

# Coven

## Communications dispute!

# Teachers protest cuts

by Kenneth Greer

Humber's communications department has refused to cooperate with the college's administration in suggesting areas to be cut in communications courses.

A meeting of 25 communication staff members was held

Thursday to discuss changes in the curriculum. Changes became necessary when apparent budget restraints forced a reduction in the amount of instruction time from four hours a week to three. During discussions, a motion calling for instructors not to participate in course outline cuts was passed, 21 faculty being in favor and three abstaining.

Maureen Wall, member of the communications department and steward for the faculty union, in describing the mood of the meeting, said, "I think we were generally angry that the cuts (went ahead)...despite all that's been said about the importance of communication skills."

According to Wall, the majority of communications instructors at the meeting felt that everything in the present course outline is essential, and as she said, "They felt that, participation (in the cuts) would amount to approval (of the cuts)."

Dean of Human Studies Pamela Hanft expressed concern at the course of action taken by the communications department, indicating the department might be missing the larger view.

"I think they have to appreciate that there have been no full-time cuts (in the department)," she said. "Primarily, they felt that they had to make a statement, and I think it was fair."

Hanft added she didn't think a decision on what to cut from the curriculum would be made without staff input.

In an attempt to gain suggestions from the instructors, Hanft said she will be circulating a memo asking for individuals to submit ideas. She reasoned that when the cuts are to be made, teachers will want control over what is finally removed, and that the informality of individual inquiries will encourage instructors to participate.

Wall, however, sees the administration's efforts to draw them in to the process as a gesture. Though she acknowledged more people might be willing to cooperate individually than in a meeting, Wall thought it unlikely many would want to share responsibility for what might affect the quality of the curriculum.

Outlining the possible consequences of the limited actions open to those implementing the cuts, Wall said "I think more students will repeat (the communications course) if standards aren't dropped," and if they are, "it will reflect on Humber."

"What we are talking about is not time to teach but time to learn," she added.

Robert Coleman, a communications teacher, said he hoped the motion had more affect on the administration than previous attempts to sway their decision to implement cuts. Coleman attributes the lack of affect the previous attempts have had to the way they jumped the administrative chain of command. He hopes that by using normal procedure, the motion will have a greater impact.

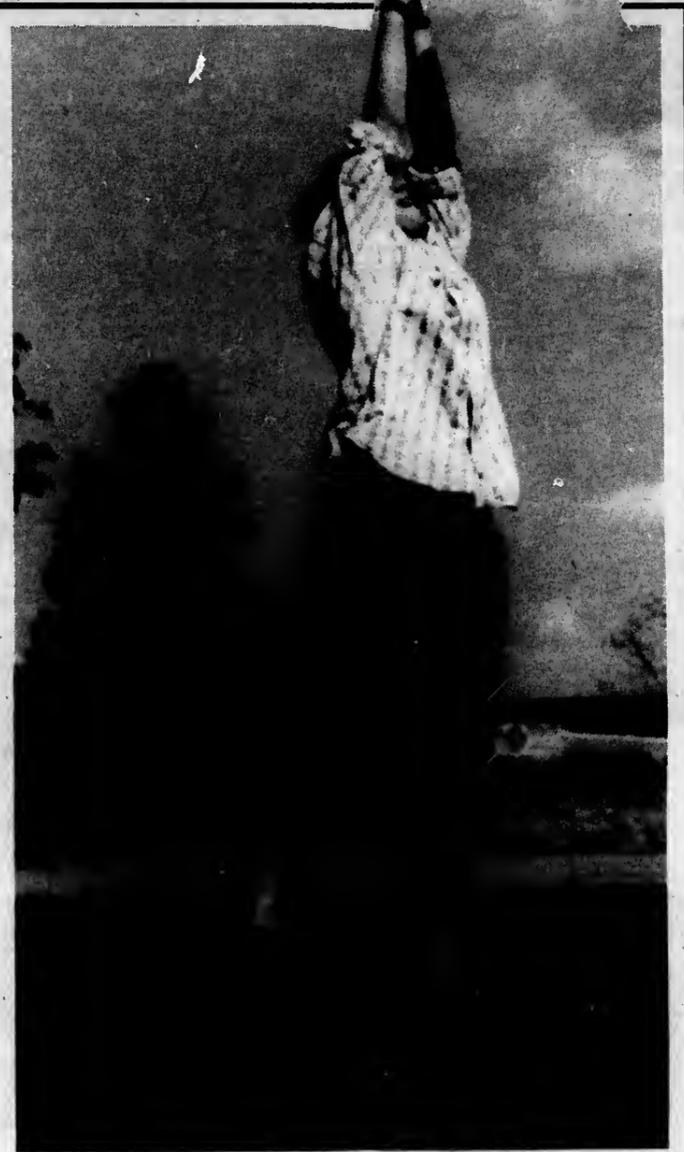


PHOTO BY MORGAN IAN ADAMS

**Look up, waaaay up** — Radio student Mike Wixson makes a well-meaning but feeble attempt at grasping a Frisbee during yet another week of fantastic weather at Humber.

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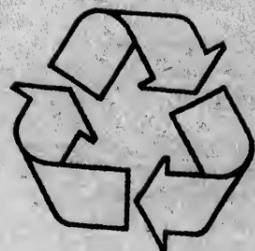
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Tell us what you think ... If you have any comments about Coven, feel free to drop us a line in L231. Just remember, two weeks left!

**Waste not  
Want not**



Support recycling

# Tech group wants fees reduced

by Ian Penke

Don't cut classes unless fees are cut is the message that a delegation of engineering students will be taking to Vice-President of Instruction Richard Hook.

The group is made up of 8 students from the Civil Engineering Technology program protesting a 12-13 per cent cut in class time. The students say these cuts are a breach of contract with the college

as the students were not prepared for cuts when they enrolled.

"Students who start the program next year will be aware of the cuts and will be able to choose whether or not to come here," said August Arone, a member of the delegation. "When we enrolled we did not know that this would happen"

Classes affected by the cuts include physics and calculus. With-

out adequate class time or no time at all in these courses, students graduating from the program will not be able to get into university.

Arone noted that Humber College rates low in class time, and there is a Standardization Task Force underway right now headed by former Ontario Premier Frank Miller, but it will not present its findings until the end of this year.

Arone said the cuts are part of a move by the college to amalgamate the third-year Civil Engineering Technology and Architecture classes.

He said that two things made this necessary. First, only 50 per cent of the money withheld by the government during the teachers strike has been returned, and the college is still owed \$1.29 million. Arone says this money could save the program. Arone's also questions allocation of funds. Among other things, he is concerned the technology wing is vast but not used to capacity, a lot of money went into the library and now the building of the pool is underway.

Arone said his delegation will inform Hook they are planning to first take legal action against the college, settling out of court if necessary, and get fees cut in relation to class cuts. If this fails, the students will encourage first year engineering students to enroll in Seneca College's program.

Arone said all of the delegates are adamant that something must be done.

"Humber College is leading the way towards an illiterate technological society," Arone said.

## Saso to Niagara

Humber's Vice-President of Administration John Saso has just been appointed President of Niagara College.

Saso has worked at Humber since 1986 where, besides his financial and administrative responsibilities, he was accountable for non-post secondary programs. As well, Saso worked with President Robert Gordon, Board of Governors (BOG) and staff to create the college's successful capital expansion program.

Niagara's BOG said Saso's appointment was a unanimous choice of both BOG and the selection committee.

Saso will succeed current Niagara College President Jacqueline Robarts on Sept. 1, 1990.



# News

## Concerns raised over trash in arboretum

by Diane Rhoden

An overwhelming amount of garbage located behind Humber's arboretum and the new residences has raised concerns over the environment and wildlife.

Stephen Bodsworth, director of horticulture and Humber's arboretum, said the garbage, which includes styrofoam cups, tin cans, long strips of plastic and other construction debris, may affect the environment and endanger the wildlife if it is not cleaned up soon.

A lot of the garbage behind the new residences and the river bank will not disintegrate, and there is always the danger that a squirrel might get wrapped up in a loose piece of plastic, he explained.

Graeme Foster, an audio technician (AV) who works in the media centre, also noticed the garbage while jogging along the arboretum. He said he is concerned about the the environment and appearance of the arboretum. It just doesn't look good, he said.

Bodsworth said he has been aware of the problem since the construction of the new residence started last fall, and he said he believes most of the garbage came from the construction site and its workers.

"Our feeling is the bulk of the material comes from the construction site," he said.

Two official complaints have been received by Bodsworth, but they were directed towards Physical Resources because the line of communication between the contractors and the department would be more accessible, he said.

One complainant noticed the debris after participating in activities held at Humber last week for Earth Day, explained Bodsworth.

Ken Cohen, director of Physical Resources, said he has

approached both construction managers about the situation and was given a "firm promise" the garbage will be cleaned up as soon as possible.

In the meantime, Bodsworth said his department will also help with the clean-up but stressed that most of the work has to be done by the construction personnel.

"The arboretum is starting to bring on seasonal staff so we will have more bodies to help clean up the area," said Bodsworth.

He said there is also the concern that once the residences are completed, there might be similar con-

cerns with littering, but he has sent a letter to the manager of the residence to develop a closer relationship with his new neighbors.

Several large garbage containers are also located throughout the arboretum, he said.

"I am hoping that students who are living in residence will treat this (arboretum) as part of their home," he said. "People policing people is better than police policing people."

Bodsworth also said the arboretum is for the enjoyment of everyone, but there are some guidelines.

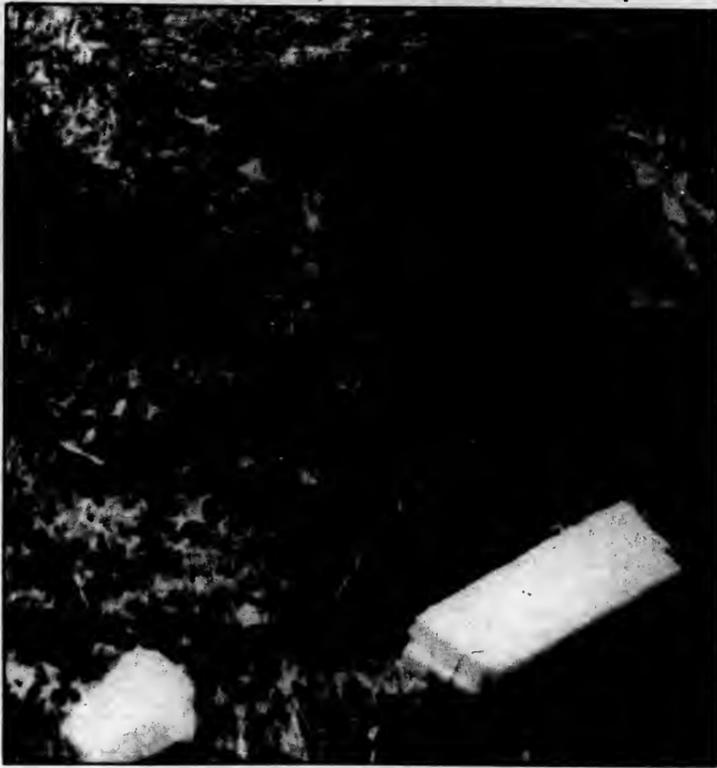


PHOTO BY DIANE RHODEN

**Environmental risk** — Garbage scattered throughout the arboretum is raising concerns among many Humberites because it may never disintegrate.



PHOTO BY MICHELLE SHANNON

**Design of the time** — Graduating student Marilyn Brouwner stands inbetween her final floral exam and co-ordinator of the floristry course, Carol Elliott, at a recent open house.

## Humber students win at floristry competition

by Michelle Shannon

Humber's retail floristry students wound up their year on a busy note.

An open house, called Designs of the Times, was held in the Humber concourse April 26 and 27. The display showcased the final exam projects of the last students to graduate from the old program.

The retail floristry program was updated this year to include co-operative placement, giving students a chance to work in the field. The program was also condensed so that the students finish in three semesters instead of four.

Carol Elliott, co-ordinator of the course, said the response to the open house was positive.

"Lots of people were looking around at the displays," she said. "It's getting us a lot of exposure on campus. It's also helpful for the students to get input and criticism from people other than their faculty."

There were also members of an advisory committee, made up of prominent people in the floristry industry, attending the open house, looking at the displays and offering advice to students.

Students in the new program were involved in the Inter-Collegiate Floral Design Competition. Up against 20 other students from four other colleges, Humber's Sharon Hoehner and Charlie Muscat took home the first and second place positions.

"It's really exciting," Elliot said. "This really reinforces the value of the co-op program. These are second semester students that won this competition. Their skills are developing so much faster."

## Humber College may offer French language services

by Leo Solinas

French language college services that would serve central/southwestern Ontario could be offered at Humber, says Raymond Doucet, co-ordinator of francophone studies.

This is one of three options recommended by the ACORD consulting firm. The firm was commissioned by the Ontario government to study the feasibility of French language services in northern and central/southwestern Ontario. Two advisory committees were also set up to study this.

Doucet said ACORD also recommended, "There could be two more francophone colleges. There is one in Ottawa called La Citie Collegiate. There could be one in or around Toronto for central/southwestern Ontario and there could be one in Timmins or wherever for northern Ontario. Another option would be to have designated colleges offer college level services in French."

"A third possibility would be that La Citie Collegiate in Ottawa is the headquarters and there would be campuses or existing colleges like Humber that would be given special grants to offer college level services in French," said Doucet. "The services that will be offered at Humber depend on the results of the commission and whatever decision is made by the government regarding who, how and where French services are going to be implemented."

"The ACORD study says there is between 1,000 to 1,300 students in real hard numbers that would be attending a francophone college or could be placed at Humber, for example," said Doucet. "The college would receive funding to put in place services in French, which includes registration and people as well as documents that are French or bilingual. To put together this system, you need a sufficient number of students and the number of registrations would justify a francophone college."

Doucet said, "For Metro Toronto there is definitely a need for francophone services at the college level and I definitely see Humber as a good choice for offering these services."

As for Humber's chances of getting the opportunity to offer francophone services, Doucet said, "This is a political issue. Any college in Metro Toronto receives a certain number of grants for a certain number of projects. It seems to be on a rotating basis. One year Humber will receive more grants from the government than other colleges. Another year, it might be Sheridan."

Colleges and Universities Minister Sean Conway said in a press release, "The government is committed to improving and promoting French language services in Ontario. The advisory commissions will consult with francophones and anglophones to determine how we can strengthen French language education at the college level in a suitable way."

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# Humber to display bonzai trees

by Michelle Shannon

The Humber Arboretum is receiving about a dozen bonzai trees on loan from the Toronto Bonzai Society, possibly by the end of May.

Bonzai trees are a recent trend in gardening in Canada. They are the result of the ancient Japanese practise of "dwarfing" and clipping trees that would normally grow up to 50 feet tall.

Some of these trees are highly valued and handed down from generation to generation.

Paul Pietsch, superintendent of the arboretum, said some of these trees are actually priceless.

"There is no price you could put on these trees because they're babied and carefully groomed," he said. "Some of them are treated like Picassos. But the trees we'll be getting won't be that valuable."

Pietsch said the bonzai trees will be a bonus for the demonstration gardens, but may pose a small problem.

"We've got lots of room for the

trees in the gardens, but they'll have to be kept under lock and key," he said.

A special enclosure is being built in the garden, at a minimum cost of \$2,000, to protect the valuable trees.

Only six or seven of the trees will be on display at any given time to ensure they receive the proper care and attention.

The society approached Humber last winter with the loan proposal and those in charge of the arboretum eagerly accepted. They had been interested in bonzai trees for some time, but had not been able to get a project started.

The duration of the bonzai display will depend on the kind of reaction the project receives.

"Our big problem will be publicity," he said. "If we get too many people coming to see the displays, problems could develop. But the more people that turn out, the bigger a success for the project. It's a 'damned if you do, damned if you don't' kind of situation."



PHOTO BY DIANE RHODEN

**Valuable addition**—The Toronto Bonzai Society is lending about one dozen of the unique trees to the arboretum to display in the demonstration gardens.

## Humber holds Dream Probe

by John Leonard

Humber's North campus presents its second annual Co-operative Education Student Conference for high school students today.

The program is called Dream Probe and it will be held May 3 today from 8 a.m.-2:30 p.m.

The program was named Dream Probe to show high school students they should follow their dreams of doing what they want and not restricting themselves to any one job position for any reason.

While the program is helping students determine what it is that they want to do in life, it also exposes students to Humber College at the same time.

The program is for school boards in the Toronto area. Three of the biggest boards participating in the program are Peel, York and the Separate School Boards. Approximately 500 senior Metro Separate School Board students will be here today.

"I think the conference will encourage students to open their minds to new opportunities for future employment," said Co-op Placement officer, Karen Fast.

"We had a really good response from the program last year. And hopefully it will be successful this year," said Fast.

The program was jointly organized by the placement office and Humber's marketing department, to work with the school boards.

"Dream Probe is a serious effort between the school boards and us to bring the students in to the 90s. It addresses where the student is going to be both personally and career-wise," said Senior Liaison Officer, Kathleen Rowlands.

Founder of Hayhurst Advertising, Jim Hayhurst will be a guest speaker at the conference and students will attend one of six work shops on picking a career.



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## Course cutting not beneficial

Asking teachers to decide what to cut out of instruction is paramount to asking what part of your anatomy you want cut off. No matter what the decision, and how insignificant the part may seem, you will still be at a disadvantage.

Instructors in the communication's department are being honorable, not just to the union, but to the profession of teaching by not participating in course outline cuts. It is the teacher's job to teach as much as possible to his or her students, not to decide what not to teach or to hold back on information that could be of benefit to the students. Faculty are too well aware of the requirements of their students, so they can hardly be expected to decide what is less needed by students, because students' needs are so varied. Where one student could be weak in grammar, another could be weak in sentence structure, and another in essay writing.

Administration has not considered all of the possible detrimental effects of cutting back on perhaps the most important course in college. Some students are coming up through the high school system unable to read or write at even a grade nine level. It is better to catch those people now, and get them up to an acceptable level, before they go out into the world without the proper communication skills.

Communication's Instructor Maureen Wall says that more students would have to repeat the course if cuts are not matched by a drop in standards. Most might see this as being an embarrassment to Humber, that its students could not fulfill the minimum requirements of a college English course. It should not be viewed in this respect. If anything, it is better for the student to fail, than never have been given the opportunity to try at all.

## Arboretum a mess

With the concern of preserving the environment being the hot topic around the dinner table these days, it comes as a shock that garbage has been allowed to accumulate in an area considered environmentally sensitive.

Most of the trash found at the arboretum has been traced back to the residence construction sites, and the managers of the sites have given "firm promises" that the mess will be cleaned up as soon as possible. It should have been pointed out to these managers that their garbage should not have been allowed to spread into the arboretum in the first place. The construction sites have seemingly adequate dumpsters to put refuse in.

As well, one of the people complaining about the debris noticed the pile while participating in activities on Earth Day. This is not the kind of public relations the college needs at this time; being seen as a litterbug in an environmentally sensitive area on a day designated for preserving the planet.

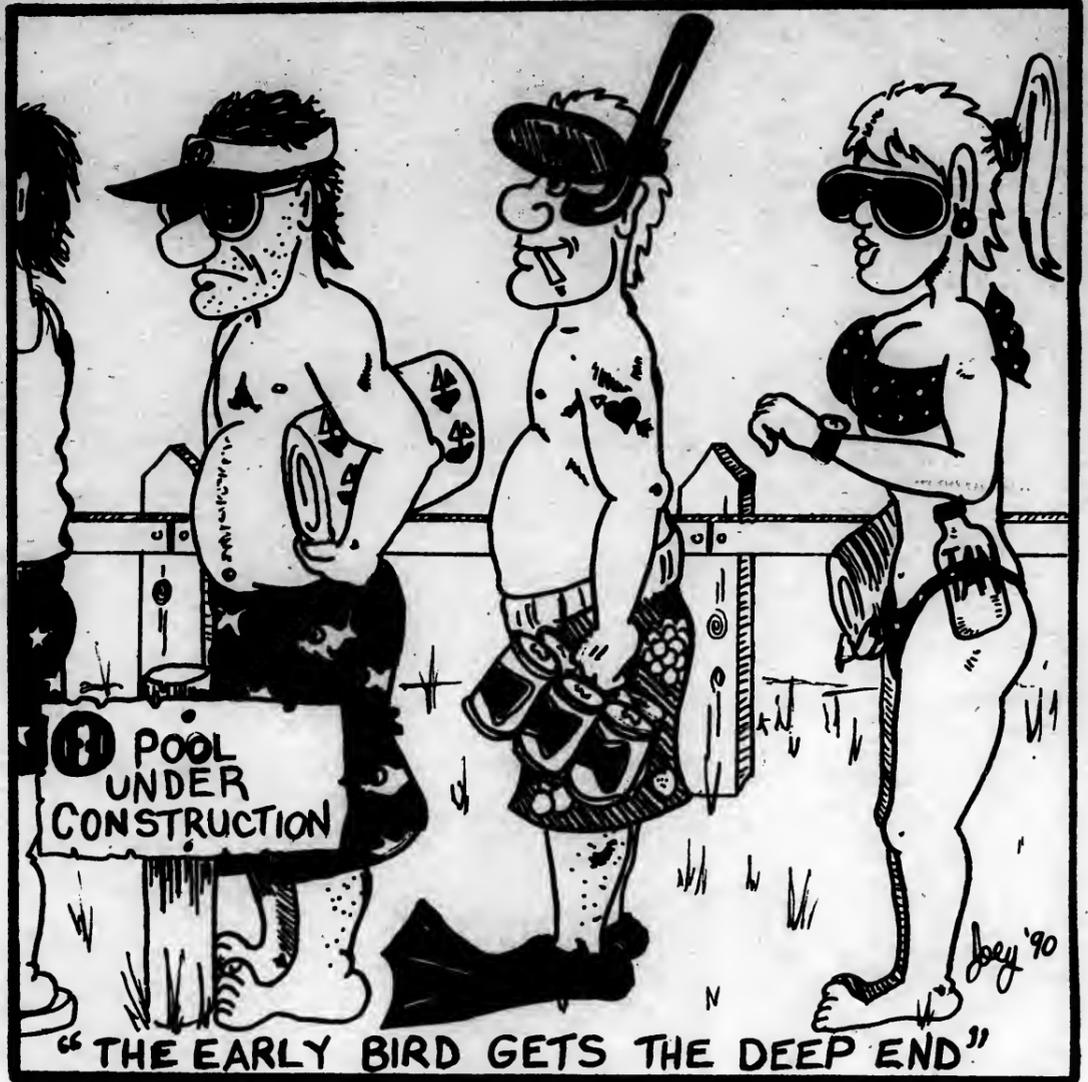
## Yeas and Nays

**Yea** — Stephen Bodsworth for being concerned about the environment and the arboretum

**Yea** — Humber Hockey star Paul Jackson who is leaving the Hawks to pursue a hockey career in Denmark

**Nay** — To Humber College for turning on the air conditioning after the warm weather stopped

**Nay** — Again to Humber for running the school year two weeks later than any other college



## Letters to the Editor

## Faculty fights for Gordon

### Dismayed by editorial

I was dismayed by your editorial. I was never polled or asked whether I agree with your suggestion that President Gordon resign. Therefore, I do not believe you can say the faculty call for his resignation.

I very much resent your tone and assumption that I support you on this matter since I categorically do not.

Marie Atlas  
 Co-ordinator,  
 Pharmacy Assistant Program  
 Health Sciences Division

### Gordon asset to college

Dear Coven Editor:

We are members of the faculty at Humber College and have been since 1975/76. We read your editorial entitled 'Confidence wanes Gordon asked to quit' and we take issue with the presumption that you have a representative perception of faculty opinion and secondly that you state faculty are asking for Dr. Gordon's resignation which, in fact, is untrue.

The meeting where any discussion to that effect was conducted was poorly attended and certainly not reflective of faculty sentiment. Flyers that were distributed requesting faculty response to this concern were not distributed until after your article was distributed and as of this date have not been responded to. Your statements reflect a personal bias and certainly not representative as you infer.

On the contrary, our view is that President Gordon is an asset to Humber. He is extremely progressive and futuristic in his planning and he has always demonstrated

great pride in the college, faculty and students.

We find your comments implying that Dr. Gordon is not honest and open to be false. An honest and open environment has always been his style and particularly so with the recent budget constraints where he has painstakingly met with all departments upon request and answered every question factually and completely.

We find the cutbacks to be unfortunate, but certainly handled in a responsible, credible manner by the President. Financial constraints are not a problem unique to Humber, but are a constant in today's society.

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### Power corrupts

Dear Coven Editor:  
 Power does tend to corrupt, doesn't it? Coven has certainly abused its power of expression by absurdly sensationalizing a faculty union gambit. ('Gordon asked to quit' editorial.) The power of public expression carries responsibilities which Coven has clearly ignored. A more mature approach would have been to survey a random 100 faculty. Ask them if they

seriously believe that any other president would have been as effective in running a prestigious college. Then check on Humber's lay-off record over the years, compared with the vast majority of CAATs and the industry in general.

The cartoon is too misleading, suggesting to the gullible that Gordon's choice was buildings or people. Surely, a little thought about the importance of environment as a factor in the educational process would show Coven that a successful college needs an adequate architectural setting. Contrary to folksy wisdom, you don't create a great college in tin huts or concrete block sheds. President Gordon clearly understands the need to attract students to Humber and to create a significant educational environment now and for the future. Perhaps his mistake has been to neglect public relations, to assume that his vision of Humber's future didn't need to be justified in detail.

In short, Coven staff must realize that even Coven is a potentially dangerous weapon; they must take the trouble to practise responsible journalism and to refrain from shooting from the hip at any juicy target.

Sincerely yours,  
 Peter Williamson  
 Human Studies Division

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# Opinion

## Words mask reality

When I was 13, my Canadian Girls In Training (CGIT) leader, said she wasn't sure if the local bowling alley would count Debbie as an adult. Debbie was 24 and the sweetest person in the CGIT group at St. Andrew's Presbyterian church. She played all the games, did all of the crafts, read all the Bible studies.

She was a senior member of our group and probably knew more about the Bible than I did. She was also the one person who could be counted on to be nice to everyone. So what if she was retarded. She was still a legal adult. How dare anyone question that fact?!

### real human beings

That incident, contributed to my leaving the group. The retarded, the blind, the crippled, the deaf, are all real human beings. But you'll never find those terms in a newspaper anymore.

In high school I had another friend. Steve was in an electric wheelchair. Three of us went to the movies. His dad drove us, dropped us off and picked us up. Because Steve is handicapped, one of us got in free. Because we were early they let us buy our tickets then and wait in the lobby a full half-hour before the movie started.

Steve was in a wheelchair. Debbie was retarded. Fine. I have no problem treating them as equal human beings, but they are different. And newspaper writers aren't

JANET KEOWN



allowed to use the terms "handicapped," "disabled" or "retarded."

Oh no, the current phrase is "people who are physically or mentally challenged."

I found out about the current terminology recently when I wrote a story about how Humber's students' council is helping mentally retarded students at school socialize with the rest of the student population. I had to refer to the students as "people who are mentally challenged."

This phrase is ridiculous. Everyone on this planet is mentally and physically challenged. One of the first rules of journalism is to avoid jargon; to tell the truth in language everyone can understand.

Who understands that "challenged" is the same as "dis-

abled," which is the same as "handicapped," which is the same as "crippled?" All of these words describe a condition which, like it or not, DOES distinguish people from the rest of society.

In case you haven't heard there are no blind or deaf people anymore.

The truth is, the handicapped are trying to change the negative attitudes towards them. The attitudes which cause the handicapped constant embarrassment and mean they have to be twice as good at anything in order to be considered half as good. Attitudes which cost them friends, jobs and opportunities to fully participate in society.

### attitudes are wrong

Those attitudes are wrong. I got mad at my CGIT leader for exhibiting them. But changing the term to describe these disabilities, (handicaps, challenges) everytime people start to understand the meaning of the term, won't change the attitudes. Integration in schools and the continued high profile of such Canadian heroes as Terry Fox and Rick Hansen will.

In a way, the disabled are getting to be as bad as the scientists for deliberately assigning names which the average Joe can't understand. Let's be straight here. If we find something we can't understand we like to call it something we can understand or indeed pronounce.

## Humber on environmental bandwagon

KARIN WINZER



Don't get me wrong, but Humber is behind the times when it comes to recycling. I'm not saying the college hasn't been doing its part, it has. The recycling bins for paper and the Enviro-Mug are just two examples of the College's awakening environmental consciousness.

Eight months ago, I was in the cafeteria in Etobicoke City Hall and saw a Blue Box beside the garbage can. It occurred to me then, that because Humber and City Hall are government institutions, both should have implemented the Blue Box program at the same time.

There are approximately 3,600 pop cans sold per week, John Mason, director of Food Services said, and there has been a place to put them for recycling since March 22. Well, better late than never.

Three cheers for Humber! The fact that the college has taken the initiative by starting a program, shows the type of concern necessary to save us from drowning in our own garbage.

## Plea to college for no smoking

I'm probably going to offend some people with this opinion, but so what? Humber College should be declared a non-smoking area right now!

I've never really understood the mentality of a smoker. They naturally assume it is their god-given right to smoke a cigarette wherever and whenever they choose. They claim it's a free country and it's their right to smoke.

I'm not going to argue that point, but what about those of us who have the right not to breathe the foul acrid air that a cigarette leaves behind? Don't non-smokers have rights too?



ANDREW JOSEPH

What is the allure smoking has? Is it to be cool? Is it to relax? Is it just something to do? Why is it so hard to quit? Is it an addiction?

To any non-smoker at Humber, there is no sicker sight (yes, sight) than the Student Centre at noon when virtually everyone is lighting up. Just entering this area, one is assailed by the putrid fumes of toxicity.

Last year, there were signs on the Student Centre walls prohibiting smoking, but ashtrays were placed on the picnic tables. Unbelievable.

Other favorite smoking areas in

the school include the stairwells, the various entrances to the college, and The Lounge. Another thing I hate is going to a pub night at Caps and being forced to dry-clean my clothes the next day to remove the smoke smell.

Does it seem strange that the non-smoker often has to walk through a wall of smoke to climb the stairs, enjoy a night out or even to enter the school?

And what of those who are allergic to smoke, the asthmatic or others with weak lungs? Is any thought given to them?

Perhaps what the school should do this summer is declare the college a non-smoking area just like most universities have. This way, new students would accept the ban as an already existent rule, while returning students (or staff) can seek counselling to change their habits.

Of course, for this plan to go into effect it would have to be passed by all sorts of committees. Of course, I'm sure there are quite a few smokers on these committees. My proposal probably wouldn't pass. Of course, that would be gutless.

Smoking is definitely a bad habit. Have you ever heard a smoker say, "God, I need a cigarette?" Wanting a cigarette is a lot different than needing one. That is an addiction.

I'm no prude. I have smoked the odd cigarette in my time, but I have derived no satisfaction from it. I don't need it.

Like I said earlier, I've probably offended a lot of people with this opinion. Tough. Maybe it's time you thought about someone else's feelings rather than your own.

A closing thought, if you will. Have you noticed that smokers no longer ask the question, "Do you mind if I smoke?" I guess by now, they already know the answer.

## Faculty backs President

### View not represented

Dear Coven Editor:

The call for the resignation of President Gordon (Coven editorial April 26, 1990) is absurdly simplistic and your readers should know that your editorial claim in no way represents the broad view of Humber College's employees.

It is universal change and not a president of a college that is the problem. Our challenge is to create an organization that can deal with a changing economic order, a relentlessly changing technology and an angry and professionally moribund union. Seeking Squee Gordon's resignation solves nothing and diverts energy and attention from where they are needed.

The faculty's most useful contribution to Humber and to Humber students at this time will not come from the confrontational posturing of a strident few. It will come from the educated and informed efforts of those who continue to work together with their colleagues and the administration to find new directions and opportunities for the colleges and their graduates.

Yours sincerely,  
Peter Muller  
Human Studies  
Lakeshore Campus

### Irresponsible journalism

Dear Coven Editor:

Responsible journalism requires truth and perspective. Coven, as evidenced by its edito-

rial position of April 26, 1990, is obviously lacking in both areas. That would be serious enough and lead to questions of integrity and responsibility, but when it is coupled with a blatant attempt at sensationalism, it has gone too far!

Although the leadership issue is important and of obvious concern to some, to say that there is no longer any support for President Gordon at this college is untrue. In fact, the union has shown itself to be much more responsible than Coven on this issue. For example, Linda Chiarvesio, in her lead article on Page 1 reports that the faculty union acknowledged "low turnout" at its special meeting and that "the conclusions arrived at represented a biased opinion."

We all want to avoid cutbacks of faculty and programs and it may just be possible to lessen some of the impact by increasing our enrolment at this time of recruitment. However, this type of journalism certainly won't help. It is a grave coincidence that confirmations to our offers of admissions have been requested by May 4 and candidates who read this article may now have second thoughts about choosing Humber.

Journalism is a high calling and an essential part of our democratic tradition, but it must be exercised with maturity and responsibility — and always based on truth!

Anne Bender  
Dean  
Health Sciences Division

### Prez ably guides Humber

In response to your editorial, we would like to make the following comments.

The demand by the union is definitely not reflective of the leadership abilities of President Gordon. Dr. Gordon is very ably guiding Humber College into the 1990s. As over 80 per cent of the students come from outside Humber's catchment area and may experience difficulty in travelling and obtaining housing, the new residences for example make Humber College a much more attractive educational institution.

The editorial does not indicate responsible journalism. The views of special interest groups such as the faculty union executive and a small group of its supporters are promoted. As academic administrators who make every effort to keep in touch with the faculty and support staff with whom we work, this editorial is not consistent with some of their views. Good journalism requires that all significant views be equally represented.

We recognize that Coven is a student newspaper, but we also understand that the students who work on Coven are entitled to guidance from experienced teachers of journalism. Where were these people when this was written?

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Health Sciences Division;  
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Chairman E.C.E./Consultant;  
Ken Harrison,  
Chairman Allied Health

# Entertainment



## Humber's concert hot stuff

by Douglas Duke

Last week's soaring temperatures were magnified in the lecture theatre on April 25, as the Humber College music department presented their annual Spring Showcase Concert.

Beginning at 7:30 p.m., the three-hour show featured four different ensembles and highlighted the talents of what could be one of Canada's best jazz programs.

After a short introduction by the director of the music department, Ed Sossin, the audience of almost 200 began to tap their toes and hum along to the sounds of the **Vocal Jazz Ensemble**.

Under the direction of Trish Coulter, the vocal group, made up of five male and five female singers, performed five songs in the pleasing acappella style.

In a few of the arrangements, some of the members of the ensemble sang percussion and horn parts to accompany the melodies of the lead vocalists.

Particularly well done was an upbeat arrangement of *Spread Love*, a **Take Six** original, and a harmonically beautiful rendition of **Jeremy Lubbock's** love ballad, *Not Like This*.

### round of applause

After a well-deserved applause from the audience, the vocalists left the stage to allow **Pat LaBarbera's Jazz Ensemble I** set up for their performance.

The six-piece ensemble played aggressively through five demanding charts and demonstrated individual skills by trading off solos.

The band performed well and the intense heat of the lights combined with the humidity did not interfere with the quality of their performance.

Some better moments came during an arrangement of *Lush Life*, a **Billy Strayhorn** piece that included a singer with the band, and **Jack De Johnette's** *Herbie's Hand Cocked*.

After a 20 minute intermission, the audience was treated to the complex original arrangements of **Mike Farquharson's Fusion Ensemble**. Also playing five charts, the fusion band was impressive performing pieces that showed the mature writing abilities of the members of the quartet.

### solo spots

All of the selections allowed for the individual players to show off their solo skills. Guitarist **James Jandrisch** did an exceptional job with his very own *Between Love and a Love Affair*. Likewise, bass player **Marc Mongrain's** *Song For Nicole* was superbly performed.

The band finished their set with a heavy tune called *Whimis* written by **Mongrain** and drummer **Marlon Van Zyl**. Van Zyl shone in this piece with a well-executed drum solo.

Finally, it was **Ron Collier's Big Band I** that took the stage to the delight of the hot, but still enthusiastic audience.

Big and brassy, the 19-piece band played through six charts and kept the excitement level up, right to the last note.

### big success

Some great trumpet and saxophone work along with a couple of noticeable xylophone solos enhanced an already well rehearsed performance. Singer **Laura Watt** was flawless in **Jerome Kern's** *The Song Is You* and **George Gershwin's** *How Long Has This Been Going On?*

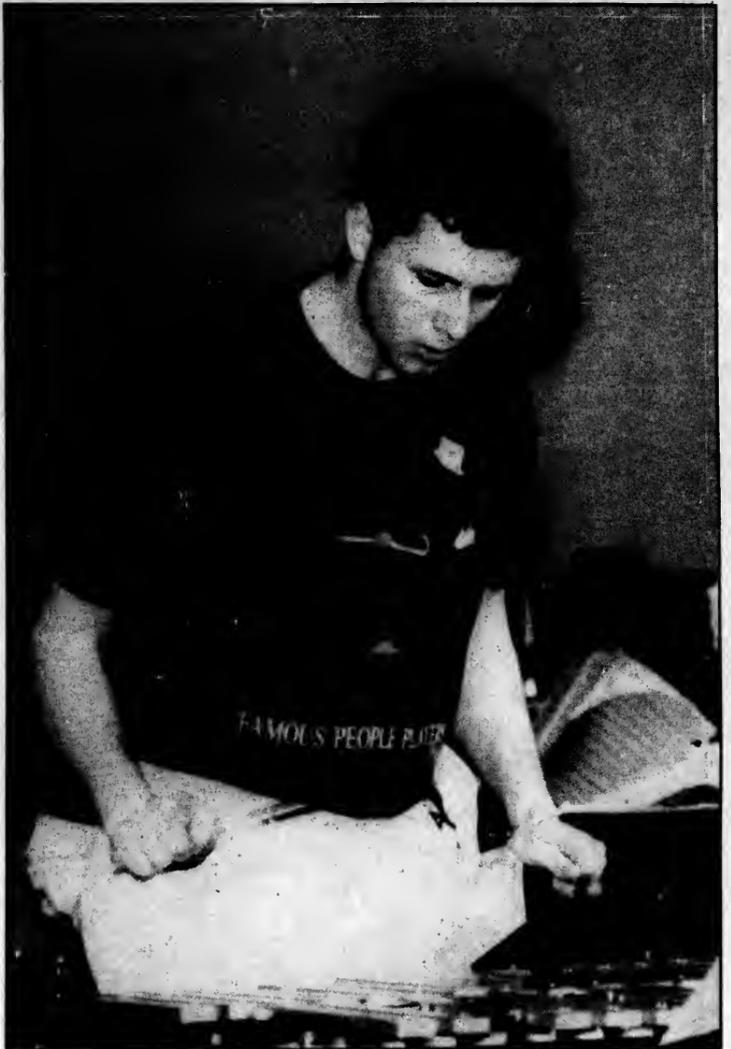


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**Smashing Solo** — Andy MacPherson's xylophone solo was one of many performed by Humber musicians.



PHOTO BY DOUGLAS DUKE

**Jazzy Affair** — Trish Coulter's Vocal Jazz Ensemble dazzled the audience despite the suffocating heat in the lecture theatre last week.



### HC-100 TOP TEN

1. NOTHING COMPARES 2 U — Sinead O'Connor
2. I WISH IT WOULD RAIN DOWN — Phil Collins
3. LOVER OF MINE — Alannah Myles
4. BLUE SKY MINE — Midnight Oil
5. THIS OLD HEART OF MINE — Rod Stewart
6. WHAT IT TAKES — Aerosmith
7. A LITTLE LOVE — Cory Hart
8. HEART OF THE MATTER — Don Henley
9. CARRY ON — The Box
10. LET YOUR BACKBONE SLIDE — Maestro Fresh Wes

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### Corndogs promote new album

by Allan MacDonald

The **Corndogs** played their latest gig in Toronto at the Horseshoe on Queen St. April 25.

The show was part of a tour to promote their new album called, *Tell Your Friends That There Are Friends Around*.

The hard rock group played to a receptive crowd of about 80 people. But, the sound board man left the instrumental music so loud it almost drowned out the lyrics and left ears ringing by the end of the show.

"We don't have our own sound man," explained **Greg Clarke**, lead singer of the group. "We have to rely on the sound man in the bars we go to. But, the stage music sounded fine and while I'm performing that's all I really care about."

Other members of the group include drummer **Brodie Lodge**, **Lionel Lodge** on bass and **Patrick Gilmour** on guitar.

The group met in London, Ontario and started performing at pubs in Fanshawe College and other bars around the city. Originally called **The Nosmo King Jrs.** the group changed it's name to **The Corndogs** when they moved to Toronto.

# Features

## Soothing massage can help ease aches and pains

by Lorraine Misquitta

Body aches, headaches, and tension, all symptoms of stress and anxiety, can be eased by a soothing massage.

The Canadian College of Massage and Hydrotherapy, located in Sutton Ont., held a massage seminar at Humber's sports injury clinic last week. Approximately 20 people attended.

The seminar, called Fit 4 Life, was held by four senior students from Sutton College. They explained what a massage is and various techniques in relieving certain ailments.

Massage, which is recognized as "hands-on therapy", helps to relax the muscles and joints, improves circulation, and removes cramps. "However, massage does not replace good nutrition and exercise, it is merely an addition to therapy," said Grant Smith, an intern massage therapist at the Sutton College.

Massage should be part of an overall program which includes regular exercise and proper breathing.

A sports massage, which was demonstrated by the students, is often done on site during a competition. The massage does not replace a warm-up but facilitates it.

A massage, even two or three minutes before competition, can help athletes avoid fatigue and increase muscle tone, break up scar tissue and prevent other injuries.

"For those who have had numerous back troubles over the years, massage helps to manipulate soft tissue and break it down. There may be some pain but it does eventually pass and in the long term it does help," said Smith.

Frank Webster, another intern

massage therapist said, "Massage relaxes muscles, improves blood supply, helps the body recover from injuries and over-use and generally improves or maintains a high level of health."

Massage is a head to toe treatment which relates to muscles and joints of the body, he explained.

"The elderly love massage especially those with circulatory problems," said Smith.

Students and staff, especially those who face a lot of stress, can get more information at Humber's sports injury clinic, located by the gymnasium.

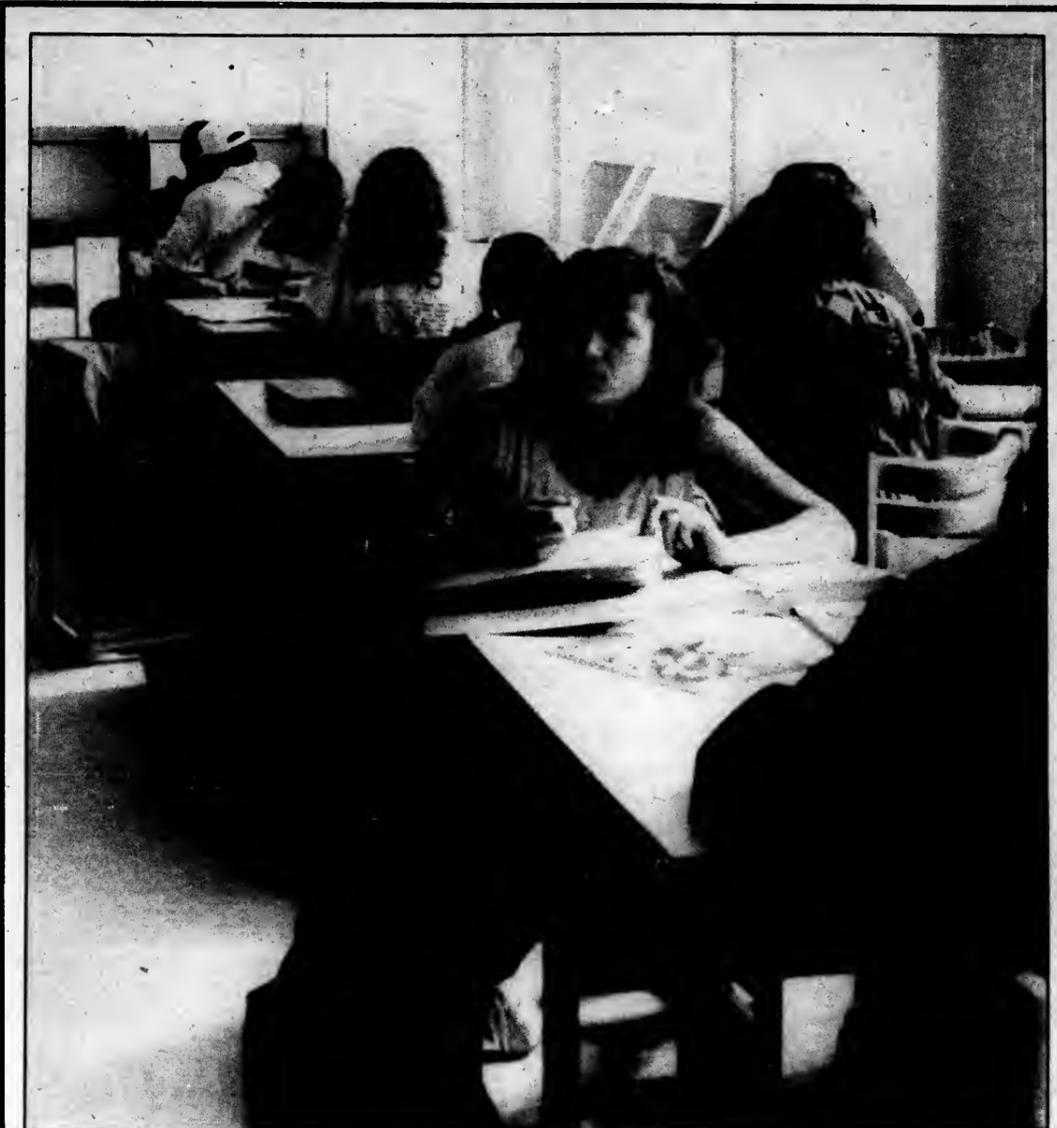
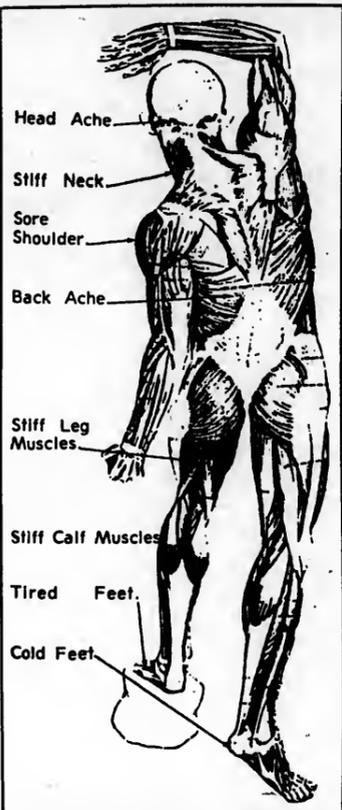


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**It's that time of the year again** — As another year dwindles to an end, the library will become commonplace for a lot of students, many of which flocked to the library Tuesday morning to copy that last note or research that last assignment. Exams begin May 22.

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# Sports



## Hockey Hawk flying off to Denmark

by Joe Suzor

Humber hockey star Paul Jackson won't be suiting up in the maroon and gold next year. The Ontario Colleges Athletic Association (OCAA) all-time scoring leader agreed to a one-year contract with a Division I team in Copenhagen, Denmark.

After three very successful years at Humber, Jackson now has a chance to further his hockey career.

"This is something I've always wanted to do," Jackson said. "At this point I feel I'm making the right decision."

Athletic Director Peter Maybury is also pleased with Jackson's move to Europe.

"I think that it's a great opportunity for Paul. This is the right decision, it's in his best interest, but we're going to miss him."

If Jackson is going to thank anybody for this opportunity it will be his former teammate and Hawk captain Ed Ljubicic, who is now playing in Holland. James Richmond, a former Copenhagen player now playing with Ljubicic, was contacted by Copenhagen about possible players for next season.

"Ed told James about me and he came over to watch me play in the Nationals," Jackson said.



PHOTO BY GARY GELLETT

**A big loss**—Humber hockey fans won't be seeing all-star forward Paul Jackson in the lineup next season as he's opted to play in Denmark. Jackson leaves the team holding several OCAA records, including the most career points by a player.

"He offered me a contract and I accepted it."

"They've set me up with a house, a car, and I'll be making about \$15,000 U.S."

"Sometimes you have to move on, and this is my opportunity to move on," he explained. "I just

want to play some hockey. When I'm finished I'll come back to school."

Jackson said that he has also been contacted by former Maple Leaf coach John Brophy about a tryout in the East Coast hockey league, and there's also interest

from people in the new Global hockey league.

"If I get a shot to play in the Global league I'll play there instead of Europe," said Jackson.

Jackson said returning to Humber is "the furthest thing from my

mind," but if his other options fall through he will return.

Reflecting back on his career and last season, Jackson said his greatest highlight wasn't becoming the OCAA scoring leader.

"Forget my three years, all the records I've broken and the goals I've scored, beating Georgian was definitely the highlight. Just to see the looks on their faces when we won was great, because they let us know it all year that we hadn't beat them," he said.

"Beating Georgian, for me anyway, was better than if we had won the Canadians."

But, Jackson really wishes he could have seen coach Dana Shutt retire at the top of his profession.

"I would have traded any goals throughout my career to put one in for Dana (in double overtime of the National Championship)."

"I feel really bad for him. The team was his life and he put everything he had into it."

Although Jackson said he doesn't think of playing in the NHL, he said he would love to. But for now, he's off to Europe in August to pursue a hockey career and life after Humber.

Jackson is a few credits short of graduating and still has another year of eligibility to play at Humber, but he feels the time is right to play elsewhere.

## Humber hires Ex-NHLer as Shutt's replacement

by Joe Suzor

Former Pittsburgh Penguin left-winger and Seneca College coach Nick Harbaruk, has been officially named head coach of the Humber hockey team.

Harbaruk, 46, replaces the retired Dana Shutt who was at the helm for five years leading the team to five consecutive Ontario Championships.

"I'm really looking forward to coaching the team," Harbaruk said. "I used to coach against Humber when Peter (Maybury, athletic director) coached them and we had a great rivalry."

While coaching at Seneca, Harbaruk amassed a win-loss record of 164-39 over six years, and finished the regular season in first place five of those. He won the Ontario Championship three times, and also captured a silver and two bronze medals at the Nationals.

"I've been very fortunate to have great teams to coach like Seneca and Humber," he explained. "The situation with Humber is going to be a tough one because everyone is going to be gunning for us. We have to maintain a high level of play."

To remain at the top, the first thing Harbaruk and Maybury must do is actively recruit this year.

"Obviously we have to find a scorer to replace (Paul) Jackson," Harbaruk added. "But we should be a playoff bound team unless we fall flat on our faces."

Harbaruk will also have to decide on his assistant coach since assistant Dave Emerson also retired at the end of the season.

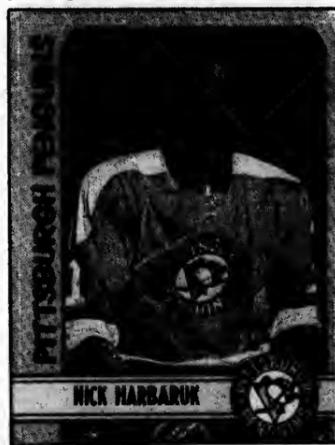
A possibility to fill the vacancy is former Hawk defenceman Ken Rumble.

"His name has been brought up," Harbaruk said. "I'd like to talk to Peter about the situation (of his new assistant) but he said the

final decision is mine."

Harbaruk said he's also not ruling out the possibility of hiring someone who worked with him at Seneca.

Harbaruk said he will instill a lot of his philosophies he had as a player in the team. When he played with Pittsburgh he was known as a tough defensive specialist and was nicknamed "Iron Man" for playing 290 games over a four year span.



Because of his defensive ability, Harbaruk was usually assigned to the opposition's best players.

"I played against Henri Richard, Bobby Orr, Jean Beliveau, and Bobby Hull."

From Pittsburgh, Harbaruk moved on to play in St. Louis, and then with the Indianapolis Racers of the WHA. When his playing career with Indianapolis ended in 1977, he joined Seneca as an assistant and two years later took over the head coaching job.

He retired in 1985 but said he is returning to coaching now because "hockey is in my blood."

## Soccer unwanted at Humber

by Veersen Bhoollai

Ice hockey and basketball may be major sports at Humber but soccer, the most popular sport in the world, seems to be unwanted.

"It's discrimination," said Martin Kondrat a worker in Humber's Plant Maintenance department who is willing to coach a Humber soccer team for free.

After being told it was not economically feasible to run a team, Kondrat said he was refused permission to rent the gym solely because the sport was soccer.

"I approached the Athletics Department and asked if they could form a soccer program, but they told me it was too expensive," said Kondrat.

However, Peter Maybury, director of athletics and Doug Fox, director of community programs do not recall being approached by Kondrat.

"All you really need is a soccer ball and some kids. How much money do you need?" he asked. But was still turned down.

"It seems kind of silly. Last year Humber hosted an extramural soccer tournament," said Kondrat. "Why couldn't they do something this year for the men and women?"

Kondrat said he later asked a woman in the Athletics Department if he could rent the gym during regular hours. "At first she said yes, but when she discovered that I wanted the gym to

train 12 year-old boys in skill soccer techniques she said, 'No. Anything but soccer.'

Kondrat said there is interest from the community in the sport, "... so why not let the kids know that Humber is here, maybe it will increase the enrolment. If they bring the kids in, they can see what the gym is like and maybe they'll want to come to the college for schooling, when it's time."

"I have nothing against soccer," said Maybury, it's a great sport." He stressed that the major problem regarding a Humber soccer team, was a "lack of commitment by the players."

Maybury said that in the past when Humber had a soccer team, the players would be involved in other leagues and sometimes just seven or eight players would show up for a game.

"Basically what we were doing," said Maybury, "was duplicating a sport that the players were already participating in. They were participating for us secondarily. We were putting the money out for a coach and equipment for players who weren't committed."

Maybury said if a team was formed for the new school year, it would be based on an indoor league format. If successful it might lead to an outdoor team the following year.

"It would establish credible intent for a soccer program," said Maybury.

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