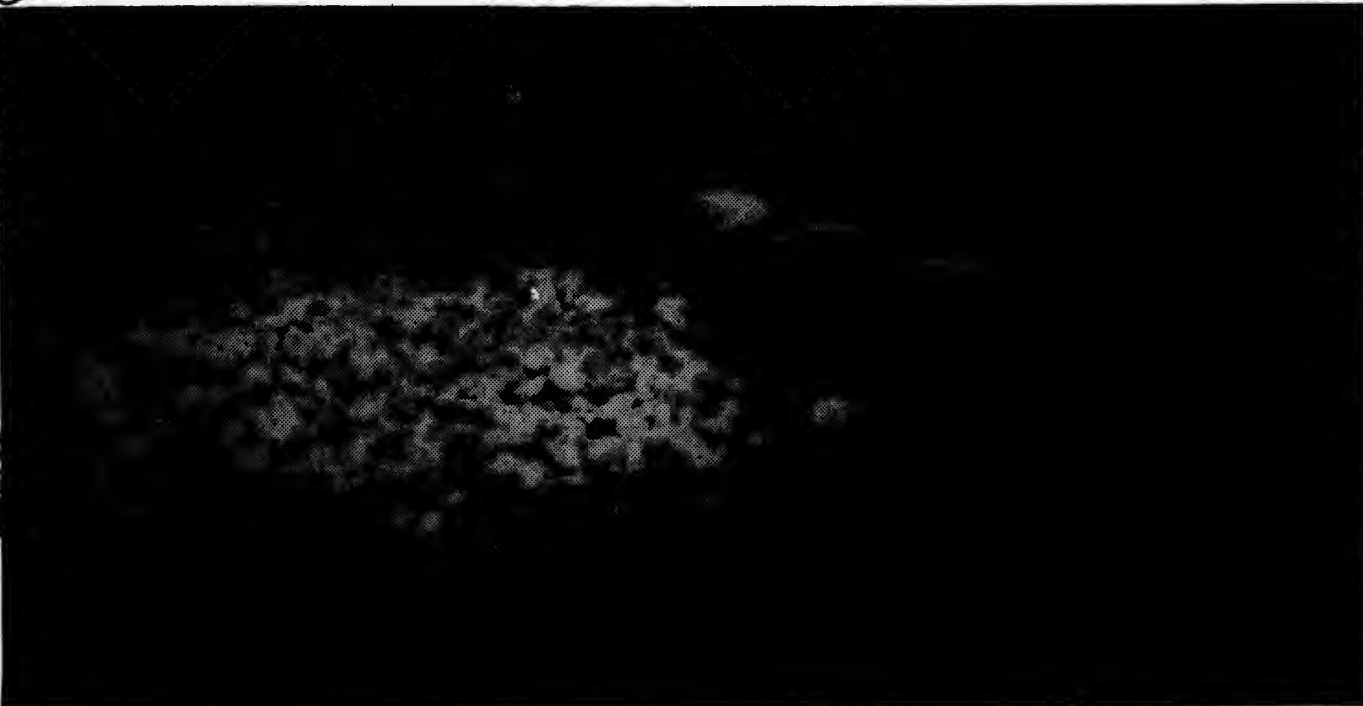
Yvette Czigi

A LITTLE GIRL CELEBRATES the last day of winter with an ice cream sandwich on Queen Street East.



Yvette Czigi

AT THE BEACHES, street vendors come out of hiding after a long, dreary winter



Marshall Lyons

THE BIRDS ARE A-SINGING, or waiting for that matter. Anyway, it's a beautiful thing when mother nature gives us something pleasant to look at.

Your SAC President candidates



ACE VENTURA

The early favorite to win the candidacy. His obnoxious demeanor and angelic laugh have held Humber audiences.

"Unlike the other candidates, at least I can admit I sleep with other animals," he said.

The Pet Detective says he will definitely take measures to protect the Arboretum and bring the equine program back to its past glory.

"I plan to not only raise the stock of animals at Humber, but changes will be made," he said. "Yessirree, there will be some changes."



MAD DOG BUTCHER

"Maggots away!!" declared Butcher during a campaign speech that got out of hand.

Suffering from paranoid schizophrenia, Butcher angrily unleashed a hail of bullets into the Humber. He thought it was his poetry teacher trying to collect some of Butcher's Shakespearian sonnets.

No one was hurt in the one-man shootout, but Butcher's actions raised questions about his mental condition.

"Listen you maggots. Do you want a strong leader or some candy-ass pansy running the helm?" he told reporters. "I'll show you what it takes to run SAC."

Butcher said his goals are to reinstate capital punishment in cases of overdue library books, illegal parking and necking in the halls.



NOT-SO-SLY MALONE

Once called the most intimidating beerball player this side of Orangeville, Malone has slowly gathered a strong following among Humber students.

However, his methods have been described as barbaric. Malone (seen here fighting with Mad Dog Butcher over the new photocopier in Rez) can best be described as an intimidating foe.

"Yoi," he explained in a newsletter.

The one-time enforcer for disgruntled SAC executives, Malone promises a speedy economic recovery.

"Just don't ask me about my business."



BLONDIE LATOUCHE

Blondie, a career student at Humber, is seeking the SAC presidency for a record 12th time. This time, however, Blondie will use a different strategy.

"Well, you know, I've always enjoyed the company of men, so I'll focus my attention on male voters!!!" she said at a press conference. "I find that the less I wear, the more attention I seem to get. So I've already started my campaign," she said between deep, heaving breaths.

"I call it 'The Blonde Exhibitionist Tour!'"

Seen here, Blondie leads a campaign rally on Highway 27.

She says if she is elected, she will expel any other attractive females from the school, and implement a Humber Sunshine Boy in every edition of the school newspaper.



BAD GUYS WATCH OUT!!! — To combat escalating crime, Humber College security unleashes its newest employee.

Humber security gets new guard

Humber College has beefed up security.

In an effort to combat the increase in violence and thefts in the North campus, security officials hired a new guard for night patrol.

"I think he comes from someplace called Gotham," said a security spokesman. "All I know is he's doing a damn fine job."

So far, the unidentified security officer has prevented dozens of auto thefts while arresting 20 would-be criminals.

It is believed an underground circuit of deranged thieves will be invading Humber College soon. Unidentified sources say the dastardly gang is headed by a large penguin

and some joker.

Commissioner (Robert) Gordon applauded the work of this caped crusader but had reservations about his technique.

"He never uses security vehicles and his dress code leaves a little to be desired!" Gordon said. "And at night, sometimes all he does is hang around."



THE HUMBER EDGE — The new lure for all graduating Humber students: a brand new car, a makeover and new wardrobe, gold watches for girls, .55 Magnums for boys, a lifetime supply of Alberto Mousse, and an all-expenses paid trip to Orangeville, home of the second largest McDonalds in Canada (right).

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Smokes are good

Scientists are now claiming that smoking cigarettes may in fact actually be good for your health.

According to a recent study by the Council On Understanding General Health (C.O.U.G.H.), tobacco contains a previously unknown agent that reduces cholesterol, increases muscle mass, and softens skin.

"What can we say?" asked C.O.U.G.H. President Nick O'Teen. "Maybe after all these years, we might be wrong

about that 'smoking being harmful to you' nonsense."

O'Teen said the study proved that nine out of 10 subjects showed improved all-around health after smoking six packs of cigarettes a day.

C.O.U.G.H. officials believe the one subject that did not show an improvement was fine — until her untimely death.

"This discovery will have great effects on the scientific community," O'Teen said.

The Surgeon General could not be reached for comment.

Hair today, gone tomorrow

New Humber club blasted by outsiders

Humber's newest student club is under fire.

The college chapter of the Hair Club for Men has been blasted by second-year basket-weaving student Arielle Dunphy for its "exclusionary, Gestapo-like membership."

"Apparently the days of the old boys' clubs are still alive and well at Humber College," said Dunphy.

The school chapter was founded by third-year ferret farming student Randy Bain. Its mandate is to provide balding Humber students with flowing, natural-looking replacement hair.

"There are many students here who are in various stages of balding," said Bain. "We are a self-contained community. We are not connected with any agency. We simply educate students about the best alternatives for hair replacement. We also offer peer support."

But Dunphy alleges, among other things, that the club is sexist.

"This club does not want women as members," she

said. "To ensure it stays that way, they make defamatory remarks — they generally treat you like shit if you show up."

Bain, though, said women "disrupt" meetings.

"Face it, a man do not want to open up and discuss his pattern baldness to the woman next to him," he said.

"Besides, bald women are never out of fashion," said Bain. "Look at Sinead O'Connor. Balding men are not so fortunate."

Ex-Hair Club for Men president Sy Sperling told *Humber etc...* in a phone interview that the firm is in no way connected to the Humber club of the same name.

He also refused to disclose the secret surgical method that gave Hair Club clients with male pattern baldness "natural, regenerative hair".

The process does not use creams, weaves or chemicals, transplants or miracles," said Sperling.

Sy Sperling is not only a former president of the Hair Club of Men, he is also a client.



Gordon peddles for power

Humber President applauded for effort

In the wake of service cut-backs by Ontario Hydro, Humber College President Robert Gordon has implemented an emergency plan to keep the school open.

"I'm peddling as fast as I can. If I go a bit faster I can get the Macintosh lab running again," said Gordon between heavy breaths.

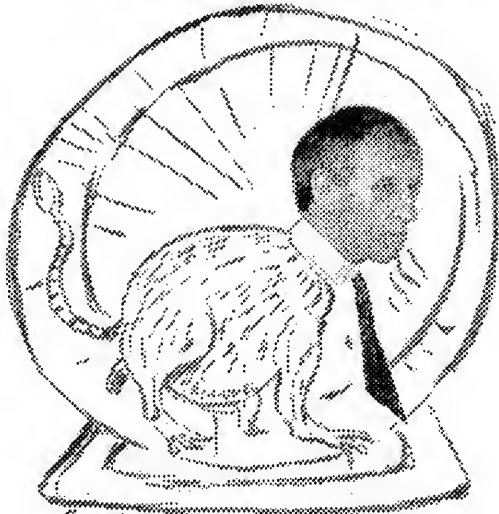
Gordon has spent the last 48 hours strapped to a stationary bike, peddling at speeds exceeding 20 km/h. in order to provide power to Humber's North Campus. Gordon says the daring plan was his only recourse when faced with the possibility of students being unable to finish the school year.

"We really had no choice if we wanted to avoid giving all those tuition refunds. Besides, we've already spent the money on our plan to replace the arboretum with a condominium complex for squirrels."

Despite reaching a tentative agreement with its biggest

union Monday, Ontario Hydro has had to reduce services in several areas throughout Metro Toronto.

Hydro spokesperson Charlie Watt says the utility had origi-



nally planned to return service to normal in most areas by the weekend, but Gordon's plan may affect that timetable.

"I was driving by one night when I saw the lights on at Humber," said Watt.

"President Gordon's plan has really impressed the big-wigs at Hydro. We're currently looking at powering all com-

munity colleges this way. This could be the wave of the future."

Watt says the giant utility has sent a team of consultants to run a battery of tests on Gordon to determine just how long he can maintain his current pace.

Gordon's plan has apparently received a favorable response from the school's student body.

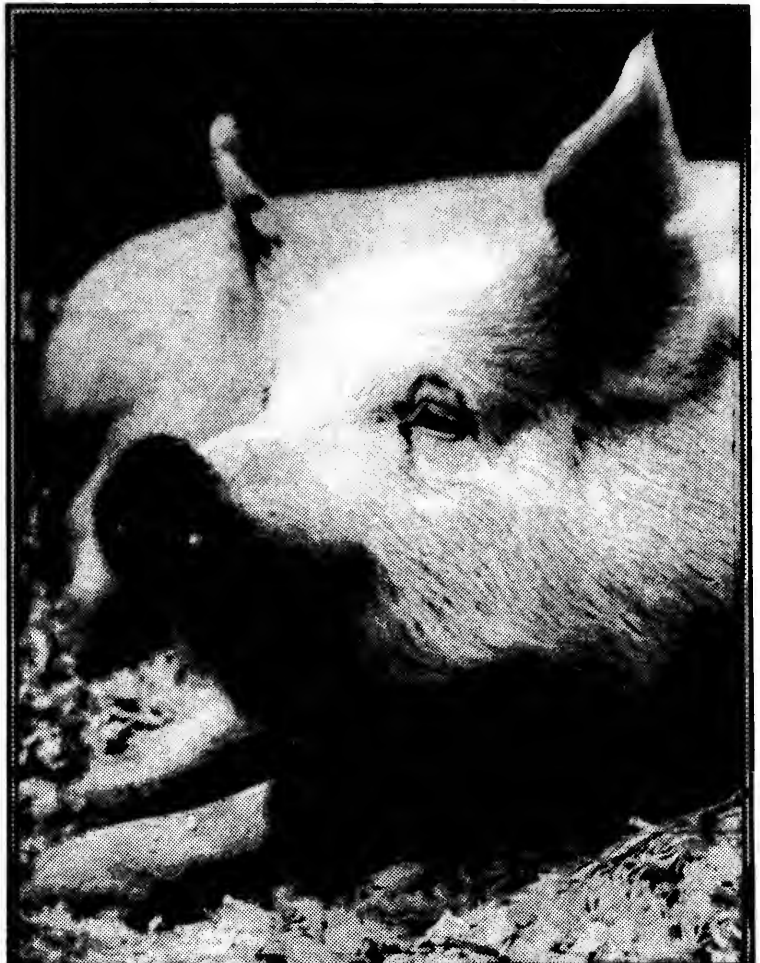
"He's the bravest man I know," said Humber student Valerie Vain.

"The Gordster rocks dude. Thanks to him I can still crank my tunes and watch videos all night," said sixth-year Funeral Services student Rigor Mortis.

Gordon says he received the inspiration for the emergency plan after a visit to a friend's home in Mississauga.

"I noticed my friend's son's gerbil running his little heart out on his wheel and I knew what I had to do," he said.

"Unfortunately I couldn't find enough gerbils, but I was already committed to the plan," he added.



OINK —Porky will take Humber students for a ride.

Pigs to plough through the equine centre

Porkers to replace horses as college struggles to save

by Lana Fleming

In a daring move by Humber administration, the soon-to-be-defunct Equine Centre will be transformed into a state-of-the-art porcine riding centre.

According to Humber etc... sources, the shift from horses to pigs is mainly economic. As one administrative insider put it, "Pigs just make more sense than horses."

The major problem with the Equine Centre has always been financial. Humber etc... has learned that school administrators have commissioned an extensive market research project, and the results have concluded that horses are not a fiscally sound investment.

Based on the present market, pigs are the animal of choice for such ventures.

By selling off the horses and filling the stalls with porkers, the college expects to be making money within five years of their original investment.

Liability insurance will immediately decrease. A horse's back is five to six feet from the ground, while a pig's back is only two to three feet high.

As well, pigs can only run about half as fast as a horse in a full gallop. A student falling from a pig is less like-

ly to face serious injury.

The report also looked at the cost of feeding the horse versus the pig. The horse is a herbivore, and because the college has no farm land all of the feed must be purchased from outside the school.

Contrarily, pigs, like humans, are omnivores, so like the students and staff will be fed directly from the school's cafeteria. This will not only save money, but will create jobs within the college.

Pigs, unlike horses, do very little grazing so only a minimum amount of paddock area will be required. The area presently designated for horse paddocks will be converted into much needed parking space.

The report also concluded that pigs are easier to groom, require less leather for tack, and do not require shoes. Not to mention the fact that there is always a feeling of safety and security with pigs around.

Instructors at the riding centre will be able to keep their positions, but must enrol in upgrading courses on pig care and training.

While the college administration expects to face some opposition due to the controversial nature of the change, they are determined to do what is best for the students and the facility.

NBA great to coach Hawks

Pat Riley is going back to school.

That's right! In a brief press conference held in the Student Centre last night, Riley, the coach of the National Basketball Association's (NBA) New York Knicks announced his plans to coach the Humber Hawks next season.

"I've always been a fan of the Hawks," the four-time NBA championship coach told about 100 gathered reporters and Humber College students. "When I found out they wanted my services, New York became a memory."

Riley, who said the social responsibilities of working next to Caps made his decision easier, is confident the Hawks will continue to be successful under his supervision.

"I'll bring in guys like (Patrick) Ewing and Magic down here to help the Hawks out in practice," he promised. "You thought the Lakers were good when I was there? That was nothing baby."

Riley will coach the Knicks for the remainder of the season and the playoffs and then focus on the Hawks. He says he sees no reason why the college will have trouble paying him his million dollar salary.

"Hey, they can always raise tuition," he laughs. "Winning doesn't come cheap."



SECOND TO NUN —Your new Studs contestants.

Breaking old habits

SAC seeks different Studs players

In an effort to clean up the image of the Studs game show, Students' Association Council (SAC) members reached for a higher authority for their search for wholesome contestants.

"We've decided to go outside the college for contestants for the dating game," said a SAC official who wished to remain anonymous.

Humber etc... has learned that faxes were sent to various church groups in a holy effort to polish the tarnished image of the SAC game taken from the popular TV game of the same name.

Unofficial reports state that

members of the clergy have joined SAC to ensure no immoral or sexual comments are made in any SAC function. At least 10 nuns and 10 ministers will participate in the upcoming event.

A spokesman for the church said contestants will be quizzed on Bible passages and episodes of Little House on the Prairie. "We want to be active participants in ways to clean up our schools," he said.

"Before, it was believed only morons and Bob Saget fans watched the show," said another SAC member. "Now we have the clergy's uncanny sense of humor on our side."

courtesy photo

Afterthoughts

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ELVIS PRESLEY'S SWEAT, CLOTHES AND USED CHICKEN BONES UP FOR AUCTION

SkyDome, 11 p.m.
 Ticket info: 1-416-SUCKERS

TIN FOIL HELMUT SUMMIT

Humber North campus

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YODELLING CONTEST

1:30-2:30 p.m. Humber Arboretum (follow the yokels)

MOVIEFEST IN CAPS

1 p.m. — Rambo 57: another frigging war
 3 p.m. — Die Hard 27: died even harder than 26
 5:30 p.m. — Star Trek 69: Kirk gets V.D.

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BATTLE OF THE SECOND RATE BANDS

Silly Moose Turds, The Raving Aunt Esters, Purple Poupon, Scum Flavoured Gum and Morrissey at the Ravioli — Bloor W. and York St. 7 p.m.
 Tickets \$15 (proceeds go to crooked charity)

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ADMIT ONE FREE!

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SYMPOSIUM ON URINATION

Niagara Falls, Ont.
 Sponsored by Gushing Springs Sparkling Water

WICKED POETRY READER

Featuring "Meanest" poet in the world Roger Spitonu with award winning collection:
 "I'll send you to Markham if you don't shut up."

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CORONER'S BEEF AND PORK SALE

Quiet and discreet, no questions asked
 Behind the large hill out back, bring your own container

INVITATIONAL LAP DANCING

Free food, drinks and medical care
 Bring a friend

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END OF THE WORLD

5:16:03 p.m.
 All assignments due
 School closed tomorrow

SAC EVENING PICNIC

6 p.m.
 School closed tomorrow

From the other wire

Watching the watchers

(Humber wire) — A recent poll on polls revealed some startling evidence. According to the poll, seven out of every 10 people surveyed dislike answering polls. One out of 10 hates answering polls while two rather enjoy polls.

Furthermore, it was found the vast majority like answering questions when asked by a person on a street corner, while only 15 per cent dislike polls sent through the mail.

It was interesting to note people enjoyed phone-in polls as opposed to pollsters phoning them. The situation became noticeably aggravated when it was an automated phoning pollster, rather than a real person.

The poll concluded it should not have taken a poll in the first place. Incidentally, the poll was conducted by an automated, phone pollster, the least favored polling method.

WHO did what?

(Humber wire) — In a remarkable turn of events, the World Health Organization (WHO) has released a statement indicating that no foods of any kind promote high-cholesterol, obesity, or ill-health.

Spokesperson Shecky Thudbugger said, "We're very sorry, we mixed up the results of food health test with test concerning prolonged exposure to polyester. I mean, we all eat like pigs. Why would we do that if it was bad for us?"

Thudbugger said WHO does expect certain countries to voice concerns about the development, but said "countries should be very angry. It's not like we blew up the Golden Gate Bridge."

Thudbugger said the main concern now is the massive polyester epidemic several nations face.

"Can't we talk about anything other than food?" Thudbugger exclaimed.

Family found in Woodbine pothole

(Humber wire) — A family of four was found living comfortably in a pothole in the Woodbine parking lot, sources said Wednesday.

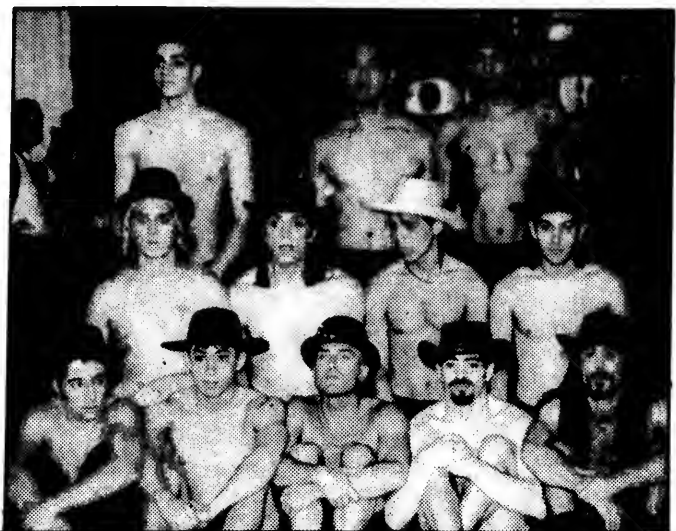
But parking security put swift end to the party when it evicted the Shembleck family from Humber property.

The father, simply known as the Fishin' Musician told Humber etc... the pothole was larger and cheaper than his family's Parkdale apartment.

"Dagnabbit! Who are them people to tell us where we can or can't live?" he asked a packed Pipe. "I swear, we've been through hell and back and we deserve to live in the asphalt abode."

A spokesperson from the parking department said the situation was under control.

"I'll have no one living in my holes!!!" the spokesperson said.



Andrew James

Hats off to the Mad Hatter for its funky headgear.

Fashion for the '90s man

by Lee Flores

Whoever said fashion was strictly for women obviously missed last Wednesday's fashion show at the Opera House in downtown Toronto.

Promoted as Uomo Men's Erotica Show, the one-and-a-half-hour production showcased some of the city's most talented and innovative designers of men's clothing and accessories. All proceeds were donated to the Canadian Foundation for AIDS Research (CANFAR).

Each new season brings with it a turnover in the hottest trends and Spring '94 is no exception. This year the show introduced a '90s version of the medieval knight's attire.

Designer label Damsels in Distress centred their line around chain-link shirts in soft shimmering fabrics, as well as crisp white frock shirts to go with velvet pantaloons.

Brenda Bedome of B. Scene Fashions updated the cowboy

image, creating a modern-day rustler in a body-hugging collarless shirt and slim fit pants. But you won't find any 10-gallon hats in this collection.

Expect the unexpected from Hoax Couture. They chose bold black and red blazers, jester vests and ruffled shirts for this season.

Orville Ellis aimed for a "draping mood". His sophisticated ensembles are made up of business suits that have flowing lines and give new meaning to the three-piece suit. Imagine a modern Bay Street shark in a collarless blazer, a long untucked shirt with a shorter length vest.

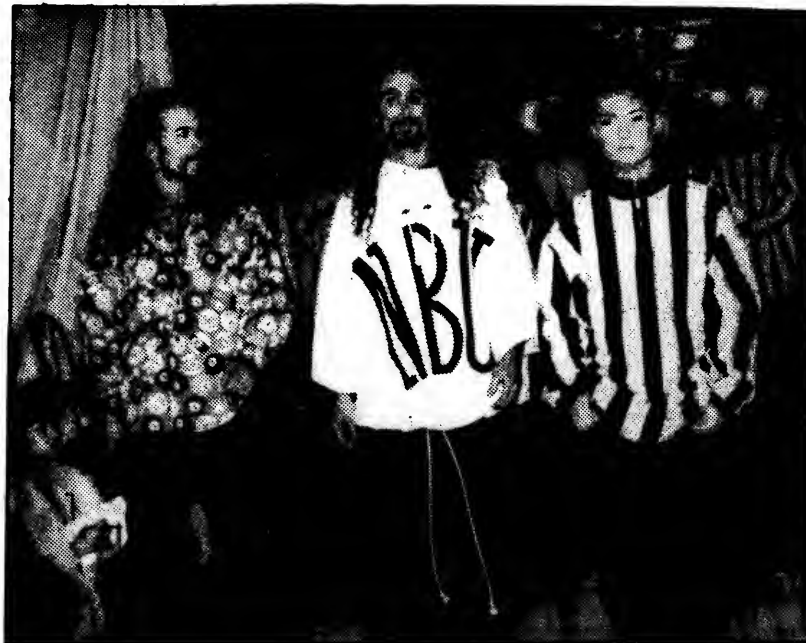
And for the adventurous male, Fred Kegan of Chained Male can dress you in exactly what his design name says —'nough said?

The '90s seem to be the decade where, with respect to fashion at least, looking back is taking us into the future. Sir Lancelot, Shakespeare, Billy the Kid and Fonzie never had it so good.



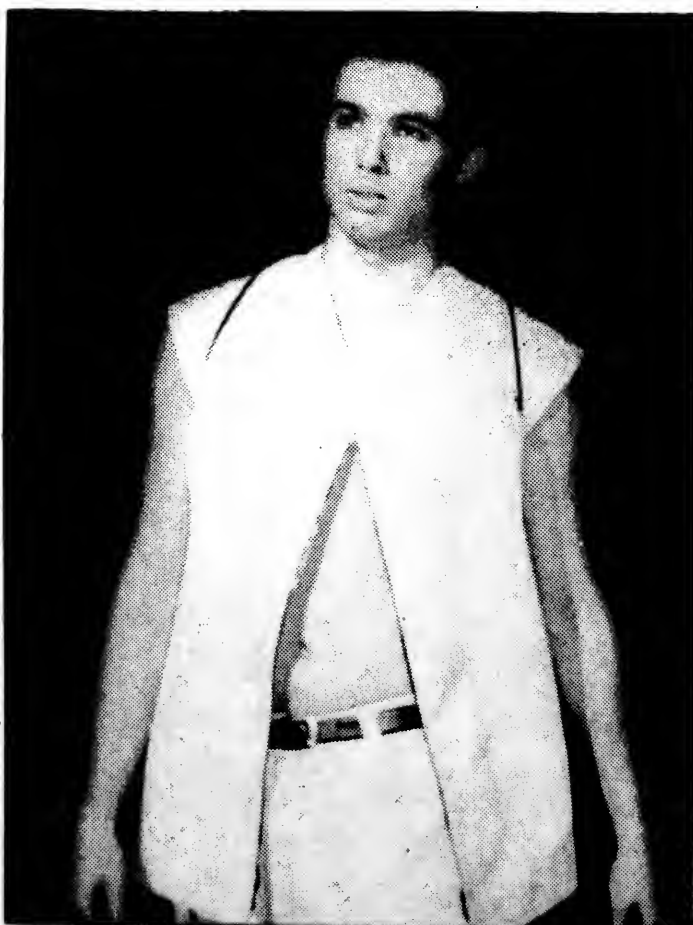
Andrew James

No doubt the angel Gabriel is singing sweet praises of Papillion Blanc. Underwear for men of the '90s goes beyond Fruit of the Loom.



Andrew James

Naturally Black Couture shows it's casually fashionable "hoodies" and hip-hop groovy shirts.



Andrew James

Naturally Black Couture demonstrates its innovative versatility.

Designers wow audience—naturally

by Lee Flores

The philosophy created by Canadian designers Norman Brackett and Hugh Rookwood, is "We are style, we are beauty — naturally."

Together, as Naturally Black Couture, they overstep the boundaries of today's fashion trends.

"We're not just different," says Brackett. "We're DEE-ferant... that's our phrase."

Brackett, 22, and Rookwood, 21, both from Scarborough, joined forces as a design team last June. They began their own line of clothing because they were dissatisfied with what other designers kept producing.

"I never liked the stuff I saw, all I could do was criticize," said

Brackett. "So people would go, 'can you do better, can you do better?' So I thought, hmmm, let me try my hand at it."

While Naturally Black Couture is comprised of men's and women's designs, it's the men's line that is represented at various fashion shows, such as the one at the Opera House last week.

"There are no clothes for men," Brackett said. "That's not fair because every time I go into a store, there are all these clothes for women but no clothes for men."

At the moment Naturally Black Couture has produced outfits men can wear to the office, an elegant evening dinner or the latest night club. The most prominent pieces in the collection include "hoodies"

(oversized hooded sweat-shirts), stylish baggy jeans, flowing silk suits and distinguished looking pyjamas, robes and boxers.

One decidedly striking ensemble is a culturally inspired satin shirt and matching short set that boasts the flag of Nigeria or Trinidad and Tobago, Jamaica or other West Indian countries.

"Culture inspires us," says Rookwood. He added that he and Brackett "like to be worldly with everything", which is why they take offence to being labelled as mere "black designers."

He explains they call their company Naturally Black Couture, not because they are black, but because they want to take the negative association with the color and turn it into something positive.

Sugar Hill sure ain't all sugar and spice

by Kent Moore

When a good film comes along and goes unnoticed at the box office, smothered by those completely commercial films, there seems to be no justice.

Sugar Hill is one of these under-rated films.

A surprisingly effective and powerful film, *Sugar Hill* tells the story of Romello (Wesley Snipes) and Raynathan (Michael Wright) Scuggs, two brothers who run a lucrative heroin cartel in Harlem.

The film's title is taken from a legendary neighbourhood in Harlem during the '50s.

Romello and his older brother Raynathan were cast into this lifestyle from birth — both their father and late mother were heroin junkies. Romello meets a young actress

(Theresa Randle), who makes him see the horror of what his life represents.

Romello decides he wants "out," and wants to turn over the business to Raynathan, but it's not as easy as he would hope it to be.

Snipes (*Rising Sun*, *New Jack City*) has built a reputation for handling a diverse repertoire of roles well. His performance as Romello is no exception. In perhaps his most understated performance, Snipes gives a soul to an otherwise tortured and bleeding shell. There are times in this film where Romello explodes so unexpectedly that the audience is taken aback.

Michael Wright (*Five Heartbeats*) keeps his performance of Raynathan subdued until the half-mark of the film, when you begin to see what this fascinating character really is about. Wright shows emotions very effectively, as Raynathan realizes that he can't leave, like his brother.

"You've forgotten Romy, it's about territory, nothin' else," a struggling Raynathan tells his brother.

But the one supporting standout performance in this film belongs to veteran actor Clarence Williams III (*The Mod Squad*), who plays the brother's burnt-out father,

Arthur Romello.

He gives the most realistic portrayal of a junkie in many years, and the first Oscar-worthy performance of the year so far. Watching him tell Raynathan about going to church, while preparing heroin for shooting is absolutely absorbing.

Frightening, in fact.

However, there are scenes in *Sugar Hill* which could have been avoided, as the film tends to drag in places.

Another strong factor is the intelligent dialogue. Barry Michael Cooper writes with a street-level knowledge that makes his characters very human and not stereotypical or paper-thin.

Leon Ichaso (*Broken Lives*) directs with a calm and brooding hand, giving the film an effective street feel to it, while also adding a dark glamour to its atmosphere.

The worst thing about *Sugar Hill* is not the film, but the ad campaign.

The trailer and posters for the film make it look like just another *New Jack City* (a pathetic film, except for Snipes) or another gang war/drug movie. No!

Sugar Hill is an important film with an absorbing story about family, loyalty, and the search for fulfilment.

This
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SAC

Thursday
Mar. 31 **Karaoke**

➔➔➔➔➔ In the Student Centre From 11 AM to 3PM

THIS WEEK IN



AIN'T NO BISTRO!

TONIGHT IN CAPS

Hair Cut Pub

Most Outrageous Hair Cut Wins \$100
Free Before 9:00PM • Proper I.D. Required
Students \$2 • Guests \$4

Tuesday April 5

Comedy Night

In Caps • Starring A.J. Jamall • At 9:00PM

Movie Presentation

In Caps at 10AM

Wednesday April 6

Jazz Night in CAPS

At 7:00PM

STUDENT TAX SERVICES

Available every Monday and Tuesday
Between 10am & 3pm In the Bookstore concourse until April 29th.
ANOTHER ACT OF SAC

Studs

SAC will be holding a "STUDS" show in the student centre in the upcoming week. At this time we are looking for serious contestants for the show. If you are interested and serious in going on the required blind dates free of charge, please fill out the following form and return it to the SAC office (KX105) by Friday, March 25 at 4:30pm. Two men and three women will be selected to go on the dates. If more than 2 men or 3 women apply, a draw will be held to select the contestants.

Name: _____ Student #: _____

Phone #: _____ Age: _____ Sex: _____

**Council of Student Affairs
Annual General Meeting**

Friday April 29, 1994

North SAC Conference Room

12 Noon

All Full-Time Students Have Voting Priviledges



STRAIGHT OUTTA SUGAR —Photogenic Wesley Snipes is a hard man of the 'hood in *Sugar Hill*.

courtesy photo

'Shine man' finds friendly street for his trade

by Andrea Maxwell

It all started with some borrowed change, a trip to the dollar store for some shoe polish, a rag and a brush and a desire to put in an honest day's work.

Casey Jones, or "The Shine Man" as he's better known, had a revelation one day after becoming fed up with pan-handling on the streets of Toronto last summer.

"I sat on the corner of Yonge and Bloor and watched the people's feet walk by. About 90 per cent of them looked all dressed up in (expensive) suits, but their shoes were all dirty and scuffed up. I thought I'll have to try and shine some shoes. It's paid off."

It certainly has. The Shine Man has secured his own place of business on the door step of an empty store front just below Yonge and College streets. His day starts as early as eight or nine in the morning. Between then and eight in the evening, 40-year-old Jones services 15-20 regular customers in addi-

tion to several other passers-by.

On a regular day he takes in about \$60 - \$70, but a good day could mean up to \$140 in his pocket.

Although his service charge is set at a mere 25 cents, he says most people give about \$2. "The odd time (I get) \$5...or \$10." Only about one out of every ten people pay the advertised fee, he says.

"Before I started doing this I was standing around pan-handling for spare change. I didn't feel right about it."

The Shine Man's regulars appreciate the effort he's making at earning a living for himself.

"One of my customers saw my picture in the paper. He found (a metal shoe shine stool) in the garbage. He brought it down and gave it to me." Prior to that he was using an old milk crate as a stool.

Although Jones is originally from Toronto, he says he's been across Canada about 12 times. "I lived in Manitoba for about three or four years. I lived in Vancouver for six years." He also spent four-and-a-half years in the army cadets after leaving home at the age of 15.

"I'm kind of a traveller," he says.

He came back to Toronto after being told his father was ill. He is one of six brothers and sisters who grew up in the city of York near Yorkdale Shopping Centre. His father is an alcoholic.

"This August he'll be 66 and he still drinks," says Jones.

He was married for six years at one time and although he doesn't have a family of his own now, his job provided him with the opportunity to meet a special someone.



Andrea Maxwell



Andrea Maxwell

CASEY JONES — the 'shine man' can be found earning his livelihood outdoors by the doorsteps of an empty storefront located on the corner of Yonge and College.

LOVE AT FIRST POLISH? — "She came over to me and talked to me and ever since then we hit it off," says Casey, who has been going out with Sally Choo for three months.

Sally Choo, 33, has been his girlfriend for the last three months.

"I'd be sitting on the bench. She'd walk past me all the time...she'd smile at me, I'd smile at her. But she had a boyfriend at the time."

One night he was working at his night spot in front of the A&W on Yonge St. "She came over to me and talked to me

and ever since then we hit it off."

Currently, The Shine Man has two goals set ahead of him. The first is a surprise for his girlfriend's birthday next month.

"I'm gonna get all cleaned up, get my hair trimmed and everything. I don't have a suit so I'm going to rent a tuxedo and show up at her birthday

party and surprise her."

The second goal is set a little further into the future.

"I've got myself a room now." He was staying in a Toronto men's hostel for a while. "I want to find a good, steady job that pays. Eventually, I want to try and buy a house. Right now I'm just taking life one day at a time."

Crazy and whacky convention of inventions

by Donna Weidenfelder

Have you ever heard of a shock absorbent shirt? Are you tired of fighting with milk bags? Do you hate shovelling your driveway? Or maybe you are tired of wasting your cigarettes because you don't have time to smoke the whole thing?

We've all seen new gadgets and said to ourselves, "Why didn't I think of that?"

Last Sunday the Brigantine Room of the York Quay Centre was host to Harbourfront Centre's Inventors' Fair. The room was full of people who have taken simple ideas and created new and sometimes unique products.

James Croteau, inventor of the Armordillo shock absorbing shirt, stood in front of his display booth wearing a sports

jersey. His business partner stood behind him and slammed a two-by-four into his back. Croteau remained standing.

Croteau said he played hockey all his life and suffered from a perforated disc while playing junior hockey.

He says the idea for the Armordillo sports shirt came to him because he "got hit once too often."

The shirt provides impact protection padding made of a medium density shock absorbent material. It conforms to the shape of the back and is thick enough to absorb the impact of most hockey blows, Croteau said.

Tom Dilworth, inventor of the Spike depackager, said he came up with the idea for his

product because he got tired of watching his kids fight with a bag of milk.

His product is a beverage container with a spike in the bottom of it. The purpose of the spike is to penetrate the bag of milk from the bottom

"The mountains an inventor has to climb are as high as Mt. Everest when it comes to getting an idea to the market"

and easily remove the bag once the milk has drained out of it.

Another invention is the New Car Plow. This product is made of a heavy plastic that attaches to the back of the

car. As you back out of your driveway, you plow its surface.

Other inventions on display were battery-operated robotic spiders, solar-powered metal bugs, a nap sack that turns into a tent, Christmas cards that can be used as ornaments and self-adhesive lamp shades you can decorate with any material you choose.

The next time you buy yourself a coffee you may not need to buy a muffin to go with it. The inventor of the edible coffee cup was not willing to give up his secret recipe, but did say he could manufacture 4,000 of the look-a-like styro-foam cups in four seconds.

Oh yes, and then there is the Snuffer.

Sixty-year-old Wayne Zinger

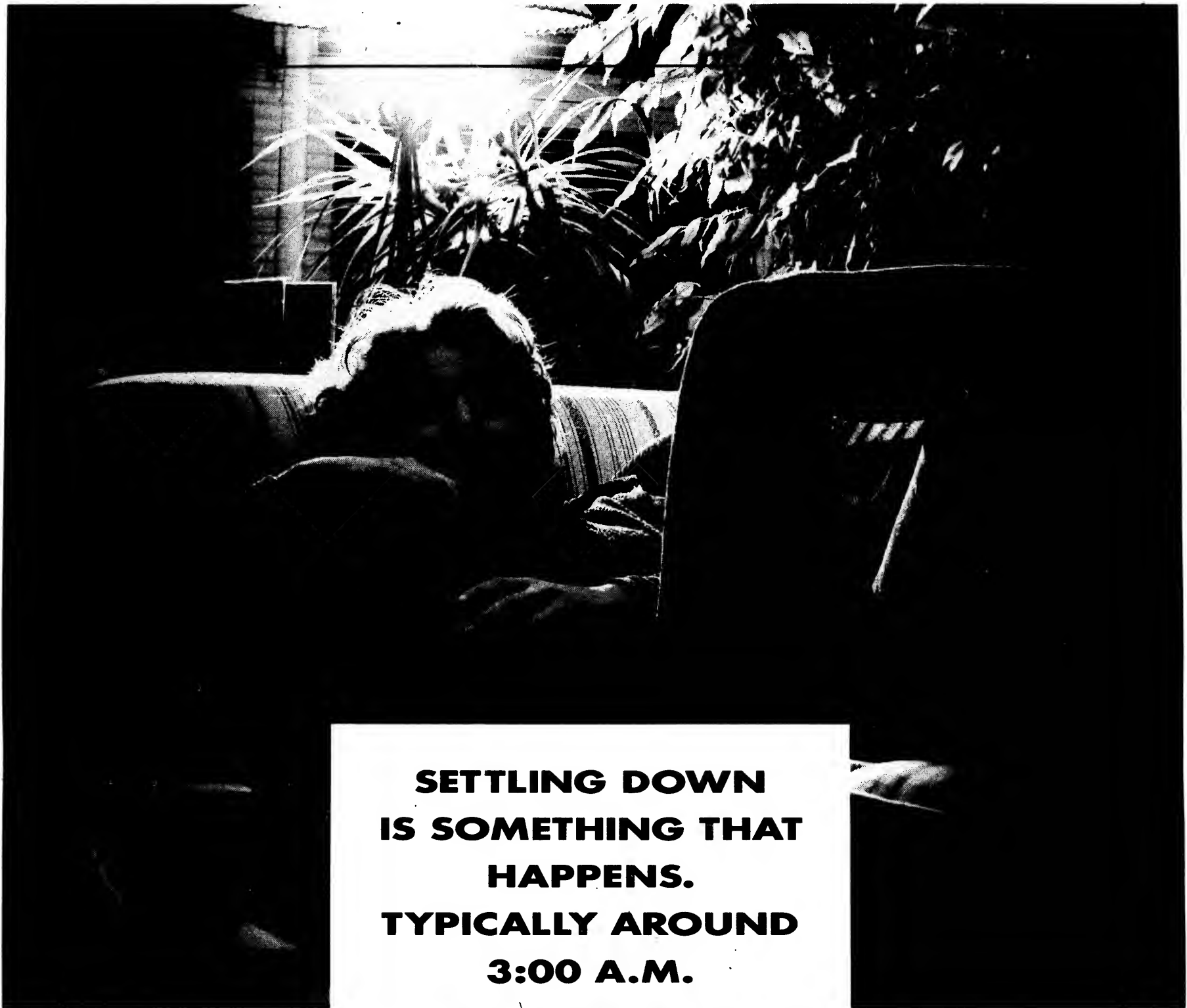
says he has smoked his whole life and has come up with a way of cutting the cost of cigarettes.

He has invented a "peggable cigarette preservation system." The Snuffer is pen-like and allows smokers to "snuff" their cigarettes if they don't have time to smoke the whole thing.

Zinger says the Snuffer keeps the cigarette fresh for relighting because the "oxygen cannot carbonate the ash."

"The mountains an inventor has to climb are as high as Mt. Everest when it comes to getting an idea to the market," said Zinger.

However, he hopes his invention will become as popular as the ball point pen his cousin Clarence invented in 1947.



**SETTLING DOWN
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EARN IT. SPEND IT. ENJOY IT.

Don't expect to be home early driving a new Volkswagen Golf. The optional 10-year/160,000 km powertrain warranty and starting price of \$12,295* will give you other ideas. With its MacPherson strut independent front suspension, you'll want to take the long

way, the highway, and perhaps a road with lots of sharp curves. But make sure there's a passing lane so you can fully appreciate the low-end torque of the motronic-tuned engine and track-correcting rear axle. Maybe you shouldn't go home. Go visit friends in another

province. And when you finally park yourself in bed just as the sun's coming up, the anti-theft alarm system will ensure that your Golf gets a good day's sleep. Actually, it only settles down because you have to. Or do you?

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Price is based on MSRP for 2-door CL model with a 1.8 litre engine and 5-speed manual transmission. Options, freight, dealer prep and taxes extra. Dealer may sell for less. GTI model shown priced at \$16,795.

New asthma stats breathtaking

by Monica Bujtor

A dramatic increase in cases of asthma this year has heightened a need for Canadians to understand the condition.

Almost 10 Canadians are killed every week by asthma. What is truly surprising is the fact almost 20 Canadians are getting the illness every week from a prolonged flu bug.

Asthma is a condition in which the airways, or breathing tubes leading to the lungs become narrowed. When this occurs breathing becomes more difficult, and wheezing or coughing occurs.

Traditionally asthma was thought to be predominantly inherited and found in young children. It was also believed asthma was usually outgrown by adulthood, unless it was a severe case which developed into chronic asthma.

Asthma is now looked at differently. Modern asthma now takes many forms that doctors want people to be aware of.

Dr. John Felix, a family doctor in Toronto, said over the past years he has had many patients who have contracted the condition but thought it was just "an unkickable cough".

"The most common form of asthma today is through a

common cold," said Dr. Felix.

"The flu virus, if not completely cleared up, can lead to a respiratory infection that in many cases is a mild or treatable asthma."

But even if it is treatable, it can take up to six months on a waiting list to see a respiratory specialist and up to three years of medicine to clear up.

Dr. S. E. Lilker, one of Toronto's finest respiratory specialists, said there definitely is an increase in asthma patients.

"The most devastating part of being an asthma victim," said Dr. Lilker, "is the symptoms it places on each individual."

Symptoms range from discomfort and tightness of the chest to drowsiness, irritability, depression, and difficulty in breathing accompanied by wheezing. Another characteristic symptom is coughing, which can produce an asthma attack. The cough can either be loose with a great production of phlegm, commonly mistaken as a cold, or a dry cough that feels tight on the bronchial tubes.

Dr. Lilker explained while an increase in asthma from a prolonged cold is common now, the increase may also be linked to the number of viruses people are exposed to.

"The truth is that we are faced with more problems than just hard to kick viruses," said Dr. Lilker. "In fact natural elements like chemicals in the air, from both industries and household products including dust, cigarette smoke and even pollens from trees and plants can contribute to asthma."

He continued, saying the current state of the environment not only poses a serious threat to all people in general, it is especially hard on asthmatics.

"The environment is in shambles and in turn it not only causes many people to have problems getting rid of viruses but causes many asthmatics to face tougher symptoms."

Certain drugs, foods, allergies, and forms of exercise can also trigger asthma symptoms.

Drugs for treating asthma are available, but at a high price.

Bronchodilators that are used to aid inhalation are available as either a regular maintenance drug, which means it is taken at certain intervals, or as a symptom reliever when an attack occurs. Bronchodilators are also available in capsules and tablets which are taken under strict time intervals and under constant supervision by a physician.

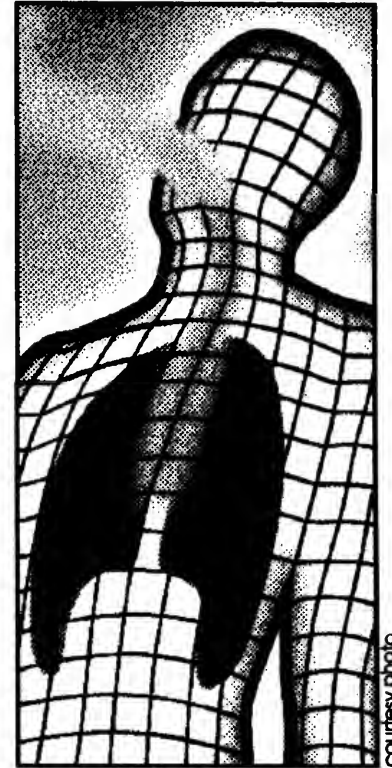
While there is also a variety of additional medications that can be taken under short-term and long-term periods, all the medications have certain side effects and can sometimes cause more irritation to a victim.

The best advice for asthma patients is to keep up with medication and to be aware of what triggers the problem. This knowledge can sometimes provide relief and perhaps even cure the asthma.

Dr. Lilker advises to always be aware of your symptoms.

If you are experiencing one of the following symptoms, get it checked immediately - 1) Pain or discomfort in the chest from a cold-produced cough, 2) A prolonged symptom that resembles an allergy or lung infection.

The earlier symptoms are detected the more chance there is for help.



Information is available on asthma.

ECE program gets a boost

by Monica Bujtor

A North York social service agency that has been used as a field placement centre for several years, is giving Humber's Early Childhood Education (ECE) students a stronger ground on emotional, behavioral problems in children with special needs.

Adventure Place is a child and family assessment and treatment centre that caters to special needs in social, emotional, behavioral, developmental or learning areas. It also offers services to families with children who have special needs.

Clara Will, founder and executive Director, established Adventure Place in 1972 when she realized it was important to help children as early as possible. She felt school-based programs were ineffective in this task.

Since the inception of the program Will has developed a continuous service of day treatment, early intervention as well as primary prevention, education and integration. Humber's ECE program has been using Adventure Place as a field placement since the late '70s. Over time, students and teachers have learned to communicate and work together to gain a clearer understanding of the importance of working with children in this program.

Adventure Place is divided into two sections. One deals with outreach in the community, including families and day-care centers. The other section is the school itself. This consists of classes with students and a teacher/therapist

who work together. The two-year ECE diploma allows Humber students to work as early childhood educators in the classroom area, with a teacher/therapist and the students.

Patricia Chalmers, ECE coordinator and field placement coordinator said, "It is here that the (ECE) students not only get the hands-on experience but they see strong models in both emotional and behavioral cases."

The ECE diploma students get one-day-a-week placement during the first year and two days a week placement during the second year for both semesters. Once they graduate they can work in a daycare or pre-school facility.

Leah Marks is a resource teacher/therapist at Adventure Place who graduated from the first Advanced Studies class four years ago. Field placement at Adventure Place helped her gain the skills needed for a permanent position at Adventure Place.

Marks divides her class into groups, with each group containing children with different needs. These children also serve as models for other children in the groups.

"The age range is between 3.8 to 7.2," said Marks. "But each child has different problems in the groups to give better learning models."

Adriana Passarelli has chosen a placement with the outreach program, working with Esther Caplan, who is the program's field supervisor. Passarelli has the opportunity to actually go out into the community and help with similar problems that children may have. She is assigned her own cases and, with supervision, is able to help families, daycare centres, or schools deal with the children's needs.

"I really enjoy going out and dealing with different problems and needs," said Passarelli. "That's the best part about his program, you can not only learn more but have the chance to take different angles with the skills we've learned ... I enjoy working outside in the community while Leah (Marks) likes to work within the school ... that's what's so special."

In the program's mandate, each graduate must qualify under the Ministry of Community and Social Services and the Day Nursery Act to be a resource teacher or consultant.

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Cancer patients' battle continues

by Eden Boleau

A beautiful flower has become the newest symbol for the fight against a terrible disease.

Daffodils will be seen all over Canada in April marking National Cancer Month.

The Canadian Cancer Society kicked off this year's campaign on Friday, March 25. Thousands of volunteers will be selling the flowers and pins by canvassing door-to-door to raise money for cancer research and treatment.

Jan Walker, the coordinator of the program for the Etobicoke unit, said the Cancer Society is very volunteer driven.

"Without the volunteers we would cease to exist," she said.

In Etobicoke alone, there are 2,700 volunteers participating in the month's campaign. Walker said they hope to raise \$62,600 just from the sale of daffodils in Etobicoke.

She said last year's goal was not quite met. "We were a bit down. We used to raise more through pre-sales to schools and businesses but not now with the

economy the way it is."

The goal for the month, for all of Ontario, is \$23 million. The money raised by the society is divided among different areas of need. Forty-seven per cent is given to research. Twenty-two per cent goes to patient services.

The society also provides patients and their families with emotional and financial support. They help with things like drug and transportation costs and child care. They also offer one-on-one visitations to women with breast cancer by survivors and they match people with the same cancers so they can relate and offer each other support.

Health promotion receives 18 per cent of the funds. This includes educating people about the prevention, detection and treatment of cancer.

Seven per cent goes to fundraising and six per cent to administration.

In 1993, 59,700 Canadians died of cancer. This figure proves the need for donations is real. However, there is hope. Donations are working, according

to Carol Jamieson in the communications department of the society's Ontario office.

As an example she cited reductions in the number of children stricken with cancer.

"There has been a drastic change in the number of kids who get and die from cancer because of improved research and treatment."



SPARE CHANGE SAVES LIVES — one of 2,700 dedicated volunteers hands out daffodils to fund the fight.

More sex please

by Yvette Czigli

Orgasms, premature ejaculation, sexually transmitted disease, and the G-spot were among the topics discussed by Sue Johanson during her visit to Caps on Thursday.

"There is still so much we have to learn about sex," Johanson said in her opening remarks.

Johanson explained the difficulty parents have with talking to their children about sex calling it "too personal" and "private". Most parents will lecture, preach or moralize said Johanson, but few will offer open, honest dialogue.

The bold and humorous Johanson hosts the Toronto renowned radio show "Sunday Night Sex With Sue". Johanson can be heard Sunday nights between 8 and 10 p.m. on AM 640 answering questions about sex and not much else.

Johanson said the lack of information students receive about sex is both the fault of the parents and the education system. She said what high school students are taught is the "plumbing of sex — the anatomy and physiology".

"Remember back in Grade nine sex education class, you received a ditto of the female and male reproductive systems and you had to label all the parts?" asked Johanson. "Then when you had your first sexual experience you were shocked — what you saw didn't look anything like the ditto you were given. How many of you knew what an erect penis looked like? And then when you saw it you thought, 'get that thing away from me'."

Johanson also discussed the severity of sexually transmitted diseases and warned people to protect themselves.

"One disease that scares the hell out of me is chlamydia," said Johanson. "Chlamydia can sterilize both men and women because of the scar tissue that forms in the fallopian tubes and the vaas."

Encouraging students to practice safe sex, Johanson also demonstrated how to put on a condom and introduced the new female condom — still not available in Canada — to the audience.

Johanson praised the practice of masturbation saying it is natural and necessary for individuals to learn about sexual orgasm.

"If a woman has never looked at or touched herself she is fooling herself if she thinks that some guy will know how to bring her to multiple orgasm," said Johanson. "Females are responsible to learn what pleasures them and bring themselves to orgasm."

In closing, Johanson encouraged students to use the health services available to them and to get protection.

"It is really important to learn about yourself and not be afraid to ask questions," she said.

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Holistic medicine becoming popular

by Eden Bolleau

Last Saturday holistic health was the theme as the Consumer Health Organization Of Canada held its 17th annual convention and trade show at the Metro Convention Centre.

Libby Gardon, president of the organization said the natural approach to medicine is more popular than ever before.

"The field is expanding widely, there are so many new products available now," she said.

Over 100 exhibitors participated this year. The booths displayed vitamins, tonics, powders, juices, oils, creams and cosmetics; all derived from nature.

Pirri's House of Vitamins gave away samples of vitamins and tonics at their booth. "The response has been incredible, the action has just been enormous," said Frank Pirri.

At the Sprout Master booth, serious health consumers could purchase the

Freshlife Automatic Sprouter which grows and continually waters fresh sprouts of any kind. Sales Manager Bill Hughes said people really liked the product which sells for \$99.95.

"It's been great. We've sold about 20 so far," he said.

One booth offered aura photographs for interested people. For ten dollars you could get a picture of yourself with your aura showing, in whatever color yours may be, around you. For five extra dollars, you could have your aura analyzed and explained to you.

Gardon said the organization's mandate is to teach people to take responsibility for themselves and their health. Holistic health care is aimed at replacing many conventional medicines and treatments.

Thirteen doctors and health specialists presented lectures and conducted seminars throughout the day. The subjects included growing your own food for better health, the use of shark car-

tilage in cancer treatment and many other alternative methods of slowing aging, and preventing and treating disease.

According to Gardon, holistic medicine's day has arrived. "This is the perfect time for this. People are searching now."

She also said the government's problems with funding for health care is opening doors for alternative medicine.

The increased interest in this way of life was obvious at the convention where crowds of people filled the centre.

"This is the best year we've had. There has been a lot of media interest and it's packed," said Gardon.

The Consumer Health Organization of Canada is a non-profit organization financed by membership fees and private donations. Membership includes a monthly health news magazine and newsletter, plus book discounts and seminar information.



Naturally — Juice bars and health-oriented hangouts are gaining in popularity.

Blood banks searching for donors

by Tiziana Scorrane

Humber's second-year public relations students are out for your blood.

They're issuing a challenge to students, staff and especially athletes to give blood next Wednesday.

The Canadian Red Cross Society, with help from the P.R. students, will host a blood donor clinic April 6 with a sports twist.

The blood drive, which runs from 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m., is being promoted with the sports theme. "Life is not a spectator sport." Challenges have been issued between residence floors, program divisions and varsity teams.

"Our challenge is set up to encourage awareness

and donation in a relaxed and fun atmosphere," said Ken Taylor, committee chairperson.

Blood donor Promotions Chair Susie Chiarot said resi-

dence floors will compete against each other for floor points, which go towards their "Rez Olympics". A special plaque will be awarded to the program division or varsity team with the highest number of units donated. The group or team donating the most blood will be the winners in Life Challenge '94.

Chiarot said opening ceremonies will begin at 9:15 a.m. with Richard Hook, vice-president of instruction, and Students' Association Council (SAC) President Lesia Bailey giving short speeches to encourage staff and students to donate blood.

"It will be like a ribbon-cutting ceremony to open the clinic," said Chiarot.

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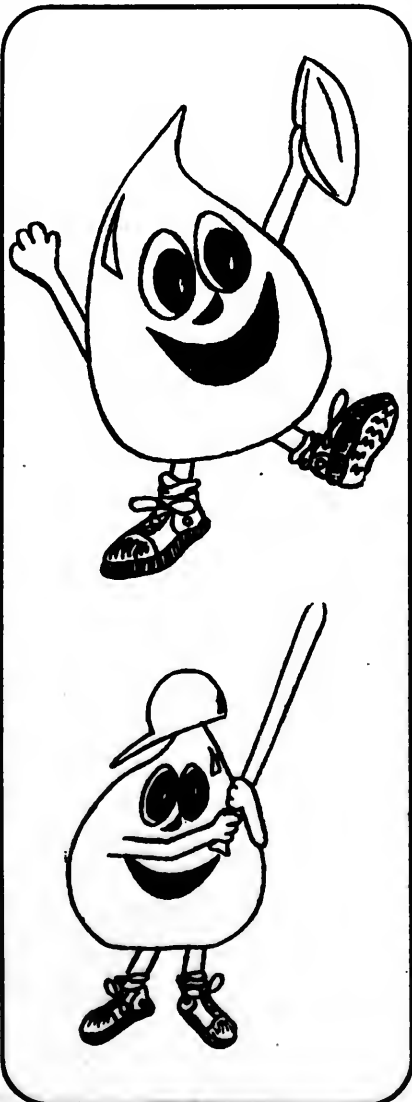
The goal is to collect 150 units of blood. Participants will need photo identification

or residence I.D. The whole procedure of registration, donation, and refreshment takes roughly 45 minutes.

The clinic will be held in the main concourse of the

North campus.

"We encourage everyone's support and (we would like) all eligible donors to give. We need all the team players we can get," said Taylor.



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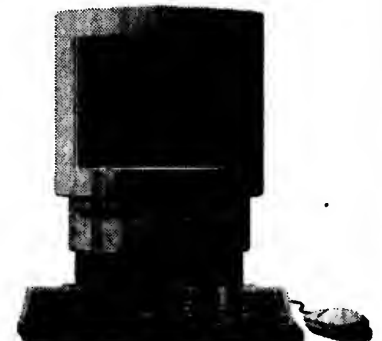
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Men finish disappointing second

Colts beat Hawks 3-2 in OCAA finals
by Jason Carroll

In what looked to be a sure thing for Humber's men's soccer team, the Hawks were shocked in the OCAA finals and failed to win the gold.

The Hawks had a championship-calibre season but closed their last game with a 3-2 loss to the Centennial Colts, who repeated as provincial champs here on Saturday.

Ironically, it was the Colts who put a dent in the Hawks quest for an undefeated season earlier in the year and were the only blemish on their 29-1 record before the finals.

The final looked to be a formality for Humber, who had handed the Colts a 4-0 loss the day previ-

ous in the round robin and had kept them off the scoreboard in 10 previous matchups. That domination may have been the downfall for the Hawks, who may have been guilty of overconfidence and underestimating the Colts.

"We played 30 games this season and this was the worst.

I take part of the blame for not motivating the players. No one player came out and played well that I can think of," said coach Germain Sanchez. "(The Colts) were ready. They were ready to kill the giants. They pounded us for 40 minutes."

"They played a really good game. They were on us all the time," said Mike Maglio in a quiet Hawk dressing room. "I didn't think our team really wanted it. We kind of choked. We were too confident."

The Hawks looked unorganized from the start of the game. The Colts pressured the Hawks immediately and forced OCAA all-star goalie Adam Morandini to make two outstanding saves in the first 43 seconds.

The Colts had their share of good fortune, scoring two of their three goals on deflections that handcuffed

Morandini, who had shutout the opposition in the three other games in the tournament.

Humber's impressive season, including five tournament titles, was of little consolation to the players after the game but they appreciate what they have accomplished.

"We had an awesome season. We won five tournaments and we beat every team in the province," said Maglio. "This was the most important game of the season though. We can't do anything about it but just go on."

"You work all season for this game. You don't count the wins and losses once you get here," said Sanchez. "It's very disappointing that we didn't win but you can't take anything away from the wins that we did have."

After the Hawks tied the game at 1-1 midway through the second half when Morandini scored on a penalty shot, Humber had hope but Centennial scored less than two minutes later to take the starch out of the Humber attack.

With three players forced to serve penalties in the dying minutes, the Hawks gave up a power-play goal to seal their fate. Steve Spizzirri's goal with only 25 seconds left was too late and dropped a 3-2 decision.

The Colts had been the victims of Humber in several tournaments this season and were forced to endure the Hawks' celebration. With the roles reversed this time, the Colts didn't hold back on their locker room festivities.

"I usually feel a little sorry for the other team. But not these guys," said Colt Norman MacFarlane. "We had to listen to them singing and saying that they were the best and they couldn't be beat. They had a great season but we were better today."

Sanchez did his best to put the loss behind him and has started to look ahead to next season.

"The positive is that we have a good nucleus of players who will be back. I'll start planning next week for September and talking with the players and try it again next year."



Feeling Disappointed—hopes of a gold medal are lost as team comes up short in finals.

Women win first ever indoor soccer medal

Hawks settle for bronze after solid but unspectacular showing at provincials

by Jason Carroll and Shellie McGruthers

Humber's varsity women's soccer team didn't get the gold they had hoped for but winning the bronze helped to ease the pain.

The top-ranked Hawks had been eyeing the provincial championship trophy but lost 1-0 in the semi-final game to Centennial Colts, who went on to win the championship. Although they would have liked the gold, they are happy to take home Humber's first ever women's soccer indoor medal.

"We should have been in the gold medal match. We're a much better team than that. As far as I'm concerned the Centennial game in the morning was the gold-medal game," said coach Karen Smith, who is in her first year of coaching. "It's the first medal for Humber but it's a little disappointing. We wanted to go a little farther than third."

They finished the round-robin tournament, held here, with two wins, a loss, and one tie.

The usual explosive Hawk offence was nowhere to be found during the two-day provincial championships last weekend, scoring only three goals in four games.

One reason for the lack of output that spanned the entire tournament was the extended



Women top off a solid season with a bronze medal at home.

gym. The gym opened to its entire length, which is one of the largest playing fields used during the whole season, and as a result, fatigue played a factor.

"I would much rather have at least two goals (for a lead) because then I could make at least one mistake. When they scored only one goal, it's more than my nerves can take," said Hawk goalie Robin Ross, who let only two balls get by her in

four games.

The tone of the tournament was set on Friday when the Humber Hawks and Conestoga Condors played to a 1-1 draw. The game was scoreless into the second half when forward, Rose Sorreutino came bursting towards the Condor's net to receive a pass from Deb Ferguson and found the net to take a 1-0 lead. The Condors moved in to tie the game as the teams finished in a 1-1 tie.

Going into their second match, the Hawks needed to beat the Durham Lady Lords by three goals to tie for first place with Centennial.

"And that's what we wanted!" said coach Karen Smith.

Unfortunately, that's not quite what they got! The most exciting part of the game occurred within the first two minutes of play. Forward Melanie Kahl scored the only goal of the game, after which the offense stalled.

"We couldn't buy a goal," said forward Christine Weber after the game, "we had lots of chances, but none of us could get it in."

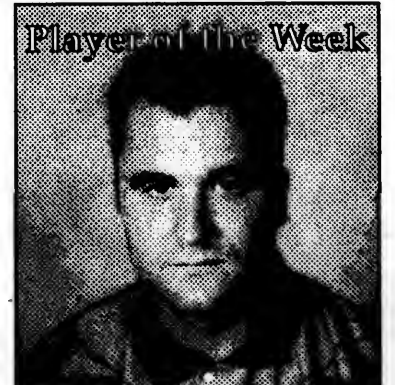
They went home disheartened, but came back with new-found determination on Saturday against the Centennial Colts. The Colts put up the first goal, but the Hawks appeared to have tied it up when Sorreutino had a ball bounce off her shoulder and into the net. The goal didn't

last long, the referee recalled the goal because he said it hit lower on her arm.

"After that we couldn't seem to get back on track," added Weber.

So resigned to the fact that gold and silver were now out of reach, the women set their sights on the bronze.

They won the medal over Redeemer Royals with a 1-0 game. The game was scoreless till Deb Ferguson went after a shot was mishandled by the goalie, causing another Royal player to fall on top of the goalie and Ferguson put it in for the winning goal.



Adam Morandini—The Hawks' indoor soccer goalie shutout opponents in seven straight playoff games before the final. Morandini scored a goal on a penalty shot.

Collecting sports cards isn't what it use to be

by Steve Kagan

A boy sees a crowd gathering around a number of tables in the local mall and naturally his curiosity gets the better of him. Peering over people, he sees the image of Wayne Gretzky, his favourite hockey player, reproduced onto a cardboard sheet.

"What year is it from?" he asks the owner, who, after matching the face to the voice, replies it is from the 1979-1980 series of O-Pee-Chee cards.

"How much is it?" the boy asks as he rummages through his pockets for all the money he can spare. The shocking reply of \$600 causes the boy's jaw to drop and he walks away, disappointed.

In the 1990s many young people are being shut out of a hobby dominated by inflated prices and consumer greed. The primary reason? Limited edition insert cards.

These cards are responsible for the rising prices of card packs. Gone are the days when you could pick up a pack for 75 cents now some packs are being sold for as much as \$3. It is a simple case of supply and demand; because of their scarcity the packs that inserts come in are more expensive.

For example, 1993-94 Topps Stadium Club featured insert cards known as 'First Day Production'. These cards were randomly inserted in the packs. In the Beckett price guide the Eric Lindros card is listed as being worth \$200. His actual rookie card, previously a player's most treasured card, is worth \$30. So now collectors are ignoring the rookie to get the high priced insert. Naturally the presence of these cards has raised some debate.

Carlos Diego, owner of Sluggers Collectables in Markham, said the arrival of the insert card is important to the hobby.

"I think they're really nice," he said. "They add a lot to the set and make the set a lot more collectible. Some of them could be worth a lot of money, it's like a crap shoot. People are willing to spend a lot to get a limited edition card."

Dale Novakowski, a Vancouver dealer, quoted in the March issue of Beckett Hockey Monthly said that "inserts were 50 per cent of my business, if they were left out, card collecting would be boring."

Joel Spillman, pricing editor for the Charlton hockey card information guide, said there is no sense why inserts should cost more than rookies.

"How can you compare Frank Thomas to Ryne Sandberg? Sandberg is the best second baseman from the '80s, a sure hall-of-famer, and you can buy his rookie card very easily at a show for around \$35. Frank Thomas, which you'll find on every table, sells for \$75. It's nothing more than a popularity contest."

Diego does concede the new card craze is helping to isolate and alienate the very people who were intended to benefit

most from the hobby, the kids.

"It's just like buying a car," he said. "There are always going to be people that can afford Ford Tempo's and there are going to be people that are going to want to buy Ferrari's. Not everybody can afford a Ferrari."

Sixteen-year-old Stuart Eisenstein disagrees.

"It used to be fun but with most people doing it for the money, the hobby is being ruined," he said in a phone interview at his home in Thornhill. "Even those kids who can afford it, today when they buy a card the first thing they look for is the Beckett."

The recent surge of the sports memorabilia industry has spread beyond card collectables. These days autographed posters, game-worn and replica jerseys, even sports equipment like sticks and bats are being sold for large sums of money. Spillman acknowledged there has been a lot of fraudulent merchandise sold in Toronto recently and cited the case of Paulo Marrin, the Woodbridge resident, who was arrested for allegedly selling pictures with fake signatures.

"This is not the first time he's been caught," said Spillman.

"He's actually spent time in jail before, he got greedy selling signed Paul Molitor and Roberto Alomar bats. Molitor got upset because he never signed any bats. The subsequent inquiry led to his arrest."

So how can one tell if a signature on the merchandise they are buying is real?

Top Five Players (Beckett Hockey Monthly price guide)

1. Sergei Federov (Det.)
2. Eric Lindros (Phil.)
3. Felix Potvin (Tor.)
4. Wayne Gretzky (L.A.)
5. Alexei Yashin (Ott.)

Spillman offered this advice.

"Deal with a reputable dealer and know who you're buying from. If there is something wrong you can go back to them. If he is a reputable person, then you should have no problem."

And what about certificates of authenticity?

"I could give you a four-and-a-half hour speech why I'd never accept one," Spillman said with a laugh.

"Some dealers are photocopying real certificates of authenticity or using Polaroids of themselves next to the player as their proof. The only way to tell if the product is real is if it has some sort of number or



Steve Kagan

Going for the jackpot—collecting hockey cards used to be a hobby for kids but in recent years collectig these valuables has become a big business.

decal."

Spillman is also annoyed by the lack of attention major league teams and players are giving the problem. "The Blue Jays couldn't care less," he said. "There were approximately 8,000 signed bats sold before Christmas and Marrin was charged with forgery on December 8. I had phoned the Blue Jays on the ninth saying if they wanted to arrange it, we could exchange the fake bats for real ones. Molitor was behind the idea, the Blue Jays wanted nothing to do with it."

To combat the sale of fake cards, companies like the Upper Deck card company stamp each and every card they print with a lenticular foil stamp bearing the company name. This makes the card almost impossible to duplicate. Most cards now also have ultra-violet coating giving them a highgloss finish.

The first thing to look out for in a fake card is the stock of the card. If it feels very thin then chances are it is a replica. Genuine "replica" cards are stamped with the word replica on the back. Colors seem darker and images aren't focused also indicate the card may not be real.

Other ways to spot a flawed card are to take note of printing images on the card. For instance, the 1987-88 Brett Hull rookie card has the image of a drawing pin with a dot imprinted on the face of the pin. Numerous representations have failed to reproduce this dot. "Research is a very important aspect when making a card purchase," cautioned Diego. "Knowing the price range of the card or set will give you an idea whether the

purchase you are about to make is worthwhile."

"If the price of the card you want is lower than what it is normally worth, then the card probably is too good to be true and shouldn't be bought," added Eisenstein.

Some collectors, like Rob Stoodely, are strong supporters of tradition. Stoodely thinks the emphasis on money has taken the fun out of collecting.

"Picking up a pack of cards, listening to the wax paper crinkle, seeing the stale piece of chewing gum, that used to be fun," he said. "Now the wax packs have been replaced by foil because they are less likely to be tampered with. Because the inserts cost more, you kind of sense that tradition has been replaced by the dol-

lar value of what's inside the pack."

So what does the future hold for the hobby/business of sports collectibles? As it stands today, there are at least 10 licensed card companies and more than a few non-licensed ones flooding the market so supply is no problem.

Spillman says there will always be a card market.

"The true collector is still out there collecting sets and doesn't care about the inserts. If they get one they'd rather trade it in for a set," he said.

Eisenstein agreed.

"People will collect what they can afford and collect what they like, but there are always going to be things that will be out of reach for people," he said.

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RICHMOND, BRITISH COLUMBIA (CP) — A 77-year-old rollerblader is in trouble with the law again.

This time, Mounties ticketed him twice in 16 minutes as he glided down the middle of busy No. 3 Road in this Vancouver suburb. The lane is reserved for turning traffic.

Under the Motor Vehicle Act, Quentin Jackson was legally required to keep to the right side of the road unless turning.

Jackson, who is arthritic, said he rollerblades in the centre lane of highways because there is less traffic, whereas, if he kept to the right, vehicles would have to change lanes to pass him.

BELJING, CHINA (Reuters) — China's airforce scrambled two bombers to blast a giant iceberg threatening the Yellow River, the People's Liberation Army Daily said Thursday.

The two planes dropped more than 20 bombs during Monday's 40-minute operation to break up the iceberg as it passed through inner Mongolia.

It was the forty-third time Chinese jets bombed icebergs since 1951, the paper said.



PUNK CURES ALL — Wildly talented singer/bassist Sally Lee of Toronto's Venus Cures All shakes the Rivoli backstage March 26.

Wednesday Tuesday Monday Sunday Saturday Friday Thursday

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CARIBBEAN DAY

The University of Toronto presents a West Indian festival
Free Sidney Smith Hall 100 St. George 961-6382

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MUSLIM PRAYER TIME

1:30-2:30 p.m. KX101 Humber north campus

THE AFGHAN WIGS

American Alternative
Lee's Palace 529 Bloor St. W \$12
Ticketmaster Vortex The Record Peddler

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PUNKFEST!

Mob Action and Noah's Fence are only two of the punk bands playing at the Naked Lunch The Naked Lunch
455 Queen St. W \$5 All-ages

MOIST

Canadian Alternative
Lee's Palace 529 Bloor St. W 532-7383 Tickets at gate

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"EVERY DAY IS
LIKE SUNDAY"
— Morrissey

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ELVIS MONDAYS

Every Monday showcases several bands, with no cover
The El Mocambo 464 Spadina Ave. 928-ELMO

OUTRIDER BENEFIT

A fund-raiser for the non-profit paper, with several artists
Ultrasound Showbar \$15 (sliding scale) 269 Queen St. W
340-8184

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NEW KIDS ON THE BLOCK

It's *not* an April Fool's joke
Palladium 635 Danforth Ave. \$25 Ticketmaster All-ages

JOHN GREYSON

The director of *Zero Patience* and author of *Urinals and Other Stories* reads at This Ain't the Rosedale Library.
Free 483 Church St. 7 p.m. 929-9912

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AFRO-CARIBBEAN CLUB

Free to all Students
4 p.m. Wednesdays
Below the SAC office Humber North campus