

Firefighter says sit tight, stay safe

by Maureen Kelly

Because evacuation during a fire often results in panic, a North York firefighter told some of Osler Campus's 300 residents last week they could stay in their rooms during a fire and be reasonably safe from danger.

Greg Alexander, a combat firefighter for 11 years and a fire safety co-ordinator for four, was invited to talk to residents at Osler about basic fire prevention procedures.

He also said fire drills at Osler may not be necessary, depending on what the residence decides regarding fire procedures.

Following his talk, Marni McAlpine, the administrative service co-ordinator, suggested the residence may change present procedures which include fire drills.

Students at the demonstration found it difficult to believe they could remain safely in their rooms during a nearby fire, and they questioned Alexander's

statements. He pointed out that never before in Canada has a fire spread from one suite to another and killed someone in a highrise (seven stories or more).

Alexander said he was not telling students they had to stay in their rooms, but rather they would probably be safe if they stayed put.

He suggested if a student is next door or near a fire, she should close her door, dampen a sheet, and lay it along the crack of the door along the floor to prevent poisonous smoke from seeping into the room. Another sheet should be waved from the window to let firemen know the location of the fire. Alexander estimates the North York Fire Department could be at Osler within four minutes.

Alexander stressed the importance of having smoke detectors.

"They only cost about \$12 and they can make the difference between life and death."

He added during his 11 years as a

fireman, he has never been to a fire where someone died if smoke detectors were in the home. Smoke detectors have a failure rate of two percent.

Osler Campus does not supply smoke detectors, but McAlpine encourages all students to purchase one for their rooms. Heat detectors can be found in all rooms, kitchens, and lounges, but Alexander questions their worthiness.

"Heat detectors are more for the

purpose of the building as a whole: their value is limited, and they only go off if temperatures exceed 135 degrees," he said.

About two weeks ago, a grease fire broke out in the kitchen of the seventh floor at Osler. A student was making popcorn when the hot butter burst into flames. According to a seventh floor resident, the kitchen was filled with smoke but no alarms went off. The fire

was quickly brought under control by students.

Last year, a fire official visited Osler to evaluate the building and make suggestions on what measures should be taken to ensure maximum safety. Fire doors, costing thousands of dollars, became compulsory on all lounges, and drills were practiced. McAlpine will discuss the value of drills with a fire official some time this week.

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Fire hazards cited

Program ignites safety concerns

by Marina Claroni

Technology chairman Mike Sava says potential fire hazards exist in the industrial programs offered at the Lakeshore 2 campus.

Sava said that a safety commission was designated to the campus because of the number of accidents that have occurred involving student mishandling of equipment.

He said teachers are part of the commission and must be aware of all fire hazards.

"Students in Marine Mechanics, Yachting and Fibreglass programs work with potentially explosive materials such as fuel, which can easily cause a fire to spread quickly," he added.

Sava said that a number of events can cause a fire to start in the industrial classrooms. They range from short circuits to natural gas and electronic mishaps.

"Quite frequently, students do things electronically wrong," said Mechanical Packaging co-ordinator Dave Mayfield, "which can result in broken fingers, hands, or igniting sparks which can set fire to students hair or shirt."

Because clothing catches fire easily, Mayfield warns students about the type of clothing they should be wearing.

He said many students and faculty members are being taught first aid along with a compulsory 35-hour safety training course because fire threats at the campus are so high.

An Etobicoke fire marshal frequently comes to the campus to check machines, wiring, fire extinguishers and fire exits, Mayfield added.

"If he finds even one thing wrong, he'll pull the plug on the campus fast," said Mayfield.

Physical resources director Ken Cohen was unavailable for comment.

Lakeshore may join OCSA

by Sue Legue

Students at Lakeshore 2's campus may soon join ranks with a province-wide student association, whose membership includes 175,000 college and university students.

Three delegates from Humber's North campus Student Association Council (SAC) voted to support the Ontario College Student Association (OCSA) at a conference in Ottawa recently.

Lakeshore Student Union President John Fabrizio said he will bring the issue before a full council for approval.

"I think the OCSA is a good thing," said Fabrizio. "Our budget is very small. In fact only half the students that go here pay us any fees, but we're obliged to provide services."

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Students tired—of dodging mud puddles at the north east corner of the campus will soon get relief. New sod will replace the mud left by workers last summer. Photo by Doug Devine.

Refugee hunger pangs end

by Marina Claroni

Many of the Cambodian and Vietnamese refugees currently enrolled at Humber's York-Eglinton Centre were suffering from malnutrition when they first started school this semester said registrar Rhoda Sullivan.

As well, some of the refugees suffered from malaria said English teacher Margitta Dinzl.

"We had to call Lakeshore 1 cam-

pus to see if we could get the nurse to come down and help them out," she said.

Malnutrition contributed to a host of other sicknesses as well, said Dinzl.

Dinzl said although the refugees are being sponsored by Canada Manpower, most of them still didn't have enough money to pay for a decent meal.

"Manpower provided enough money to the refugees to help them pay for their rent and most other bills,"

said Dinzl, "but they didn't have enough money to sit down and grab a meal before the day ended."

In an attempt to overcome this problem, Humber's administration at the York-Eglinton Centre consulted the Food Services department at Humber's North campus.

"The Food Services really helped a lot," said Dinzl. "They came down and put in a food machine so refugees would be able to eat at a more affordable cost."

New centre by first hurdle

by Doug Devine

A proposal for a new student centre for Lakeshore 1 was accepted in principle at the Board of Governors' property meeting last week.

The proposed six room centre will cost about \$70,000 and will be built in the old cafeteria beside the present Student Union (SU) offices.

"SU could provide \$25,000 and we requested a matching grant from the Board of Governors of \$25,000," said SU President John Fabrizio. "The remaining costs would come in the form of an interest free loan from the Board. This loan would then be repaid at a rate of \$3,000 per year."

One problem in building the centre in the old cafeteria is finding additional cafeteria room for the students now using the area. Fabrizio has suggested building an extension onto the new cafeteria over the outdoor patio, but says this could wait until next summer.

The Board, however, was concerned this addition might be required immediately, pushing the cost of the centre to \$147,000. Therefore they have asked for as-

urance from Fabrizio that there will be enough room in the new cafeteria to accommodate students for the rest of this year.

The proposal came after a special committee spent two weeks deciding on the best location for the centre. The committee was set up to discuss the pros and cons of several different locations.

Fabrizio had hoped to build the centre onto the end of the new cafeteria where an outdoor patio is situated but is happy with the committee's decision.

"Building the centre in the old cafeteria will give SU a higher profile and encourage participation from students," said Fabrizio. "It will give us a central place to plan activities and congregate."

Physical Resources Director Ken Cohen said this location would be easy to isolate from the rest of the campus making it easier for security purposes.

The proposal now must be presented to the Board of Governors' finance committee Oct. 14.

"If the proposal is accepted," adds Fabrizio, "I would hope construction would begin as soon as possible."

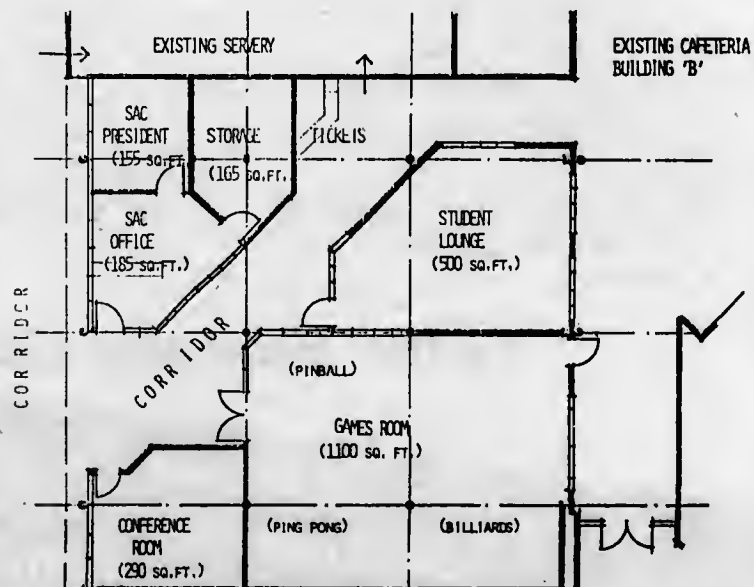


Diagram shows planned renovations to the old cafeteria for the proposed new Student Association facility.

Sister campuses on the move

Big Brother North leaves six behind

by Trilby Bittle

There's more to Humber college than just North campus, but since the big decisions are made there, the college's six other campuses often feel like they exist in the North's shadow.

Humber's centralization occurs because administrative activity takes place at North campus rather than a division of administrative functions amongst the Lakeshore 1, Lakeshore 2, Learning Resource Centre (LRC),

Keefesdale, Osler and York-Eglinton campuses.

"I'm really empathetic to staff at those campuses," said Tom Norton, vice-president of academic affairs. "They are not able to walk into an office controlling the things they want."

Norton said in 1978 the college was in a de-centralized mode, however, for a number of reasons, one being to ensure no differences in campus cur-

riculum existed, the college moved into a centralized operation.

Centralization does exist now, but he feels this does not interfere with student life at the other campuses.

He said Lakeshore 1 has its own student government, deans, placement office and counselling services.

Positive side

Aside from obvious administrative liabilities, Humber's other campuses have a few positive characteristics. One of the benefits is the campuses are a more manageable size.

"Lakeshore 1 has more influence on its own future direction," said Norton.

Several years ago, North campus was resented because it seemed to have everything. Things have begun to change.

"North was like a palace compared to the other campuses," said Norton. "Now we have increased our efforts to decrease the effects of centralization."

Norton said a two-year landscape program was undertaken at the Lakeshore 1 campus to improve its appearance.

Norton added now the feeling is, "Hey guys, you may be bigger but come and see where we work."

As well, a computer system installed in the Lakeshore 1 campus will im-

prove its functioning.

Norton said a lack of money is the main reason certain facilities, such as the Lakeshore 1 campus, just can't be improved, yet.

No excuses

"Despite the colleges best intentions, we will need more money to replace what is an austere, bare-boned environment at Lakeshore 2," said Norton. "Even though most of the students don't stay there long, it's no excuse not to improve the facilities."

Norton said the college is working on plans to re-locate the entire facility. Lakeshore 2 campus is leased until 1984.

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English language course attracts new Canadians

by Marina Claroni

While many adults study foreign languages such as French and Italian, 250 foreign adults attending Humber's York-Eglinton Centre are studying English as their second language...90 per cent of them are refugees from Cambodia and Vietnam.

Most refugees enrolled in the English as a Second Language Program, could not speak, read or write any English when they first started the program in September.

Rhoda Sullivan, registrar at the centre, said that because the students didn't speak a word of English on registration date, they had to communi-

cate by using objects and by signaling to each other.

"They didn't even understand what I meant when I asked, 'When were you born?'" Sullivan added.

Read and write

The 15 English teachers in the program also communicate to the refugees by showing them an object and telling them what it is in English.

One of the teachers at the campus, Margitta Dinzl, said the adults have to learn grammar and how to read and speak English just as Canadian children learn to read and write for the first time.

The refugees are also taken on excursions to the movies, the library, the zoo, pioneer villages and maple sugar plantations to give them a chance to learn what Toronto can offer them in recreation.

Play Bingo

The refugee students are in school Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. During that time, students work hard but, said Dinzl, on Tuesdays students play bingo during their lunch breaks to release their tensions from the hard work.

When the students have completed the six months required for the program they will have learned enough English to help them communicate in the working world. Later they should

be able to find a job or to continue their schooling in programs such as secretarial, and bookkeeping.

"They're hard workers," said Dinzl, "and I find them all very delightful."

Carter questions pub prices

by Teresa Cosentini

Paying \$1.45 for a drink in the student pub is just too much money, says Glen Carter, a member of the student union at Humber's Lakeshore 1 campus.

Carter, a community studies student, said drinks are cheaper at bars outside the college, and he questions why students should go to the pub and pay higher prices.

The price of a drink was raised from \$1.35 to \$1.45 this semester.

Carter claims the student union was not consulted, but prices were raised anyway.

"We had an agreement with the Food Services department who agreed not to raise prices at the pub without consulting the student union first," he said.

"The increase has not been justified to the satisfaction of the student union," he added.

John Mason, head of Food Services at Humber claims SU was notified of the decision to raise prices in advance of the first pub.

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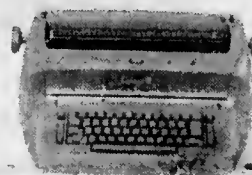
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Learning by emersion

by Kim Aylesworth

Raymond Doucet, Humber's new French co-ordinator has three proposals he will present to the Ministry of Colleges and Universities, that he thinks will improve emersion and cultural exchange programs carried on by the college later this semester.

Doucet feels these proposals will improve the emersion and exchange offered at Humber by developing better communication between the students, the administration and the participating institutions.

The first suggestion would initiate more exchange programs and possibly some ongoing exchanges.

Students enlightened

"During an ongoing exchange, students would be away from the college attending a similar institution for a full semester, instead of the usual week," explained Doucet.

Secondly, the co-ordinator would like to see the administration and faculty get involved by visiting the participating colleges to ensure compatibility, similar course formats and a better understanding of the alternate educational system. He added this could only improve the whole process.

The third proposal is a study of other institutions offering language instruction.

Best teaching methods

"It would help us keep up-to-date with the new and improved techniques available, enabling us to offer the best teaching methods to Humber students," said Doucet.

Doucet, a former music consultant for the North York School Board, believes students can learn just as much outside the classroom.

"The French culture is easier to bring to people through music, art and

the theatre, aside from formal classes," says Doucet.

And he is putting his theory to work. The Travel and Tourism course has incorporated French in their program this year for the first time. The third semester students were enlightened on the evolution of the French theatre in Quebec from the 60's-80's by a French

playwright, D'Andre Ricard, who lectured recently at Humber.

The French Department also hopes a "chansonnier" will come to Humber to entertain the students. A chansonnier is a travelling folksinger and poet all in-one whose music has a theme or story, to tell of the French people and their heritage.

Apathy angers LS2 students

by Rosemary Schuller

A concerned group of Lakeshore 2 students are considering petitioning Harry McAvoy, president of the North campus' Students Association Council (SAC), for action on the student apathy problem at their campus.

Lakeshore 2 students are not offered extra curricular activities. There are no

regular pub nights, no movie days, and no coffee houses. As well, there are few recreational facilities, no decent student lounge, (the present one houses a number of broken chairs and cigarette butts), and no music in the cafeteria, which hasn't been painted for approximately 10 years.

Students interviewed by Coven said they have accepted these conditions.

Alan Kindree, a welding student at Lakeshore 2, felt the situation was hopeless.

"What can we do? Who can we speak to? We don't even know who our campus representative is," said Kindree.

Jenny Sweet, a bookstore clerk, said it seems like Lakeshore 2 is a "forgotten campus."

The Student Union at Lakeshore 1 is the only form of student representation the Lakeshore students know, but they feel the Student Union isn't very active at Lakeshore 2.

Head of Custodial Services, Eugene Zienkiewicz and six other custodians are disheartened by the students' lack of interest in the appearance of their surroundings.

"The whole attitude of the students is wrong. They have no pride in their surroundings, they just don't seem to care," said Zienkiewicz.

SAC election winners announced

by Steve Cossaboom

Elected representatives in the Student Association Council (SAC) by-elections for the Applied Arts and Creative and Communications Arts divisions were announced this week by election co-ordinator Sandy Keedwell.

In the Applied Arts division, Greg Bauman, Frank Godfrey, and Debbie Quin, were the winners, and in the Creative and Communications Arts division, Harry Tideman was appointed by acclamation.

Also appointed by acclamation were, in the Business division, Dave Kington and Al Lonardi; in the Technology division, Marcel Jonker; and the General Arts and Sciences division, Anita Upenieks.



NEW DIVISIONAL REPS:

The election is over and there are eight new SAC reps. These reps will be available to answer any questions you have about SAC, just as the existing SAC members can.

The new reps are:

Applied Arts; Greg Bowman, Frank Godfrey, Debbie Quinn.

Business; Dave Kington, Al Lonardi.
Creative and Communicative Arts; Harry Tideman.
General Arts and Sciences; Anita Upenieks.
Technology; Marcel Jonker.

There are no Health Science reps at this time, but we hope there will be some; someday.



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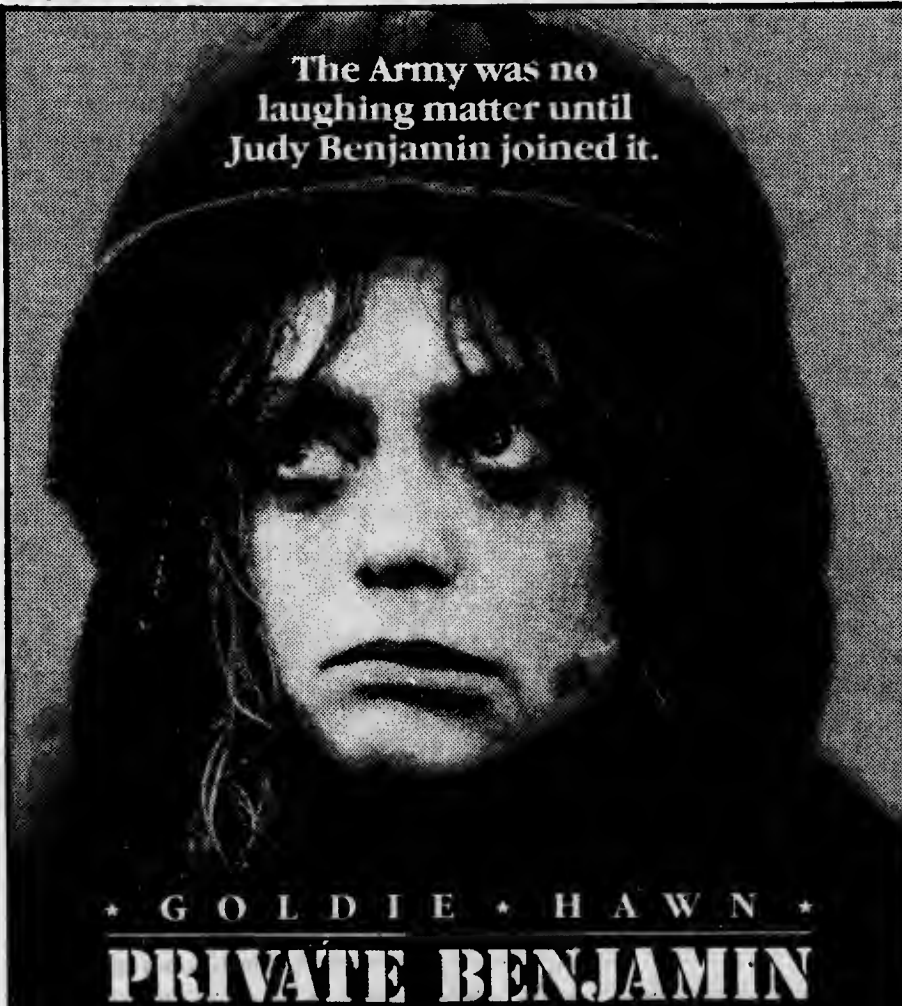
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Ignorance might prove costly

After many years of bickering, confusion, and apathy, it seems the colleges have finally decided the province-wide student organization, Ontario Federation of Students (OFS), is worth joining.

At a recent conference in Ottawa, the OFS outlined what they can offer to the college student. Although they can offer little more than research, the prospect of Humber's Students Association Council (SAC) and Student Union (SU) becoming members of a political machine should be appealing to students.

More clout

If Humber's student government's join OFS, they will have more clout when dealing with both the Board of Governors and the provincial government. The students will possess the research and the solidarity needed to make demands.

This year, Humber may become a "trial member" of OFS. The decision will be left to SAC. If they accept the concept of the OFS, Humber will become part of a political machine able to keep the provincial government on its toes. This will force a large responsibility upon SAC and Lakeshore's SU. But they will gain the respectability and clout they deserve when they deal with Humber's administration and board.

With the OFS, the colleges now have a chance of acquiring a student member on the board, of presenting complaints directly to Colleges and Universities Minister Bette Stephenson, and of becoming involved in education policy planning.

Referendum vote

If SAC and SU decide to permanently join the 175,000 member organization, they have to bring the question to the students by referendum. This, however, may ruin all that this year's SAC has accomplished. College students, compared to their university counterparts, do not seem to be as aware of the issues that affect them, and through indifference and ignorance Humber may vote the OFS out.

If this ever does happen, the Humber student voice will never be united. The provincial government will continue their present educational policies without any college opposition or appraisal. By joining OFS, Humber will be a part of a political machine geared towards improving the province's post-secondary educational system.

Wasted efforts

The OFS offers Humber students the chance to join in this effort, but with only a dismal 10 per cent voter turn-out at the recent by-elections at North campus and at Lakeshore 1 and 2 there was no election because all the council posts were acclaimed, one would wonder if SAC President Harry McAvoy and SU President John Fabrizio are wasting their efforts trying to improve services and conditions for Humber students. Imagine if SAC and SU were as apathetic as the students they represent.

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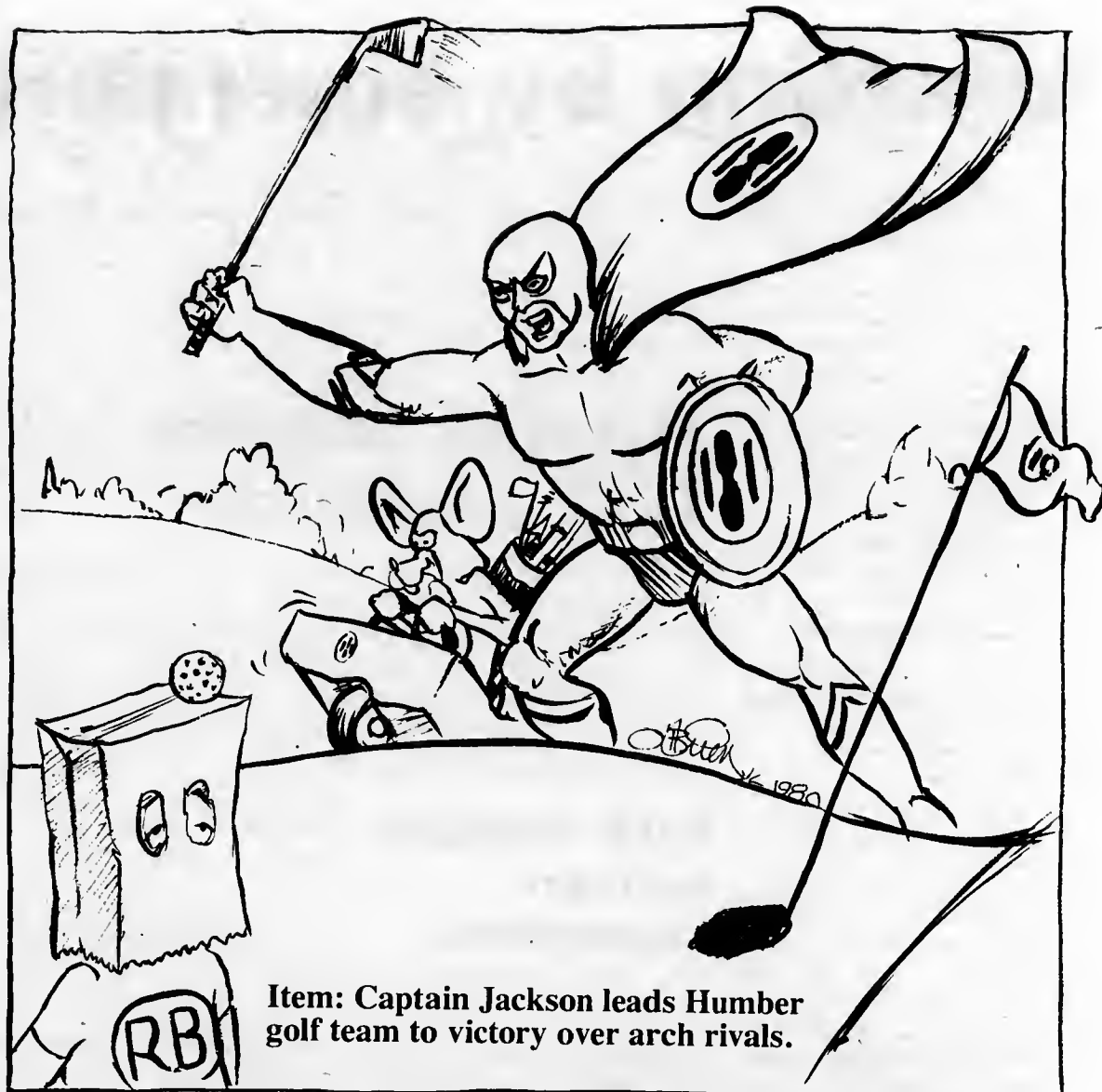
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Item: Captain Jackson leads Humber golf team to victory over arch rivals.

LS2 'underlings'

Lakeshore 2 has an identity crisis.

The campus suffers from an absence of bureaucratic autonomy in its administration. The feeling of desperation is slowly filtering down to faculty members and students.

A concerned group of Lakeshore 2 students might petition SAC's president Harry McAvoy in an attempt to alleviate student apathy at their campus. The students claim they lack extracurricular activities such as pub nights, movie screenings, or coffee houses, and they criticize their own student union for being ineffective.

The problem, however, goes much deeper than student union involvement.

Lakeshore harbors a pervasive attitude of discontent that is evidenced, in part, by the shabby state of the student lounge. Broken chairs and cigarette butts form the decor of the lounge. Custodians claim the students lack pride in their building; teachers remain indifferent, and students, as usual, shift the blame to

an unknown SU representative.

It doesn't end there.

The administrative officials at the campuses, Lakeshore 1, Keele, Osler, and York-Eglinton included, resent the authority wielded by seldom seen college mandarins at the North campus. They, the officials, are afraid to speak out in print, however, for fear of having their hands slapped or receiving an inter-college memo or call from the office of the president.

Centralized power is a fact of life at Humber College and those on the so-called fringe campuses should learn to live with that. But, instead of shifting blame or remaining indifferent to campus inequities, those in positions of authority, from deans down to SU representatives, should strive to make learning conditions better and above all change their attitudes.

To borrow from Shakespeare, "The fault, dear Brutus, is not in our stars, but in ourselves that we are underlings."

Who is R.B. asks student

An open letter to RB from Lakeshore:

Who the hell are you? You send letters to Coven every week and complain about anything and everything. You knock Harry McAvoy's great effort in the Terry Fox Marathon and in the same breath say, "we're all winners because we did our best." And you have the nerve to make a farce of the paper that prints your letters (if, indeed, we can call them letters).

Hell, Coven even gave you a head line, though they thought, or had hoped, that you'd graduated. But no, you're back, ready and willing to complain and Coven prints you're inate messages. They're just trying to fill space in all likelihood.

You say Coven will get your name wrong in their "nonsense news." You depict Coven as a Mickey Mouse operation, among other things. You

have strong beliefs, but will you sign your name? Hell no, you wish to remain anonymous. Why? It seems that RB is on a power trip. Next thing you know, you'll take us all hostage like our favorite madman from Iran, the Ayatollah.

I must give you credit for taking an interest in Coven, though I realize the letters section is the only page you turn to. No, let me take that back. You must read the college newspaper because you know what's going on. You're interested in college events and turn to Coven for information. Not bad for someone who believes Coven exaggerate's, huh?

The only one exaggerating, RB, is you. You remind me of an old Elton John tune, "The Bitch is Back."

Letter changed

The lyrics to "In the Coven have been rearranged.

Although "In the Coven" was meant as a satire, it does however prove my point that Coven reports are not God's gift to the journalistic profession. Everyone is a critic right? A journalist point of view is labeled as "fair comment", everything else is criticism right? Wrong...check your local newspaper, you'll probably find that some of the letters to the Editor make more sense than the sensationalized stories written by ludicrous reporters.

Letter to the Editor:

This letter has been pre-rearranged for your convenience. Letters should appear as presented.

Thank-you No Thank-you

R.B. Lakeshore

Tim Gall You asked for it, you got it R.B.

Colleges give OFS green light

Students at Humber's North campus may soon join ranks with a province-wide student association, whose membership includes 175,000 college and university students.

Three delegates from Humber's Student Association Council (SAC) voted to support the Ontario College Student Association (OCSA) at a conference recently held in Ottawa.

The proposal to join must now go before the student council for approval.

An increase in student fees next fall would be necessary to offset the cost of membership, said SAC President Harry McAvoy. It would cost SAC about 80 cents per student.

The OCSA will be one of three commissions in a larger organization—the Ontario Federation of Students (OFS). The two other commissions include graduates and undergraduates.

OFS represents Ontario students on major issues, such as education cutbacks, student aid, housing and tuition.

College issues

The OCSA will handle college issues and present them to the federation for further investigation.

The Ottawa conference was called to discuss whether the OCSA should remain a commission of the OFS or become a separate organization.

The OFS was previously a university-oriented federation, with only five of its 26 members being colleges.

OFS researcher Ross Peiry said college students need to be better represented in the federation.

"OFS started out as an organization that was out to help all students in Ontario but, clearly colleges are a minority," said Ross.

At the onset of the conference only three of the 13 colleges represented supported the OFS. The others, including Humber, were in favour of the OCSA becoming a commission of the OFS.

Before the conference, SAC President Harry McAvoy said, college and university students are different types of people and should be treated as such.

OFS college fieldworker Kerry Burke said, "Students are still students, and the issues that concern them aren't that different."

She added that 14 of 20 issues in the OCSA constitution concerned both university and college students, and pointed out

a full college membership would give the 22 colleges the voting edge.

"Because each institution has only one vote, the universities can't gang up on the colleges," she said. "Some of the representatives here (the conference) have this paranoia."

At one point in the conference, it was moved the representatives from the OFS be dismissed for the remainder of the meeting. The motion failed.

Humber delegates re-evaluated their stand midway through the conference.

"We were very naive about the OFS," said McAvoy. "We (college representatives) were all hung up on it (OFS) only benefiting university students."

"Basically," he said, "we went down to the conference with the intention of forming the OCSA as a separate entity or forgetting it."

Representatives from the federation stressed when the OFS was formed in 1972, the intention was to include all students in Ontario.

Colleges have been trying to form a strong college organization for a number of years, said Burke, "but the student council turnover rate is so high that instituting it is very difficult."

OFS representative and former Lambton College President, Andy Periquin, strongly condemned the idea of the OCSA as a separate organization.

Resources available

"The resources are already available from the OFS," he said. "It's ludicrous to not take advantage of them."

Should the OCSA become a separate organization, it would cost \$1 per student to join, leaving only about \$30,000 a year in operating funds, said Periquin.

"You can't possibly run an organization on that little," he said. "One staff member alone would cost almost that much, and on top of that, you have field workers and researchers."

In 1979-80, the operating budget of the OFS was almost \$291,000.

Burke said the OCSA, like all commissions, will be funded up to \$10,000 annually. In addition, the commission would have the use of the federation's office space, researchers and field workers.

If SAC votes to support the OCSA, Humber can join the OFS temporarily for one year at 80 cents per student. After the first year, the fee increases to \$3 per student.

"Humber will only join," said McAvoy, "if there are enough colleges committed to forming a strong commission."

McAvoy stressed the importance of educating students before the referendum.

"Students have to understand the issue," he said, "before they can vote on it."

Fantastic deal

Most of the work done by the OFS won't be visible to the average student, "but, at \$3 a head," said McAvoy, "they're getting a fantastic deal."

In the past, through lobbying, rallies and involvement with the Ministry of Colleges and Universities, the OFS has made headway in various student issues.

It is now pressuring the government to make improvements in Ontario Student Assistance Program (OSAP), and has succeeded in reversing a Liquor License Board ruling that disallowed student councils from operating their own pubs.

With province-wide membership the OFS would become a very political body, but Burke stressed the lobbying wouldn't get out of hand.

"Our lobbying techniques are much more sophisticated than they were in the 60's," she said. "They were fighting the Vietnam war, we're fighting the inflation war."

Although the federation's main battleground is at Queen's Park, Bette Stephenson, Minister of Colleges and Universities, considers herself an ally of the OFS.

"The OFS provides a valuable service to my ministry," Stephenson stated in a recent OFS report. "Their energetic questioning of issues helps keep Government on its toes. They not only accept challenges, they seek them out."

OFS representatives readily welcomed college support.

"You can bet there's going to be a lot of attention given to colleges now," said Brad Forewell, Fanshawe College student president and OFS member. "Now that we're organized, we've got the OFS at our disposal."

Coven Student Association Council reporter Sue Legue attended the Ontario College Student Association Conference in Ottawa, Oct. 3 to 5 and filed these reports.

Ombudsmen for students

"Students have more power than they think"

Many community colleges in Ontario are investigating the need for a student ombudsman whose job would be to work out academic problems between students and instructors.

Student Union President at Ottawa's Algonquin College, Wayne Owens, told delegates attending a convention of 13 colleges last week, that an ombudsman "cuts down on the red tape and avoids a lot of the run-around a student would normally get."

Algonquin Students are now the only ones in Canada represented by an ombudsman, said Owens. Quite a few colleges have the position but under a different title.

Algonquin's ombudsman is a student.

"Students aren't as intimidated by another student as they are by a dean," Owens explained. "The ombudsman

must have a good rapport with students as well as administration."

Humber's Student Association Council (SAC) President Harry McAvoy said, although the college does not employ an actual ombudsman, students do have a route to take if they're having problems with a teacher.

One of the responsibilities of Paul McCann, secretary of the council of

student affairs (CSA), is to act as an appeal board for students.

"Students have more power than they think," said McCann. "No students, no school. Students sometimes lose sight of this."

Although McCann will aid a student if he's having trouble with an instructor, he encourages students to talk with the teacher first. The program's coordinator and dean should also be approached, he added.

"When a student goes this far," said Owens, "they have the problem well thought out and want immediate action."

Most of the teachers at Algonquin support the idea, seeing it as a "good feedback system," Owens said, "but, the odd time you get a teacher that doesn't like it, but with the position they're in they should be approachable."

Although few students come to the office with the intent of "getting back at a teacher," said Owen, many of the problems they bring in are vague.

For example, he said, students may come to the ombudsman complaining about a "bad teacher."

"In cases like that we have to find out the specifics," he said. "Usually they have a valid point, or they don't come back."

An Ontario student movement is being formed to pressure the Ministry of Colleges and Universities into allowing students voting privileges on the College Board of Governors.

Student Association Council (SAC) President Harry McAvoy is presently allowed to sit in on the Board of Governors meetings, but rarely attends.

"I just don't have the time," he said. "When you're just an observer, you're not committed."

Over half the colleges represented at a college leaders conference in Ottawa last weekend said they too are allowed to sit in on Board meetings, but don't have voting privileges.

A few colleges aren't allowed to even observe the meetings, and when

they are it's without an agenda.

George Brown College's St. James campus President Paul Wallis said he is allowed to attend the meetings but any questions he wishes to ask during the meeting must be written out and presented to the Board a week in advance.

"If they're in a good mood, they'll answer me if my hand's up, but usually they ignore it," said Wallis. "That makes it difficult if something comes up during the meeting that I'm unsure of."

Students in most Ontario universities already enjoy voting privileges on the Board of Governors.

In Quebec, under the Quebec Colleges Act, two students and four pa-

rents of students who attend the college, are elected to sit on the Board of Governors. In Alberta only one representative per college is elected.

McAvoy supports the idea of student representation.

"Sure I'm allowed to sit in on the meetings," said McAvoy, "but the vote is the real input."

The Council of Regents (COR) has a number of arguments against representation but a report issued by the Ontario Federation of Students says there has not been one single objection to date which has not been effectively countered by the OFS by means of research or common sense.

One argument mentioned in the report stated that "students would not be able to cope with the complex issues a Board must face. Voting on Board matters is best left up to older more experienced members of the community."

"Some student councils handle very large operating budgets," said OFS fieldworker Kerry Burke. "Of course they can handle big decisions."

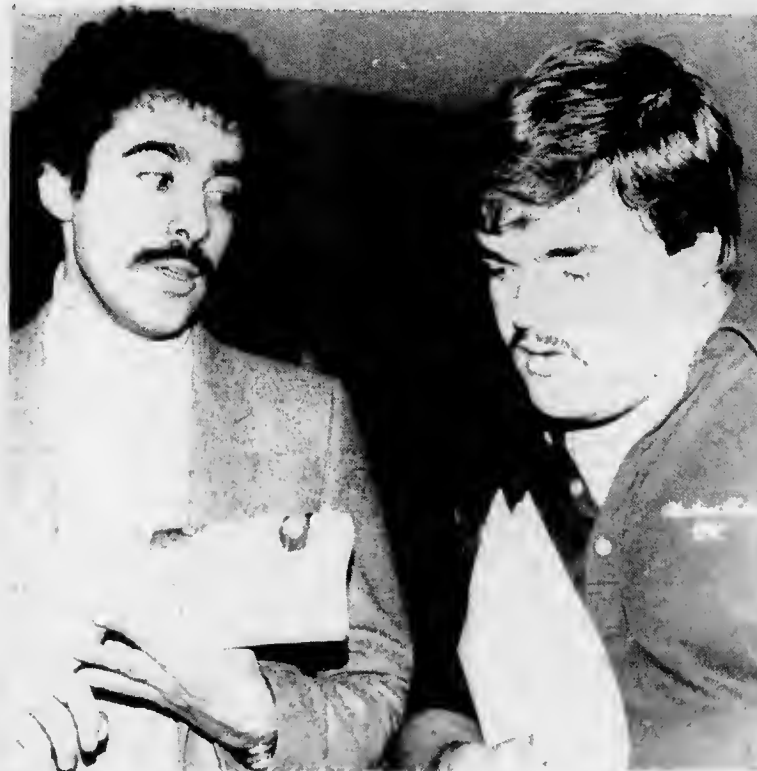
OFS, a federation college students may soon join, has been lobbying for representation on Board of Governors since 1975.

"If colleges join us, (OFS), we'll have one strong voice of students at Queen's Park," said Burke. "They'll have to listen to us then."

In 1979, college students made an appeal to the Council of Regents to recommend to the Ministry that students be given full voting rights on the college Board of Governors.

COR Chairman Norman Williams said in an OFS report that a poll of various Boards of Governors in Ontario showed 19 of 22 colleges were reluctant to grant student voting rights.

In 1977, COR voted in favour of student representation on the Board of Governors, the report said.



SAC President Harry McAvoy and CCA division rep Joe Gauci discuss the pros and cons of joining a province-wide federation.

Humber Ensemble impressive despite some weaknesses

by Rod Brown

Although its woodwinds were for the most part only adequate compared to the brass and percussion sections, the Humber College Repertory Wind Ensemble provided some fine musical moments for the crowd of about 100 persons who attended its first concert Oct. 5.

The Repertory Ensemble's purpose, like a repertory theatre group's, is to provide a forum for developing players to perform the standard repertoire of band and orchestral works they would normally encounter in the working world.

In the working world a woodwind player should be able to play all woodwind instruments. Students of wood-

wind instruments at Humber College are required to play at least one of their secondary instruments in the Repertory Ensemble.

This accounts for, but does not eliminate, the imbalance in technical ability between the brass and percussion sections on one hand and the woodwinds on the other.

Adept brass

The Ensemble's rendition of Lenny Neihaus' Kaleidoscope for Brass demonstrated the proficiency of the brass players. The opening fanfare demonstrated the ability of the entire trumpet section while the lyrical second movement featured excellent work

by the solo trumpet and French horn. The last chord of Kaleidoscope's final movement was one of the concert's finest musical moments.

Claude T. Smith's March Spiritoso, one of the more rousing pieces on the concert's bill, featured improvised snare drum solos by two different players. They were crackerjack musicians and it showed.

Debussy's "Ballet Music" from the Petit Suite was one of the lighter pieces played by the ensemble demonstrating its players' versatility.

No wind ensemble concert is complete without a Sousa march. This concert's was an excellent rendition of John Phillip Sousa's Sabre and Spurs. Sousa is bright foot tapping music but is nevertheless technically demanding. This band handled it particularly well considering the tempo selected by conductor Bramwell Smith. One noticeable aspect of the band's playing of Sabres and Spurs was the balance between the trombones and baritones when they carried the melody in the trio where the upper brass and woodwind obligato was present but not overpowering.

Star Wars sound

The program's highlight was a Claude T. Smith arrangement of a fantasia on the United States Navy Hymn, Eternal Father Strong to Save. It opened with variations on the theme in a march-style somewhat reminiscent of the theme for the movie Star Wars. This gave way to a fine sonorous chorale section for the most part by the lower brasses which I found personally to be one of the most emotive musical experiences I have ever had.

The next concert in this series will be Nov. 9 and will feature trumpet-soloist, Sergeant-Major Robert Ferguson, principal trumpet with the U.S. Army Band in Washington D.C.



Aerial (formerly Liverpool) played to a full house on Oct. 2 but the only reaction they got from the crowd was a bit of a yawn. Photo by Steve Cossaboom.

Twenties are back with "Boy Friend"

by Corinne Doan

It was a time when the air was clean and sex was dirty; it was a time when kissing a boy meant a peck on the cheek not chesterfield-rugby on the first date; and it was a time when the aim of every girl was just to have a boyfriend; it was the 1920's...

And the time has come for Humber College Theatre Arts students to bring back the carefree attitude of those days gone by, with the production, now underway, The Boy Friend.

The musical, written by Sandy Wilson, is a satirical look at the "Roaring Twenties." It follows the events in which the leading lady meets her potential beau at 10 in the morning and marries him by midnight the same day.

Humber College instructor and director Gerry Pearson said it's the first "fun production" Humber Theatre has done in about 10 years.

For the first time in Humber Theatre's history, the show will be presented outside the college. Four performances will be given at Harbourfront in late December.

Earlier in December, The Boy Friend will open at Humber Theatre.

The cast of the show consists of second and third-year Theatre Arts students. First-year students from the program will assist with set production.

Music accompaniment will be provided by the Humber College Bear Cats under the guidance of Humber College instructor Bram Smith.

Competition between the gra'reaks will furnish a design for the promotional advertising.

Box office sales for The Boy Friend will commence in November.

SAC brass loosens hold on pubbers

Pub goers at Humber's North Campus who want to escape the loud music or catch a breath of fresh air at Thursday night pubs may now leave and re-enter without re-paying.

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LS places students

by Trilby Bittle

The student placement service at Lakeshore I campus has completed its first year of operation and all signs indicate it will continue to provide students with the thing they want... job opportunities.

Before the Lakeshore placement service office was established, students searching for jobs had to trek to North campus to utilize placement services, consult Manpower Centres or enlist the aid of their instructors.

Now that the office is located on campus, students have access to a variety of services.

"We provide a wide range of services related to the job search," said Lakeshore Placement Officer Dennis Stapinski. "The majority of our time, (Stapinski and his assistant Katherine Seyeau), is spent dealing with students looking for full-time employment and employers looking for help."

Stapinski said the placement process involves constant interaction between employer and potential employee. The office posts jobs, both full-time and part-time, notifies students, checks if jobs are available, makes sure students have kept appointments and help students with interview techniques, approaches and problems.

Recently, placement services have also been set-up for students at the Keele campus on Tuesday and Thursday mornings.

"Our success can be defined in two ways," said Stapinski, commenting on the effect of Lakeshore's placement service. "Pages of data for each program prove that graduates are getting work in their related fields."



Stapinski

"Secondly," he added, "now that the service is visible to students before they actually start the job-search, they're able to keep an eye on the

market, stay up-to-date on what salaries to expect and basically improve their abilities to look for work."

Compared to North campus, where graduation occurs in blocks at set times, Lakeshore's graduation process is on-going. Lakeshore's short programs, business and technical programs which operate on an (Independent Learning Program) ILP system, produces students graduating every week. This factor keeps the placement office busy.

"We are expanding our capabilities," said Stapinski. "By compiling an on-going list of graduating data, made available to anyone interested, we provide helpful and essential information to both students looking for jobs and students selecting a course."

Often apparel or resume mix-ups can account for the difficulty in finding a job, Stapinski said. The office tries to iron-out the problem and set the student out again.

The good moments happen when a student, who had incredible difficulty landing a particular job, calls to say they have it.

"It's my belief every person has a worth. There is a job for everybody," said Stapinski.

In by default

by Doug Devine

Elections for the Lakeshore Student Union (SU) program representatives will not have to be held this Thursday due to a lack of response from students.

SU President John Fabrizio said he had only received 11 nominations for the 20 available positions as of 4:30 p.m. Oct. 8, the deadline for all nominations.

"This year's response is a little lower than last year's," said Fabrizio, "but not by much."

All nominees will be appointed to council by acclamation so elections are unnecessary. The responsibilities of a program representative include informing students of SU activities as well as suggesting new ideas to the

council on behalf of the division they represent.

There are no nominations at all from the General Business, Secretarial, Yachting Studies and the Solar and Metal Arts divisions. These programs will remain unrepresented until students volunteer to take the positions.

"We can always try recruiting in the classrooms," said Fabrizio. "That usually brings in three or four more."

Meanwhile, there will be only one representative in the Social Services, Accounting, and Business Administration Divisions instead of the required two.

Community Services, Marketing, Upgrading, Precision Instrumentation, and Electrical Construction all have the sufficient number of nominees.

Labor board rules Cwitco joins OPSEU

by Mary-Ellen Sheppard

The Ontario Labor Relations Board (OLRB) has ruled that a Humber College employee, involved in a dispute about whether his position was management or labor, be allowed to become a member of the Ontario Public Service Employees Union (OPSEU).

The dispute was taken to the board by OPSEU when it could not be resolved between Humber College Administration and the union.

OPSEU believed employee Gary Cwitco, hired about two years ago as a consultant for Occupational Health and Safety in the Labor Studies Division, should be a union member but

Humber's administration disagreed.

The board heard the case on Aug. 15. After examining Cwitco's duties, the board decided that Cwitco is a member of the Support Staff Bargaining Unit of OPSEU.

"I'm happy that I now have representation in a bargaining unit," Cwitco said.

"I'm not being antagonistic in saying that I feel management was wrong, but I don't think I was ever carrying out management duties."

A spokesperson for Jim Davison, vice-president of Administration, said Davison did not have any substantial comments to make at this time regarding the board's decision.



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