

Vigil remembers victims of violence

by Lisa Langille
 and Joanna Turcewicz

Humber College paid its respect to the victims of the Montreal Massacre in a memorial service held in the concourse on December 4.

The service, which lasted almost 15 minutes, included a speech by organizer Joan Boyd and participants placed a flower in a vase as each of the 14 victims' names were read.

Boyd also asked that everyone observe a moment of silence in

respect for the women who had been victims of violent crimes.

Boyd said this has become an annual event and she was hoping that both men and women would attend.

"It's an issue for everybody. It's not just a women's issue. It's a social issue," said Boyd.

Dalyce Newman, co-ordinator of the Intercultural centre, who took some courses at l'ecole Polytechnique where the massacre occurred, was one of the participants at the memorial service.

"I believe that the violence has

to stop," said Newby.

In her speech, Boyd summed up the lack of attention given to violence against women.

"If it were between countries, we would call it a war. If it were a disease, it would be called an epidemic. If it were an oil spill, we would call it a disaster. But, if it's against women, it is an every day occurrence," said Boyd.

Russell Weyenburg, a student in Registered Nursing program, said people should continue to remember the massacre. "I don't think it should be forgotten that

easily. But people don't remember enough," he said.

Boyd also said the media portrayed the massacre as an isolated incident, but it wasn't. "In 1989, 119 women were murdered in domestic violence. In 1991, the total had risen to 150," she said.

Boyd pointed out that before the massacre, there were 200,000 sexual assaults reported in Canada over a five-year period and that half of all women sexually assaulted are under the age of 17.

Since the massacre, women's networks have been "springing up

in the college and outside because women are afraid," Boyd said.

She said even though awareness has been heightened, "a lot more can be done."

Leisa Bailey SAC's Director of Multiculturalism, attended the service and said that it was a necessary thing.

"We have to remember that it has to be stopped," she said.

According to Boyd, the biggest challenge right now is in changing the structure of society and, most importantly, men and women have to join together.

Singing for their breakfast

Children filled the front steps of Humber College with song last Saturday.

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Equine students bucked by lack of funds

by Marg Land

Humber College's equine program is not alone when it comes to decreased funding and financial problems, according to the directors of equine programs at other Ontario colleges.

David Beattie, the director of New Liskeard Agricultural College, reported that his college's equine program has been struggling with decreased funding and large cutbacks, despite the college's partial self-sufficiency.

"We certainly are (experiencing financial cutbacks)," Beattie said. "We produce most of our own feed. We don't own any horses, we bring them in from local horse owners and try to

minimize our costs that way."

The New Liskeard Agriculture College is funded fully by the provincial Ministry of Agriculture and experienced a 10 per cent cutback in funding last year. Beattie admitted that he is waiting for even more decreases.

"We're really on the ropes if they hit us hard again," he said.

The equine program at New Liskeard currently has 64 students in its equine program. Beattie said that the college has seen no drop in enrolment into the program and has, in fact, seen an increase over the past three years.

Ann Lee-Maunder, the director of the one-year certificate program in equine barn manage-

ment at Kemptville Agricultural College, also admitted that her program has fallen upon hard times.

"I think everybody is (having financial difficulties)," Lee-Maunder said. "I run it on a shoe string. I'm rather an expert at horse managing on a shoe string. I think we're still afloat. Certainly, the program continues to grow so we're trying desperately to stay afloat."

Lee-Maunder added that she admits only 30 students into the program every year, even though she has over 70 students apply every year, and depends on those students bringing their own horses to help keep down costs.

Lee-Maunder said, "Those

that don't, I sort of beg, borrow, steal horses in the area for them. I can never guarantee from year to year what's going to be available. We don't have any school horses ourselves."

According to Lee-Maunder, the college has a very high placement rate for graduates to the equine barn management program.

"Everybody that wishes to go into the horse industry after completion of the program, gets a job," Lee-Maunder said.

Humber's equine program has currently launched an educational program to increase student knowledge on the plight of the equine program. They have set up small information booth in the main concourse of the col-

lege and are collecting signatures for a petition they plan to send to Humber's Board of Governors.

CLARIFICATION

Last week's cover story regarding the alleged sexual assault of a Humber pool employee indicated that the victim was physically abducted. However, since going to press, Coven has been informed that this was not the case. The victim was apparently offered a ride. Police say there was no indication she was abducted.

The story also inferred that the false claim which involved a man was a sexual assault. In fact the man only alleged he was slashed with a knife. Coven regrets any inconvenience caused.

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Good Morning Albion mall!

Radio students take over shopping centre's air-waves

By Tamara de la Vega

Humber College radio students have signed a six-week contract with the Albion shopping centre and are now officially on the air.

A group of students has launched a mini-radio station within the shopping centre, transmitted via the mall's P.A. system.

Martin Fisher, a second-year radio student and creator of the mall radio project, said the station will play music which caters to shoppers and at the same time will also advertise for merchants in the mall.

Fisher said that the station will be a community oriented format.

"We're collecting toys in conjunction with the Bank of Montreal (and) it then goes to the Etobicoke firefighters to distribute," said Fisher. "We're part of the community and we're trying to help the less fortunate."

Fisher said mall owners are getting a great promotional deal.

"Right now we have a special, it's \$40 for 48 commercials, it will soon go up to two dollars a shot and when Christmas gets

closer it'll be closer to five dollars a spot."

The original plan to get a radio station started, said Fisher, "called for \$1100 a week — that was prohibitively expensive so I cut it down to the bone."

Because most of the students have part time jobs, they will each work about one shift a week. "I think we're working more on a volunteer basis," says Craig Wigley, one of the students at the station.

Bobby Nirwal, also working in the station, said he's only able to work one shift a week. "I would love to work more but I can't because I have bills to pay."

She has already taken Saturdays off her part time job at Petro Canada to work at the station because "it will look great on my resume, it's experience outside of Humber College," she said.

Fisher said that students working at the station, if lucky, can expect to make approximately \$50 for the six week period. "The main gain out of this is experience," he said.

Store owner Irvin Tisnower

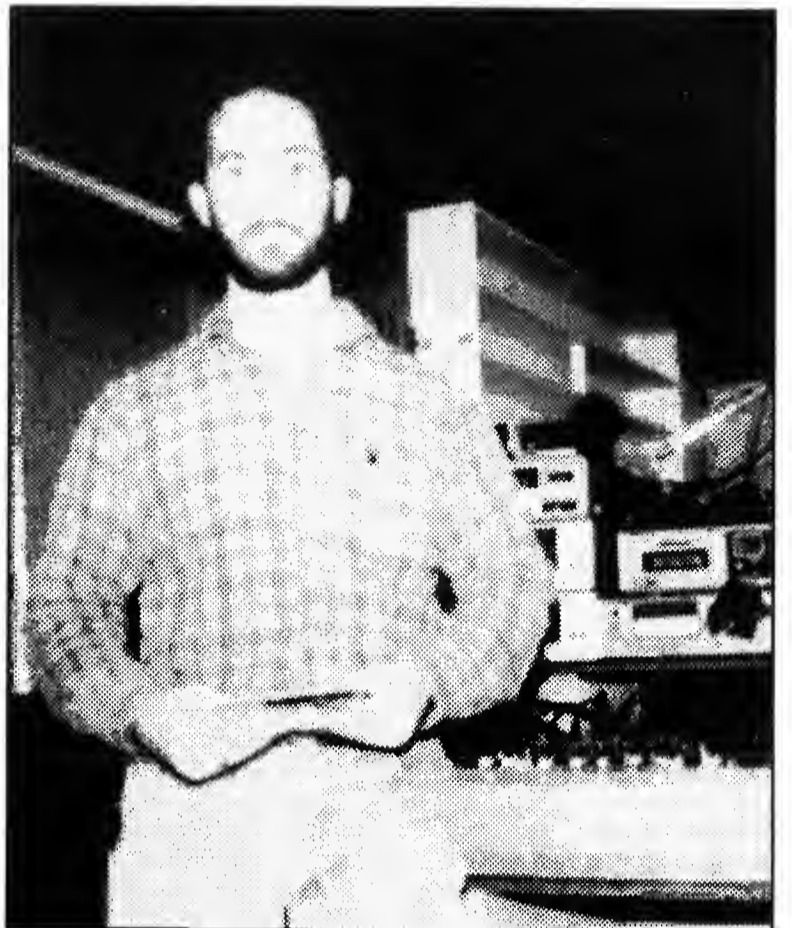
said the radio station is good for the shopping mall because it adds to the efforts administration has made to improve its image.

"You don't see gangs or kids hanging around too much anymore because they've increased mall security," said Tisnower. "And the radio puts people in a good mood."

Although the mall has signed the six week contract on a trial basis "it sounds great and a lot of our tenants like it as well. So far we seem to be happy with it," said mall administration assistant Adriana Kereakou.

According to Kereakou, the renewal of the contract will depend on Albion mall's budget for next year and whether its Board of Directors will approve it again.

Fisher is hoping that if the contract is renewed, the opportunity will spearhead similar projects he'd like to organize in other malls.



TAMARA DE LA VEGA

Radio KAOS — Radio student Martin Fisher mans the air-waves at Albion mall as Humber launches a mini-radio station.

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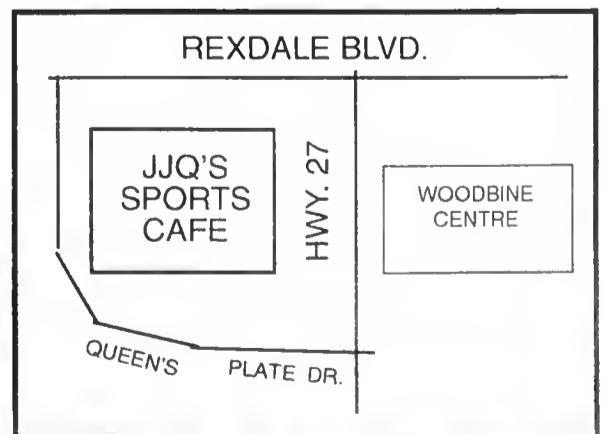
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Meal plan misconceptions

by Amie Heaslip

The residence meal plan system isn't the deal students bargained for.

It is a debit card system in which students pay money in advance. The amount of money depends on what plan they chose. Money is subtracted from their account each time they purchase something.

"Approximately 549 students have meal plans this year. My perception is that this is down slightly from last year," said David Griffin, general manager of Food Services.

Most students chose to get meal plans because of its convenience. "I got a meal plan because my parents decided that was the best avenue for me to take," said Bethany Boultinghouse, a first-year hotel and restaurant management student.

"It's easy and available, and my parents thought it was a good idea," said Carla Kaufman, a first-year nursing student.

Convenience, does not mean that the students think they are getting good value for their money. "It's expensive, thirty cents for extra peanut butter, thirty cents extra for cheese on a hot dog. They try to take it from you where they can get it," said Beth Young, a nursing student. "I'm not getting one (a meal plan) for next semester. It's cheaper if I buy my own food and I can eat what I want."

Not all of the products offered are seen as being overpriced. "For Tylenol I only pay \$3 where I would be paying about \$6," said Patricia Holloway, a first-year nursing student. "Food though, it's overpriced."

According to Boultinghouse, "the quality of the food is not sufficient for the money, and not only for the money, but for your balance of vitamins, proteins, and anything else that you're getting. I don't think the quality is sufficient for that."

Some returning students didn't buy meal plans again this year. "It's too expensive and I don't like the food," said Cindy Ewaskiw, a third-year public relations student.

"The dollar value we had to put into them was too much for what I could eat. I would have preferred a much smaller plan," said Krista Ure a second-year business administration student.

As for next year? "If I do buy a plan, I'll probably buy a one semester one and I'm not even sure if I'll do that," said Holloway.

Parking peeves at res

by Amie Heaslip

Students living in residence are asked to leave their cars at home when they move to school, and students are up in arms.

According to the Residence Hall Guide which students in residence received in September, administration asked that "residence students leave their cars at home. We have provided you with a home on campus that enables you to attend classes at the College without commuting. Providing parking so that you can go home on weekends and do other things more easily is not the goal of parking permits at the College."

This view is not one that has gained popularity among students. "I have a life too, so I do work in the school, but I do leave the school too," said Melinda Allan, resident assistant for R-7.

"They're (administration) fine, they have their cars, they're not the people that have to get places or whatever. I mean they think that because we're in residence and we live right by the school, what would we need a car for? They don't understand that we need a car for other things besides school," said Patricia Holloway, a first-year nursing student.

Students in residence are placed in the parking lottery on an equal basis with other students at the College, and some are given Woodbine permits, which students think are useless.

"I don't see the point. The reason I have my car here is so I can drive myself instead of having to take the bus at night," said Krista Ure, a second-year business administration student. "If I have a Woodbine permit, I can't access my car."

"This is where I live, this is where my car should be," said Ure. "I don't want my car in some abandoned parking lot."

Others have not accepted their Woodbine permits. "When I had my Woodbine permit I did not have my car at school because there was no point," said Allan. "I have a car for security reasons, so I can get about, and that's why I bought the car."

Students at residence feel they should be allowed the chance to buy a permit if they need one.

"Especially for the security, that we need to be concerned about at the moment," said Allan. "I think if you pay \$375 a month you should be entitled to at least have a car spot."

Parking at Humber is already overcrowded, and not every student that applies does get a spot. "There are not that many students in residence with cars," she said. "I'm in a position that I live here, I work here, and I go to school here so I just feel that I should be entitled to one (a parking permit)."



VICKI LEE CAMBERS

Service blues — The food service department is cutting costs by cutting hours, employees and annual pay-increases.

Tightening belts in Food Services

by Vicki Lee Cambers

Cutbacks in Humber's food services department have cost four part-time employees their jobs and some others are working fewer hours.

Directors blame poor sales for the cutbacks. "Basically, the problem is sales are flat," said John Mason, Director of Ancillary Services in the food services department.

Mason said the decision was ultimately that of David Griffin, general manager of food services. Griffin is responsible for the daily operations and budget control. "The department monitors sales on a daily basis," Mason said.

After reviewing labour and sales reports management opted to reorganize. The reports show that sales are only slightly below last year.

"Unfortunately, we're not generating the increased sales to cover operating costs that increase every year," said Mason.

The cuts in both the hours of operation and staff are not tempo-

rary. "It's unlikely that we will be increasing services before next September. We may try to increase the service level in September, and if business supports it then we'll continue on, otherwise we'll plan on tightening up as we did this year," said Mason.

The reorganization will save the food services department \$6,000 over the remainder of the fiscal year, which ends in March.

Journalism student, Sean O'Connell was laid-off from his job working part-time for one of Humber's coffee carts. "I was told it was strictly an administrative decision," said O'Connell.

Mason said part-time employees have been most affected by the restructuring, and that management has remained as it was, prior to the reorganization.

"Traditionally there is an increase in salary come January, and there won't be one this year," he said.

Mason cites taxes in general as a major contributor to poor sales. He said with taxes, eating out can

cost anywhere from three to four times what it would cost a person to eat at home.

"Money is the number one factor, for sure ... GST hurts to a large degree," said Mason. Food costing over four dollars is subject to both GST and provincial sales tax — a total of 15 per cent tax. "Certainly, one of our problems is pricing, because what we're finding is that when the bill goes over four dollars, sales drop off," he said.

Mason said he thinks the Humber student government should lobby against the provincial government's four dollar threshold on food taxation, or lobby to make cafeteria meals tax-free. "I don't see them [cafeteria meals] as such a great luxury," he said.

"People are changing, more are bringing lunches," said Mason. He points out that with the economy the way it is people think twice before spending extra money on lunch, especially with taxes so high.

Record breaking contributions

by Tracy Bailey

A new North American record was set December 1, as Humber Public Relations students presented a cheque to the United Way totalling \$31,300.

Humber beat the old record by over \$200 set in 1990 by the college.

United Way week, October 26-30, was a success. Students donated money in by participating in events held throughout the week. Highlights included tarot card readings, casino, sleep-out, and a Yuk Yuks comedy night.

"You don't raise this kind of money just for your project. You all felt the need and reached a North American record. You should all feel proud of that," said Courtney Pratt, Chair of the

United Way of Greater Metro.

"The student body should not go unrecognized," said Carolyn Gibb, Chairperson of the Humber College Student United Way. "It was from their contributions that the student campaign was able to raise \$31,300."

Every year, about 35 public relations students organize a campaign that gives the student body a chance to show their support for the United Way.

According to Gibb, through this campaign, the public relations students gained valuable knowledge on fund raising, developed their communication skills that will be the foundation for their careers and in addition to raised money for the United Way.

"You are number one. You did raise a record amount of money

and for this you should be proud," said Jonathan Dunkelmann, Campaign Manager for the Education Division at United Way. "You are the volunteers of the future."

In the closing remarks, Tom Browne, a public relations instructor, had many words of praise for his students.

"Thank you for your hard work and rising so well to a challenge that brought so much to the community," said Browne.

First year public relations students Susan Adams, Shawn Stone, Mark Berardo and Susie Chiarot received awards for their contributions. An award was also given to Leighellen Atkin, a first-year student for her outstanding contribution.

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Holiday Wish List

As the season of giving quickly springs upon us, we at Coven present to you a wish list that sums up what we would like to find in our stocking come Christmas morning.

- More couches in Coven (to raise the total past zero).
- Smoking to be moved indoors (in a special designated smoking room).
- To job out as quickly as possible (no offense, Humber).
- Cheaper tuition fees.
- A three-peat for our Humber basketball Hawks.
- Santa to bless all Humber students with love and joy.
- All Humber students abstaining from drinking and driving.
- A campus radio station that you can actually hear outside of the college.
- Student government that makes less money than the captain's of industry.
- Cafeteria food prices that wouldn't require students to name their first born after the chef.
- Also, cafeteria food that was actually *made* with real meat.
- A school parking lot bigger than the average elementary school parking lot.
- A school library that actually had books that students could use.
- A benevolent monarch to run the campus Residence.
- A more worthwhile use of our student activity fees by SAC (Twister, anyone?).
- For Humber student government bodies at Lakeshore and residence to have fewer scandals than the present Ontario New Democratic Party.
- An end to segregated eating and washroom facilities for students and staff. End Humber apartheid now.
- A school store that doesn't bleed students for all their cash by marking up prices on textbooks.
- The right to walk down the halls without being hustled by salesmen and credit card representatives.
- A financial aid office that's open for more than five hours a day.

Merry Christmas

Coven will not be publishing again until January 14. The staff would like to thank our readers for their continued support and feedback. Best wishes for the holidays and the new year. Have a safe and happy break and we'll see you in '92.



LETTERS TO THE EDITOR:

Don't attack the church

Dear Coven:

I am writing this letter in response to Rachel Brown's editorial "Vatican Wake Up Call" that appeared in the last issue of Coven (Dec. 3/92). Being a Roman Catholic, I was extremely offended by her assault on the Vatican and shocked by the gall she displayed in questioning an established religion.

I feel that arguing about religion should be avoided and that opinion pieces denouncing people's spiritual beliefs should never appear in newspapers. It's disappointing to see Coven print something attacking a symbol that so many people cherish. A trend that seems to be growing these days.

In her piece, Ms. Brown states that churches have to "stop expressing the views of a time and place that has long since passed away." Believe it or not Ms. Brown, there are still millions of people (including myself), that believe abortion is murder, that birth control is abused, and that a homosexual lifestyle is wrong. Don't question people's moral beliefs unless you are immortal enough to do so. Remember, you're only a writer for a college paper, you're in no position to judge a religion.

It is not "ludicrous" that God should be represented by a man in the church. It is a catholic belief and a tradition. A church should

not change its direction due to the demands of a changing society. A church is there to help bring peace to a society, a symbol of stability. No one of thinking age is forced to attend a church.

It would be beneficial if everyone only concentrated on their own personal beliefs. I know that my church is a church of love and I'm at peace with myself. I refuse to look down on others who feel differently, but I also refuse to be questioned for my moral code.

To summarize my thoughts Ms. Brown, if you don't agree with the church, don't go.

Sincerely,
Alan McDonald
1st year student

AIDS apathy at Humber disappointing

Tuesday, Dec. I was world AIDS day. As a strong believer in the cause, I took a few moments out of my day to think of those now infected with the HIV virus.

What did Humber College (North Campus) do? The young generation is apparently full of "movers and shakers." We have been labeled "active", "concerned" and "Knowledgeable." We are viewed as people who want to make a difference. Why didn't we on Dec. 1?

AIDS is a disease that is affecting all of us. It is killing people of all races and economic brackets. It is affecting men and women, homosexuals and heterosexuals. It is affecting college and university students. We are not exempt.

If what I have said is true, and I believe it to be, what happened on Dec. 1? Where were the red ribbons representing AIDS awareness? If we are the people that can make the changes, why were we not talking about safe sex, condoms and the dangers of

sharing needles for drug use? We weren't talking at all.

Until all of us face up to the reality, the fear and discrimination associated with the disease will not be erased. AIDS is not going to go away. Are we at Humber going to ignore it and hope that someone else will work toward making a change?

Dec. 1 has come and gone. We can all sit around now and wait and see what will happen Dec.1/93. Maybe things will change. Or we can get active now. We can stand up for those issues that we believe to be right, whether it be this issue or something else as important. We can start changing the ways that we think of and view others. We CAN be the "movers and shakers" others believe us to be.

Frankly, I am disappointed with the college and the student body.

Julie Weeden
First year journalism

CHEERS ✓ AND JEERS ✗:

CHEERS ✓: To the public relations students for setting a new North American record by raising \$31,300 for the United way.

CHEERS ✓: To second year radio student, Martin Fisher, for taking Humber radio to the Albion mall.

CHEERS ✓: To the Toronto Blue Jays for signing Paul Molitor and Joe Carter.

JEERS ✗: To Food Services for laying off four employees right before Christmas. Ho ho ho.

JEERS ✗: To Brian Mulroney for not following Bob Rae's lead and meeting with Salman Rushdie

STOP THE PRESS

Coven's end of year exam

by James Cullin

Queen Elizabeth described 1992 as a year she'll recall with "undiluted joy." How droll. Betty's sense of understatement never ceases to amaze me. Unfortunately Humber's Fall of '92 could be described in much the same way.

The main story of the past four months has been the sexual assaults on or near the campus. Violations that happened and assaults that never were dominated our headlines.

If Coven's coverage of this issue accomplished anything besides awareness, it is that the administration acknowledged—however belatedly—the college community's right to be informed.

The past four months were the

opposite of good if you owned a Mustang. It seems the classic American muscle car was in vogue among auto thieves.

Student government was always a source of amusement. SAC's little trip to sunny California gave us all pause for thought. Many of us were no doubt stressed to learn the University of San Diego is alcohol-free. Oh, the burden of leadership.

There were more positive events of course. Humber played host to some of the greatest writers of our time in August. Margaret Atwood, Ann Beattie and Richard Ford were among the literary giants who gathered for the first sitting of Humber's School of Creative Writing.

A more mixed blessing was the unprecedented surge in applica-

tions to Humber this year. So many in fact that the college had to put 1800 successful applicants on a waiting list. It's gratifying to know Humber is a respected school but a lot of deserving people were shut out in the cold.

This was all the more regrettable given that this was Humber's Silver Anniversary. Twenty-five years old and all we got was a new clock. At least future students will know how late they are for class as they get off the bus.

Finally, amidst an otherwise gloomy news year, our public relations students out did themselves setting a North American record for raising funds for the United Way. Now maybe we can make it to the Pipe with enough change in our pockets to buy a cup of coffee.



feedback

In keeping with the spirit of the season

Coven took to the halls to see what you the students wanted for Christmas. Here's our top nine list.

- Number 9: "A diploma." *Ivano Veloccr* — Architectural Design
- Number 8: "A two-way ticket to New York." *Carlo Colozza* — General Arts
- Number 7: "A new car" *Kerry Goring* — Public Relations
- Number 6: "A nice vacation at the beach" *Carlos Navia* — Legal Assistant
- Number 5: "A world without drugs" *Pat Vieira* — Architectural Tech
- Number 4: "A trip around the world" *Isabella Kevorkian* — Accounting
- Number 3: "A purple sports car, and peace in Somalia" *Scott Phillips* — Film
- Number 2: "To pass this course." *Joseph Ringer* — Public Relations
- NUMBER 1: "A CHIPPENDALE DANCER IN MY STOCKING" *FRANCA RAMUNDI*
OFFICE ADMINISTRATION

-Don't drink and drive-

RIDE program works

by Gaye Duncan

The RIDE program which has just begun as part of Metro's Christmas activity is one of the best examples of Toronto's finest living up to their motto of "Serve and Protect."

Crime prevention and crime detection, are two of the most important police activities, and RIDE serves both of them.

It prevents crime by dissuading drivers from drinking for fear of being found out, and it effectively detects the serious crime of impaired driving by saturating key roads for a time with police activity.

Our police have refined and improved this weapon of law enforcement over the years.

They now stop every single car on a specific section of a main road. The previous system of stopping about one in four gave the impaired driver a sporting chance of evading the net.

Now if you are on that stretch you are caught in the net.

Assuming you are dry there is little wasting of time by the RIDE officers.

A friendly cop pokes his head through your window or door and pleasantly enquires, "Have you been drinking tonight?" A true, negative answer and you are on your way, having been wished a "Merry Christmas."

There is a strong case for continuing the RIDE program throughout the year, even if that means there are fewer police officers degrading their profession by lurking behind trees or hedges, ready to pounce suddenly on the good driver whose car is erroneously driving a kilometer or two above the speed limit.

This is an underlining of frustration rather than a prevention of crime. It is an irritant to experienced drivers, especially when the anti-driving Gestapo lurk frequently when it is obvious that a little extra speeding is causing no harm whatsoever.

In this situation, it is merely revenue collection—a form of indirect taxation levied indiscriminately on a random selection of the motoring public.

The opposite extreme of Germany having no speed limit whatsoever on the Autobahns is not desirable, for not enough drivers are good enough either in Germany or Canada for everyone to turn major highways into "Indys."

The very visibility of RIDE also cuts down serious speeding. When you see the posse of police flashing in the distance you automatically drop your speed until you are well past. Moreover, the possibility of being stopped might cause the driver to discover how the seatbelt goes on.

Army needs cash

By Chris Vernon

This week a vanguard of 1,800 US marines will hit the sands of Somalia and give thousands of starving civilians a truly wonderful Christmas gift. A US led force using the might of French, Belgian and Canadian troops will finally put food into the stomachs of these war ravaged people, at the same time they will disarm the bandit warlords who have interrupted United Nations relief supplies for over a year.

This is the first time in history that a UN force is operating as a peace maker and not a peace keeper. The US undoubtedly will have no qualms about flexing its military muscle in order to get food aid to the dying, but this new UN peace making role has serious implications for Canada's UN future.

Canada has UN forces stretched all across the globe, and two weeks ago the military clearly stated that it would need more cash in order to meet its UN obligations—without money Canada will let down the nations who it is trying to help and put its own troops in jeopardy. Canada must keep its fighting forces well oiled and be willing to spend the money to upgrade them.

The UN mandate for Somalia involves engaging enemy forces and killing them if necessary to ensure that food reaches the dying.

Clearly the US and France have the military technology to handle the Russian made weapons which lie in the hands of the Somali gangsters. But Canada's military is seriously under equipped to defending itself from modern weapons.

Just because the Cold War is over, doesn't mean that Canada can let down its guard. If the UN is becoming more and more an intervening force in world hot spots—then Canada must upgrade its military in order to assist the UN in keeping peace throughout the world.

Canada has always been proud to send its forces to troubled lands in the name of peace, but in order to protect them, and to continue to be a major player in UN operations—Canada needs to keep its forces in tune with the demands that are placed on them.

Humber PR grads return: Alumni reunion a great success

by Tracy Bailey

As part of Humber College's 25th anniversary celebrations, the public relations certificate program recently organized and hosted the first alumni reunion for its graduates.

The first program was the three year diploma program, founded in 1974. The second, founded in 1982, is the one year public relations certificate (post-graduate) program.

Approximately 147 people attended the lavish event November 27, including Hugh Morrison, 85, who started the program and was one of the first instructors.

The Seventh Semester was packed to capacity as alumni from the past 18 years wined and dined from a buffet table displaying a selection of food prepared by Humber's food services.

Many of the alumni were grateful for the opportunity to catch up with old friends.

Sarah Marris, a 1990 public relations certificate graduate and Patti Love, a 1991 graduate from the diploma program, hadn't seen each other for about five years.

"It's great to see each other again. We never would have arranged to meet each other ourselves, so this is great," said Love.

When Augi Aeri, a 1979 graduate, was asked how he felt coming back to Humber, he said he felt grown up.

"The program really was helpful to me," he said "But, you don't really learn until you get out there and get beat up a few times."

Shoplifting a bust at campus bookstore

by Tracy Bailey

Humber's campus bookstore has beefed up security in order to discourage potential shoplifters.

"We have increased our surveillance over the last year and a half. We now have the internal electronic anti-shoplifting. Items are tagged and can (sound an alarm) if someone removes it from the store without it being deactivated," said John Mason, Director of Ancillary Services.

"Also, there's a closed-circuit TV, store clerks are watching for cases of shoplifting, but that doesn't mean it doesn't happen. It's a very real problem not to be underestimated."

According to Mason, approximately 200 incidents of shoplifting occur in a semester. As a

result, about \$10,000 is lost, but Mason said things have improved this semester.

"I'd say it's been reduced to half, easily, and just less than half in dollar value," said Mason.

When a shoplifter is caught, there can be a high price to pay.

"We will press charges," Mason said.

"We haven't charged anyone this semester. Sometimes, if the individual offers to pay, we'll reach a negotiated agreement. Sometimes, it doesn't get to the point of being shoplifting. We're aware of the incident when it's about to happen and it can be discouraged. A portion though do get away with it and there's a portion who we detect. It's about 50/50," said Mason.

Some of the main targets of

shoplifting are the smaller computer items, like disks, computer games and arts and drafting supplies because they're small.

To help improve customer service in the bookstore, Mason said that ultimately three additional cash desks will be opened to help relieve the problem of long line ups around busy times in September and throughout the year.

"I think line-ups play a big part in shoplifting. Sometimes, if the line up at the cash is bad, you're just tempted to take something because you don't want to wait. It increases temptation...It's not the dollar value you mind paying for. You mind waiting. So, I think it's those issues around customer service that help to control shoplifting," Mason said.

New plan could mean cheaper books

by David O'Hare

Custom Publishing is a new plan presently in consideration by the book store to help cut costs and ease some of the financial burden.

"The bookstore is an auxiliary operation and by the guidelines set by the government, they must be self-supporting," said John Mason, Director of Ancillary Services.

"This means no government funding. It operates on the model that it must cover its expenses to make it a profit centre so they can reinvest back into the college," Mason said.

Even with the present 18 per cent mark up on merchandise, the

campus book store is still just breaking even.

By engaging in Custom publishing, the college would buy the copyrights to a book and purchase it on disk. This would give the college the opportunity to print books on the premises.

"This would definitely reduce prices and waste," said Mason. "There will be a copyright fee, but it will still be cheaper."

Custom Publishing would save the college the high cost of freight rates and surplus inventory. Mason said that there are books that never sell due to their high cost and a lack of interest by the student consumer.

With this new plan, the book store could order books according

to demand — no more large, expensive shipments.

"It may be another five years before this idea becomes really popular," said Mason. "The costs aren't really established yet," said Mason.

With the recent NDP cuts to OSAP, money seems to be the main issue with students hearing about Custom Publishing for the first time.

"I think it's a great idea," said John Johnstone, third-year Computer Information Systems student. "I don't know about anyone else, but I'm not exactly rich. A lot of students are hurtin' for money. As long as you can sell the book again, then that's an even bigger bonus," he said.

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Students sharing knowledge

Humber's tutoring program has students helping others at modest costs

by Margaret Bryant

Humber students can get by with a little help from their friends, through the Peer Tutoring program at North Campus.

The program is offered to all students who need special assistance with a certain course they are taking in school.

The tutors are students who have maintained an 80 per cent average in the subject they are teaching.

"Students feel more comfortable to go to another for help," said Cheryl Taylor, Co-ordinator for Peer Tutoring.

Students needing help are allowed three hours a week of tutoring per semester, and pay a \$10 fee.

"Tutors understand what students go through," Taylor

said.

The program started in January 1983, and presently there are 100 tutors and 350 clients.

"Anyone that asks for a certain subject, we try to accommodate them," said Mary Vesia, Clerk of Peer Tutoring.

The tutoring is offered to full-time students, but only in a limited way to part-time students, Vesia said.

According to a survey done in May 1992 by Taylor, about 10 percent students use the centre.

To become a tutor, a six-hour orientation is given at the beginning of the semester to learn how to set a climate for learning and setting goals.

"We do interpersonal skills, helping skills and teacher

learning," Taylor explained. "We tie in personality styles and learning styles."

Colin Piercey, second-year music student and tutor, teaches theory, ear training and rhythm reading. He said being a tutor is very rewarding and is a great way to solidify his own knowledge.

"It's nice to see the students progress," Piercey explained. "To see them come from what they think is nothing, to being comfortable with the subject."

John Aidoo, second-year accounting student and tutor, said he helps go more in depth on the subject he is teaching, and encourages clients to do their homework.

"I'm not there to solve their problems, I'm there to help them solve problems," Aidoo said.

Drama company fights against prejudices

by Margaret Bryant

The Student Centre became a dramatic forum for Humber students to share their experiences on the issues of racism, sexism and violence, November 30.

"Yes Oh Yes" was the theme of the Drama Outreach Theatre company's performance sponsored by the Students' Association Council (SAC), Intercultural Centre and the Ontario Anti-racism Secretariat.

Students were invited on stage to tell their experiences with prejudice, and have the actors translate the stories into sound and movement.

"Our job is to read other people's emotions," said actor Trinity Dempster.

"It gives the opportunity for people to have a voice."

Only four people participated in the forum.

Roy Giroux, vice president of Education and Faculty Services spoke about his frustrations with violence on campus.

"It's aggravating if people go out on campus and are not safe," said Giroux. "Because I've come up here, I've made people aware to have students help other students."

Dalyce Newby, International Centre coordinator, said the performance was a good lesson for

everyone.

"It's a learning experience," said Newby, "The racism does exist."

Newby said the International Centre is working on a 'Pacific Rim Festival' to be held January 20, 1993.

The festival will include a discussion panel reflecting the cultures of places like Thailand, Malaysia, Japan and the Philippines.

Newby said the festival will educate students about other cultures.

"We have all these prejudices because we don't know each other," she said.



MARGARET BRYANT

Theatre against racism — Actors provide a forum for students to express violent and racist experiences.



COURTESY PHOTO

Humber's Theatre Performance Students make up the cast of *Godspell*, a retelling of the Gospel according to St. Matthew. The production runs this Thursday to Sunday at the Lakeshore campus auditorium.

UISA is open to one and all

by Michelle Allard

The president of Humber's United Indian Students' Association (UISA) says anyone interested in Indian culture or languages is welcome to join the club.

"We opened this (club) because there hasn't been such a group that could include all students of Indian origin," said Pradeep Sharma, president of UISA.

"It's not only Indian students—it's Indian subcontinent students, which includes Pakistan, Sri Lanka, etc."

There are many different people attracted to Indian culture, he added. Anyone can join the association.

The club has almost tripled in size since it started in October and has over 60 members Sharma said, the Club Fair Day held a couple of weeks ago was very successful for UISA. Twenty new students signed up that day. Original members held informal meetings in classrooms before UISA officially became a club. "Everybody wanted to start a club, but nobody was ready to take the initiative," said Sharma, laughing.

The benefit of being registered with SAC is that you have more access to college facilities, he said. "You also get some funds to



MICHELLE ALLARD

Dance to the music — East Indians students demonstrate native folk dance in the student centre.

take care of your expenses."

While Humber's Panjabi Cultural Society focuses on Panjabi students, UISA aims to unite all students of Indian origin. Sharma pointed out that India is a multicultural country. "It's hard to please everybody because they all belong to different backgrounds, different cultures," he said.

"Canada has only two official languages, but India has 14. So, you can imagine how many different cultures there would be."

Sharma, 21, was born in India and has lived in Canada for five years. He believes there is a danger of Indian students to losing contact with their heritage

because of the influences of Western culture.

"It's the freedom that attracts them," he said.

"We're not trying to stop them or anything," said Sharma.

"But we will just keep them in touch with their culture so that they don't totally forget it."

He said the UISA's goal is "to keep Indian culture alive while practicing Canadian culture here."

Sharma said the club hopes to attract new members by holding cultural shows and exhibitions.

UISA has teamed up with the Panjabi Cultural Society to present "Alwida '92", December 18.

Cultures of the far east unite to present 'Alwida 92'

by Helen Zappolino

Humber's Panjabi Cultural Society along with the United Indian Students Association (UISA) are hosting their first ever social event, Alwida 92.

The two groups have come together for an evening of cultural songs, folk dances, food, and a mixed social dance.

Ravinder Singh, president of the Panjabi club said his club has approximately 75 members, while UISA has over 55 members. He predicts many more students will turn out for Alwida 92.

Alwida, in Indian, means goodbye.

"We are saying goodbye to the academic session, farewell to students who are graduating, and in a way it is like a new years eve party," said Singh.

"We expect there will be about 300 students out," said Singh.

Singh said the evening will be divided into two parts, the first two hours will be a cultural show, then a brief intermission for refreshments, and a dance to end the evening.

Hargurnar Randhawa, vice president of the Panjabi Cultural Society said the event is being sponsored by different groups.

"We are getting \$300 from the director of multiculturalism, which is part of SAC, \$200 from the Intercultural Centre," he said. Tickets are \$5 each and approximately 300 guests are expected.

Pradeep Sharma, president of UISA, said that East Indians make up six percent of the Humber College student population.

"There are a large number of us that is why we have a need for two separate groups. The Panjabi's have their own language, then there are the East Indians—this includes people from India, Sri Lanka, Bangladesh, and other countries surrounding India," he said.

The two clubs are less than two months old, but have managed to promote themselves well.

"We are trying to preserve our culture, for example we invite people who have been here for years to come out and join us because those people who have been here many years still consider themselves East Indian," he said.

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Students helping students

New peer tutoring course for students to start

by Tamara de la Vega

Humber will kick off the winter semester with a peer counselling course for 20 students.

Students can choose the Psychology for Peer Helping course as an elective.

Admission is limited for this three credit course.

Students will first be interviewed in order to assess applicant's level of interest, said program co-ordinator, Cheryl Taylor.

"Sometimes people get into the helping profession because they need help themselves. We'd prefer someone with good interpersonal skills already, someone who perceives themselves as a helper," she said.

"It would also be helpful if they had maybe a previous psychology, sociology or humanities course," explained Taylor.

The course was created to expand peer counselling in different areas of the college.

"Sometimes there are incidents that happen on campus and it would be nice to have students available to talk to students," she said.

Taylor said research indicates that students often feel more

comfortable talking to other students about their problems.

"Since we don't have a lot of resources (because) we have a small number of counsellors for a large number of students," she said.

Training students to become peer helpers is a good opportunity for students and the college as a whole, said Taylor.

The four month course will enable enrolled students to enhance their interpersonal skills and may lead to part time work in the college.

The skills this course will help develop are terrific for any situation, she said.

"Say you're in business and eventually you want to be a supervisor or in technology and you need to work in teams," Taylor said.

"It's what makes good relationships (of any sort) work well."

Taylor said only 20 students will be accepted, because students will be dealing with each other on an intimate level.

Students will be discussing everything from their fantasies to their career goals.

"It's not a course where you can disappear," she said, "you're making a commitment."

Office exercises for a healthy body and mind

by Robert Fortney

Pencil pushers now can exercise more than their minds.

Even desk strapped employees can enjoy the benefits of exercise, said Peter Florian, a fitness instructor at a seminar last Wednesday.

Florian hosted the seminar Exercise At Your Desk, which provided examples of practical exercises that someone can do at their desk to alleviate stress.

"People lead such a hectic schedule that they are often unable to fit exercise into their schedules," he said.

Florian explained that one of the biggest advantages to exercise is that it relieves some of the stress and tensions in the body.

"If you're sitting at a desk and

you have this nagging pain in the back of your neck, you can't concentrate as effectively on what you're doing," he said.

The idea behind office exercises originated about three years ago when Florian was asked to do a seminar as part of his field placement in fitness instruction.

He found that there were a lot of articles related to office and desk fitness. He reviewed some of the articles and designed the courses himself.

The courses he designed involve a bit of stress management, some basic anatomy and some other techniques in regards to fitness and relaxation.

Participants at the seminar had a chance to practice the exercises. They were also given a handout highlighting techniques and were

shown some relaxation techniques.

All in attendance were over 30 years in age.

Florian explained that most young people don't have to really worry about stress and that type of environment.

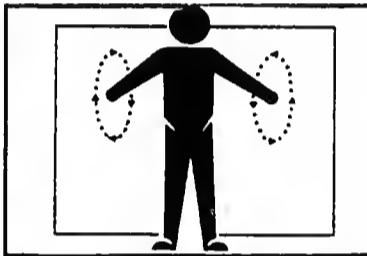
"It's just that when people get into the same routine for awhile they do notice (the stress)."

He stressed that in no way was this program a total substitute for regular exercise.

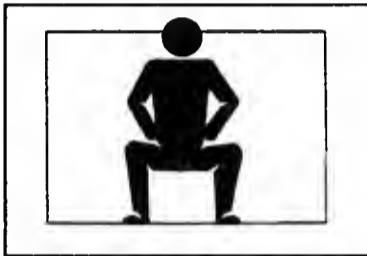
"It's just a way of helping a person cope with the stresses and activities of working at a desk," he said.

"A lot of people find that they don't have the time to be as physically active as they can. It's just an addition to, as opposed to a substitute for, exercise."

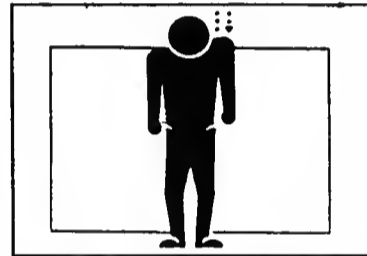
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Food and clothing drive at Humber helps needy

by Robb M. Stewart

This may be the Christmas season but, for many, the season only highlights their needs. This Year, SAC is running a food and clothing bank for needy students.

"Students will be able to come down to the SAC office and pick up an article of clothing or a can of food," said SAC president Dave Thompson. "This will help those students who can't afford the extra pair of pants or winter jacket."

The bank opened last Monday in KX 105. SAC has slowly been collecting donations from staff and students over the past several months.

Thompson said, "Although we are helping those in need, our goal is not to identify students as charity cases. We are simply redistributing the resources that are available to us."

"We are going to try to open system (of distribution)," said

SAC's service coordinator Karina Bekesewycz. If SAC feels the system is abused "students will go through either counselling, nursing office or the financial office".

Bekesewycz said, "people at other schools say it (the open system) isn't abused. Students realize that it's a service that's needed."

According to the United Way, less than two per cent of people using social benefits abuse them.

Metro's Daily Bread Food Bank warns that running any food and clothing drive requires careful planning. "People appreciate these services being kept low-key. They also appreciate having other options available, like official programs, training and other information."

Daily Bread also suggests that operators hold an informal interview process with people wanting to use the service. "With the interview process two things happen. It helps volunteers assess the needs

they're attempting to service, and it helps the volunteers avoid value judgments. They get to see the wide range of people who are in need."

According to Daily Bread, 2,000 to 3,000 students use their services each month of the year.

This year almost 12,000 students enrolled at Humber and due to this past summer's poor student job market 5,017 students applied for financial aid, up 35 per cent from last year, said SAC vice-president Dennis Hancock.

Other colleges are conducting charity drives as well.

At Seneca, SAC will be holding a breakfast with Santa on December 11. Parents are invited to bring their children, with donations going to the United Way.

Centennial College's SAC will be collecting toys, food and clothing all this week. They have yet to decide where to send the donations.



FILE PHOTO

A time for giving — The Daily Bread Food Bank accepts donations from those who share some of the Christmas spirit.

Keeping a Christmas tradition environmentally friendly

by Pat Garcia

Christmas just wouldn't be the same without a festively decorated tree.

Red, green and gold balls, flashing lights and a star in the pinnacle bring back happy memories of past celebrations with family and friends, while stirring expectations of good times to come.

The tree is brought into the home and becomes the center of all Christmas activity. Dressing it is a very important step which inevitably results in a couple of snits because family members have decided that they must have their own way as to where the decorations should go. Once tempers have cooled and a few concessions made, the tree is ready for the ministrations to follow. And in about an hour the transformation will be complete.

Little kids gaze starry-eyed at the strings of cranberry garlands, ginger bread and shortbread cookies as they are placed on the tree, while the family puppy tugs playfully at a hanging candy stick. A small smile plays off her mouth as she surveys the newly decorated tree and suddenly the tree comes alive with the poignant sound of "Rudolph the Red Nosed Reindeer."

For this family, there is no better moment than this. Year after year the Christmas tree

tradition continues, and one wonders just how it got started.

Historians agree that an ever-green tree was first used as a symbol of eternal life in Christian celebrations, about 1,000 years ago, in Germany. Gradually the tradition spread to Europe by the 19th Century. The tree was brought to North America by a German settler in Williamsburg, Virginia in 1651, who first decorated it with strings of popcorn, nuts and lit candles.

It was around the same time that Britain's Prince Albert brought a Christmas tree into the Royal Palace, thus giving it his royal approval.

The custom of decorating a tree for celebrations goes even further back in time than Christianity. The early Egyptians brought evergreens into their home as a symbol of growth while the Romans incorporated the trees into their pagan worship.

Whatever the reason for its use, the tree is a key part of our Christmas celebrations evoking feelings of joy and love for one another.

Environmentally conscious customers increased the demand for potted Christmas trees this year, says the manager of Humber College's Arboretum, Fred Somerville.

Somerville Nurseries said last year he sold 1400 Christmas trees. This year he's sold 3,000 at a price range of about \$40 per tree, with the real savings on the environment.

The trees can be transplanted after Christmas, or may be donated to the City for parks and gardens.

If a potted tree is on your list this Christmas, Somerville suggested preparing a planting spot as soon as possible before further freezing. A hole should be dug and covered and the top soil stored in a warm spot for back-filling.

He said a slow move into your home will allow the plant to adjust to the warmer temperatures. It should only be kept indoors for a maximum of 10 days and should be kept as cool as possible. He recommends using only cool tree lights, and keeping the soil moist.

A slow transition back to the outdoors is necessary, after Christmas. He says the plant should be stored in a garage or on a porch for about five days before planting. When planting, care should be taken to slip the tree out of the pot and into the ground, and the plant watered.

His selection of potted plants come from varieties such as Fraser Fir, Norway Spruce and Colorado Spruce and is sold to local home and garden centres around Toronto.

T.T.C. supports MADD Christmas ribbon campaign

by Susan Magill

The T.T.C. is placing large red bows on their buses in support of MADD's (Mothers Against Drunk Driving) Project Red Ribbon '92.

Project Red Ribbon placed 1.5 million ribbons throughout the province at the Bank of Montreal, Shoppers Drug Mart, Goodyear and various police forces including the R.I.D.E. program. Ribbons were difficult to place on T.T.C. buses so red bows were used instead.

T.T.C. spokesperson, Marilyn Bolton, said, "We have been involved with this promotion for a few years. As public transit we can provide an alternate route home for those celebrating the holidays, so it is certainly an appropriate joint promotion."

"We feel strongly and have concerns about drinking and driving," continued Bolton, "We help them get the message out." T.T.C. operators know about the promotion and are able to provide information if asked. "Our drivers feel very personal about this issue. They do not want the bus they are driving to get hit by a drunk driver and they don't want the passengers they let off to get hit by drunk drivers as well," said Bolton.

Their fourth annual project is an awareness program to encourage people to drive sober through the holidays. Lisa Waywell, of MADD said, "This issue is important for more than just the holidays, but drinking tends to increase at this time."

Waywell explains that they are a charitable organization and 99 per cent of their staff are volunteers. "Many in our organization were victims themselves. It helps them to be involved and they can help others also," said Waywell.

MADD approaches drunk driving in three forms. First, they provide public awareness and educational programs. Secondly, they provide services for crash victims. (MADD refers to all drunk driving incidents as crashes, not accidents).

MADD also advocates legislative changes. "The accused get off too lightly and the system fails the victims," said Waywell. MADD hopes to change the way people think about drinking and driving.

Bolton said the T.T.C. hopes to be more involved in the future. "Perhaps in the future it will be more than just ribbons."



Fire hazards rampant at Christmas

by Susan Magill

The holiday season is here and homes are crammed with family, the stove is working overtime, candles light window frames and the trimmed tree stands guard over gaily wrapped packages.

All seems festive and carefree, but be careful. Toronto Fire Department, Fire Prevention warns that all these elements combined are potential fire hazards.

Jeff Therrien, Fire Prevention Captain, said, "These things are happening all year, but around the holidays the numbers increase. There are a lot of people in one house, the stove is on all day, wires from tree lights are running everywhere. There are bigger chances of kitchen fires and more accidents."

Christmas trees are the most dangerous aspect of holiday decorating. "Forest fires are the worst. Dry trees are highly flammable and fire spreads quickly. Trees belong outside, not inside. Basically people bring lumber into their home and expose it to elements that are able to start fires," said Therrien.

Fire Prevention suggests that you buy a flame retardant tree. If you prefer a real tree there are precautions you can take to prevent fires.

Instead of large lights on the tree, use mini lights, they give off less heat. The Fire Department said to ensure your tree is not dry when you buy it, give it a good shake, if a lot of needles fall out, it is probably too dry. Buy a tree stand with a container to allow you to water it, and check

the water level daily. Purchase flame retardant decorations and do not hold on to ornaments passed down by the family if they are faulty. Throw them out. If you have pets or small children do not place decorations on the bottom of the tree.

Candles are fire hazards during the holidays. Therrien suggests that if you must use candles do not place them on the tree. "Candles and trees don't mix." If you place your candles in the windows tie back the curtains. Watch for decorations hung from the fireplace as they can catch fire.

Christmas lights and their wires are also dangerous. Ensure that wires do not run under carpets or they could catch fire. Try not to let them run over the carpet as well because they could cause falls. Do not staple wires or plug too many wires into one

outlet.

Fire Prevention warns that the chemicals used in wrapping paper for gifts, to give it special shine and colors, can cause fires under the tree if the lights are too close. Also, do not throw wrapping paper into your fireplace.

Therrien suggests that parents supervise children carefully. "Children have been known to eat pieces of the tree or decorations because they are colorful like candy. We end up with a lot of choking incidents. Watch mistletoe. Most people don't know it's poisonous," he said.

"It sounds like a lot," said Therrien. "But it's really not. Keep it simple. Relax, have a good time. Use common sense."

Tree sale fundraiser

by Bret C. Duquette

Humber's Nature Centre was all decked out for Christmas this weekend for the eighth annual Humber Arboretum Christmas Tree Sale to help raise money for the Nature Centre.

Karen Fullbrook, Program Co-ordinator for Nature Studies, said, "People this year were not only coming out and buying their trees, but they were going for walks through the Arboretum and then taking rides on the hay wagon. It was nice to see people spending a couple hours in and around the Arboretum."

Since the Nature Centre is a non-profit organization, they rely on the funds that are raised by the Christmas Tree and Crafts sale to help continue the programs available.

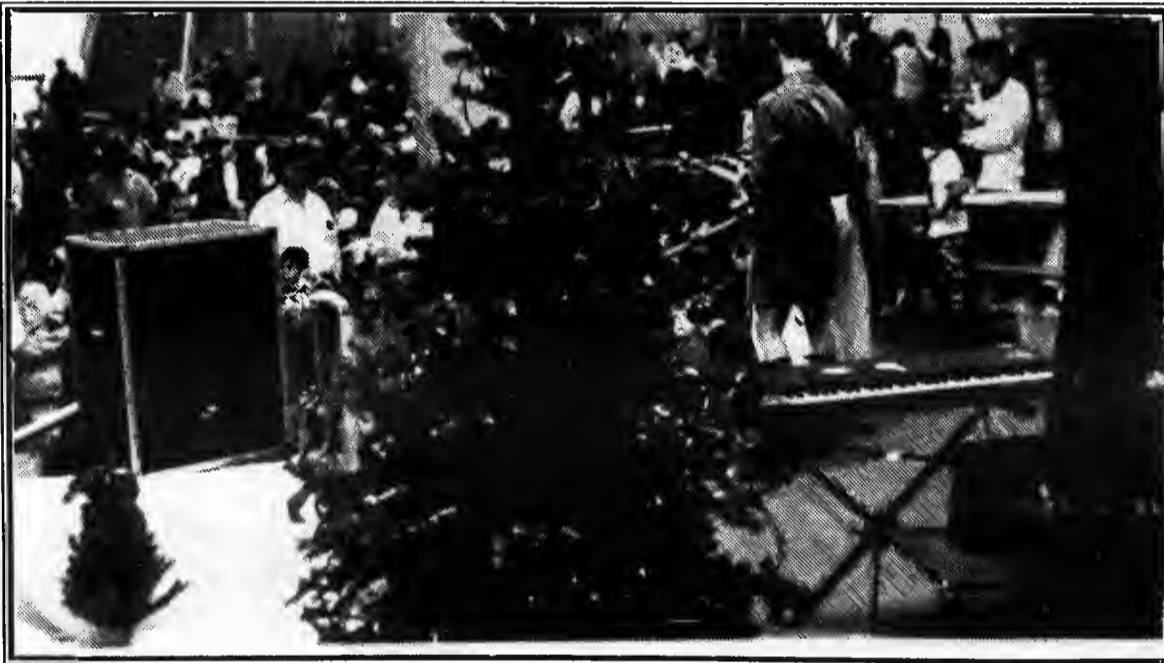
Birute Pilipaitis, a Nature Interpreter, said "the whole point is to bring the community

out to the area so they can see what a great facility we have here."

"Christmas and Nature tie in together so we decided that having the sale at the Nature Centre would be a good idea," explains Pilipaitis. "It seems that every year the same people keep coming out and the children who come to our summer programs bring their parents out here to buy their trees."

"Unfortunately it seems that most of Etobicoke does not know that we are here and the only time we bring out a large crowd is at our tree and crafts sale every December," said Pilipaitis. "It's great though to see staff and the community bring their kids out to see the area and enjoy making their own crafts with the volunteers."

"We hope that many more people will come out next year for our sale because it is a Christmas event for the whole family," said Fullbrook.



NAOMI GORDON

Oh Christmas Tree! — The annual Humber Faculty and Staff Children's Christmas party was held in the Student Centre last Saturday.

Once upon a wintertime for kids of Humber staff

by Naomi Gordon

Last Saturday, the Student Centre was buzzing with the sound of delighted kids enjoying the annual Humber Faculty and Staff Children's Christmas Party.

This year's theme was 'Once Upon a Wintertime' and the Student Centre was decorated in a festive mode. It was complete with Santa and Tommy Taylor and the Rainbows, a band who plays every year for the occasion. Taylor is from Humber's Music Faculty, and Paul Faris, who also plays in the band, is from Funeral Services.

Breakfast was served until 11 a.m. and over 800 people, 471 of them kids, were fed a pancake breakfast.

The Humber Children's Choir performed at the entrance, with volunteers from the Etobicoke School of the Arts entertaining the kids with mimes and juggling. Santa came out at 9:30, with a huge parade which descended into the Student Centre.

Arts and crafts activities were available for the kids while the band played, and Santa received the eager children and gave out presents.

"It went really well. We're really happy with the turnout," said Karen Gordon, chair of the party committee this year. "Everybody involved was extremely helpful. We're so thankful; everybody puts in a little bit, and it really makes it the whole." The Public Relations students handle the party every year as part of their class work.

A food bank table also played an important part. This is only the second year that the food table has been set up at the party.

"The response was excellent; it was above what we expected," said Cary Ernest, a certificate PR student who organized the food bank table this year. "We got bags and bags of stuff. We tripled at least our expectations." The food table was part of the Daily Bread Food Bank organization.

To end off the morning of festivities, kids were treated to a hayride to the Arboretum, where there was a tree and craft sale for the afternoon. By the end, the mood was upbeat and happy. "It was a good one this year," said Gail Allen, as son Stephen stood beside his mother beaming after the morning's events.



NAOMI GORDON

Santa's little helper — A Humber PR student waves her wand to strike up the band for the kiddies.

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Group tries to eliminate sexist advertising

by Sean Garrett

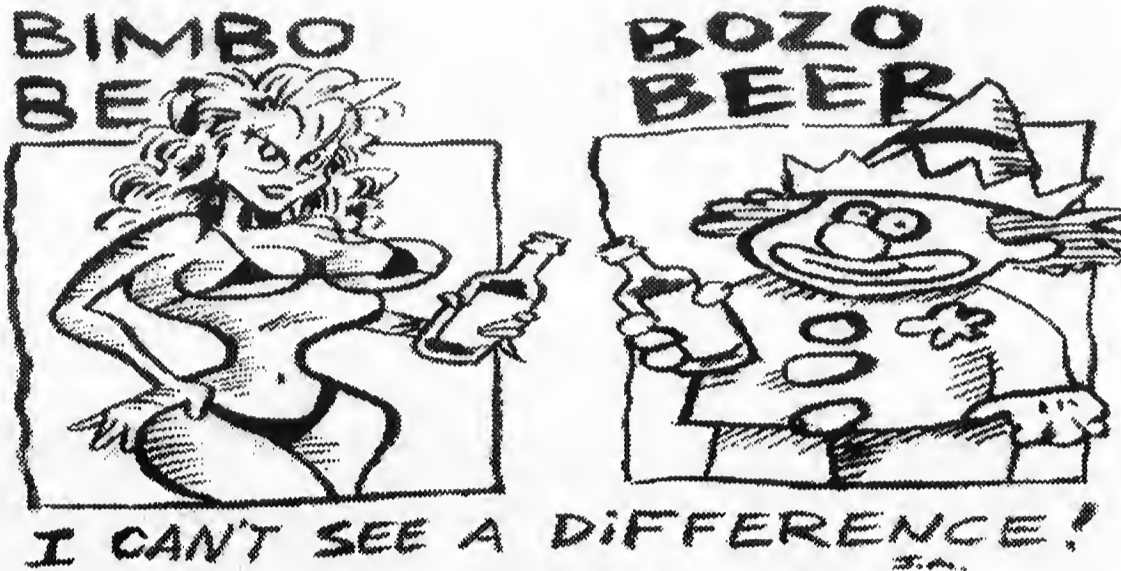
There's a faceless monster out there with the awesome power to manipulate the people of Canada, says MediaWatch, a non-profit lobby.

They say this enemy subtly, but surely, erodes away the rights of over half of our citizens.

It's called sexist media programming, and nowhere can such programming be as damaging as on television, says Megan Hogarth, MediaWatch co-ordinator. "T.V. plays a major role in defining who we are and setting our behavior," Hogarth said, "The (T.V.) advertising is powerfully persuasive because it is so repetitive and it's not interactive. Watching it is a passive experience."

"I think the portrayal of women (on T.V.) is a problem," agrees Shirley Farlinger, a freelance print journalist associated with the periodical *The Disarmament Times*. "And the concentration of media power in the hands of a few people is terrifying."

MediaWatch hopes to right the problem. Conceived in 1983, the nationwide agency's mandate is to teach media literacy and lobby to have exploitative formats dropped. Although every medium can be potentially harmful, "television is probably the most powerful



erful (medium) because it affects all ages," Hogarth said. Moreover, she says, the portrayal of women in the programming beamed into households is surreal. "Women have a lack of presence (on T.V.)," she said, "They're mostly young, white... and submissive. It's objectifying."

The Canadian Association of Broadcasters recently revised some of its guidelines regarding the portrayal of women. Moreover, the Canadian Radio-Television and Telecommunications Commission (C.R.T.C.) this year released a paper advising that a related problem, T.V. violence, be toned down. However, the C.R.T.C. report, by Atkinson and Gourdeau, made little, if any,

link between such violence and abuse against women.

Even though these reports criticize current T.V. programming, the number of official complaints about Canadian advertising on television — in fact, in all media — has taken a tumble, says Suzanne Keeler of the Canadian Advertising Foundation. She says that's perhaps indicative that Canadian advertising, as opposed to actual Canadian shows, has shaped up.

"We've had 19 (complaints) so far in 1992," she said, "and in 1991 we had about 50. We're not sure why there's been such a drop."

Most people think sexism is most pervasive in beer commer-

cials, but Keeler says there have only been three complaints regarding Canadian brewers so far this year.

One such complaint involved an advertising campaign for a well-known brand where an attractive woman was labelled a "fox."

But the more damaging advertising often crops up in the most unusual places, Keeler says.

"There was one diaper commercial," she said, "a very young girl was in a crib on a railroad track and a baby boy wearing a gun belt saved her... That's perpetuating the mythology that the woman is the submissive one, and it's especially alarming they used children for that bit."

MediaWatch details other subtle aspects of advertising which might cause harm. They include so-called pout postures where women act clownishly or pose in exaggerated, unnatural ways, with their legs far apart, for instance. Often, the women in question are competing for a man.

Even commercial voice-overs are a problem, it says. Most announcers are male because their lower-pitched voices are thought to be more authoritative.

Then there's a technique called dismemberment. Although the word conjures up images of slasher films, dismemberment actually refers to the advertising approach where images flash by of a particular body part, unconnected to a face. The style effectively robs the woman filmed of any personality, the association says.

Why does the problem persist? If women are under- and misrepresented on television and elsewhere, it's because there are so few women in the media's corporate ranks, said Farlinger.

"Almost everything (in the media) is seen through the eyes of men," she said, "Look at the emphasis on sports rather than women's issue ... when you consider that 52 per cent of Canadians are women, you know that there should be more women, not just on the editorial boards, but on a corporate level."

"Girls can't play ball"

by Arthur Marcelino

The number of women coaching sports teams at Humber College has doubled in the past week.

Now there are two.

Along with Loretta McKenzie, the second-year assistant coach of the women's basketball team, Leigh-Ann Spry Campus Recreation assistant at Lakeshore campus, was recently hired by Athletic Director Doug Fox to coach Humber's badminton team.

"I'm always looking for potential female coaches, there just doesn't seem to be many around," said Fox, citing that the jobs and opportunities for women in coaching are there but, not many women apply.

McKenzie, a former basketball player at the University of Waterloo said women stop being involved in sports a lot sooner than men do. But she said she hopes that future female coaches will start occupying the coaching jobs at a higher level — colleges and universities.

"If there are an equal number of jobs, I hope there are an equal number of women in them," she said.

Sport sociologist and Human Studies professor at Humber Jill Le Clair said that one of the main reasons women do not fully pursue sports as a profession is that there are fewer employment rewards and opportunities for women in sports.

"(Sports is) traditionally considered men's work,"

said Le Clair. "In some cases women feel they have to overcome prejudice and feel they have to be better than average in order to get an opportunity."

Fox also said not enough support is given to women's sport programs, and in the last two years, Centennial, Lambton and St. Lawrence-Kingston colleges have dropped their women's basketball programs because no women would try out for the team.

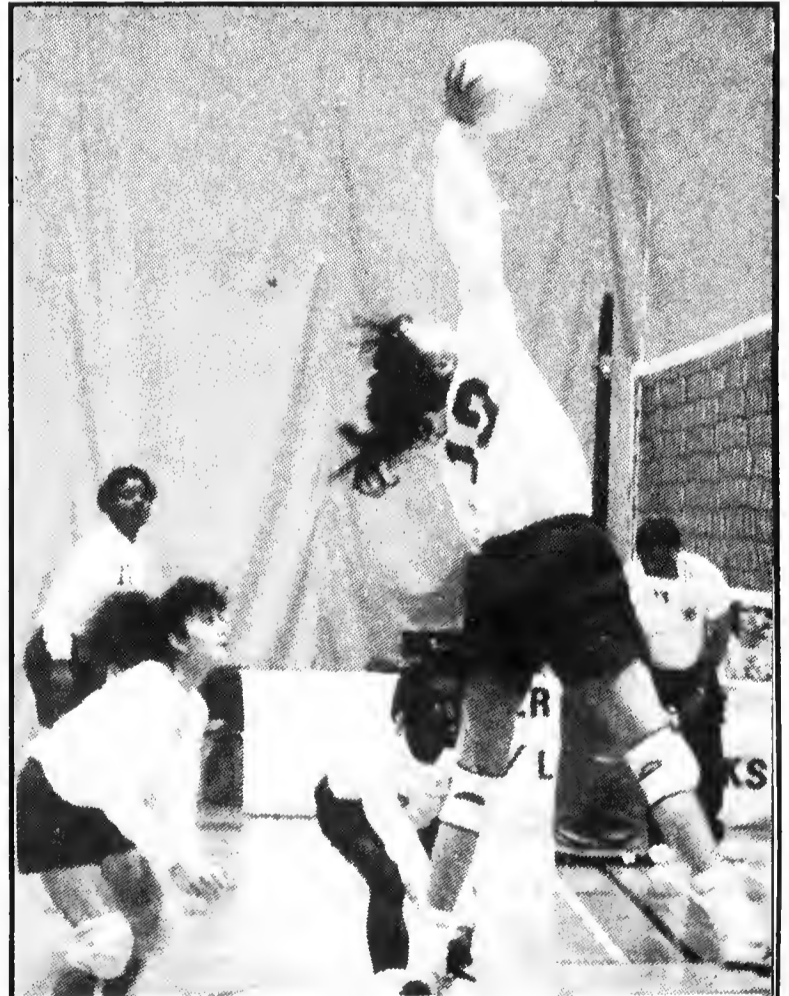
"Our association (Ontario Colleges Athletic Association) is struggling with women's sports," said Fox. "It takes a great deal of effort to get a women's sporting event off the ground," he said.

Although the nine teams at Humber are split 50/50 — four men's teams, four women's teams and one co-ed team, Fox said that he just hires the person that is the best candidate for the job.

"If there was an equal amount of women coaches out there to choose from then it would be a little different," he said.

What women have in their favour according to basketball coach McKenzie is, "when there's a woman's team available" she said a woman will be considered first. "They (athletic directors) have a mandate to try to hire a woman if there is equal talent, the woman is going to get the job," she said.

Spry, the Lakeshore Campus Recreation Assistant said that Humber is making an effort to try to get more female participation and not, as she puts it, "hire women because it looks good."



Oh yes they can!

"Who knows what women can be when they are finally free to become themselves?"

Betty Friedan

"If you want equality, it has to start in bed. If he won't give it to you there, rip him off."

Jane Gallon

"Men, their rights and nothing more; women, their rights and nothing less"

Susan B. Anthony

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Some men stop and listen

by Arthur Marcelino

The public forum held by the White Ribbon campaign at the Harbourfront Centre last Thursday night was aimed at making more men aware of men's violence against women.

Michael Kaufman, the originator and national director of the White Ribbon campaign was the keynote speaker. "It's very important now that all the men step back for a second and listen to the voices of women," said Kaufman.

"Listen to the pain. Listen to the grief. Listen to the fear. And listen to the anguish and the anger," he said.

Kaufman called for an end to all violence against women, saying that any form of violence against women, either verbal or physical is unacceptable and must stop now. "I think it's high-time that we men take some responsibility," he said, "by realizing that the forms of men's power have brought horror and pain to the women in our society."

Kaufman said he thinks that men are not violent by nature, but most cases of assault are committed by men. Through a process of change, Kaufman said more men could learn from and actively work with women to contribute to the end of violence against women.

"Finally, more and more men are raising their voices to challenge and confront violence," he said.

The crowd of about 120 was predominantly female. Kaufman

did not find this fact to be too important, saying that he was pleased with the turnout.

But David Barnard, the public affairs programmer for Upfront: The Community Speaks — the group at Harbourfront who produced the forum — said the guilt factor was one of the reasons that more males were not in the audience.

"That's why a lot of men don't come out to (events) like this (one)," said Barnard. "For men to confront themselves is something they rarely do."

"For some men that's a hard slap in the face, because it means having to completely remake yourself," he adds. "Most men are only prepared to go a short distance ... I actually felt in the room some hostility to what he was presenting."

Barnard also said that the white ribbons which men have been wearing during the past week can be construed as a token symbol — because most men do not really know all the facts about violence against women.

"The (white ribbons) become an easy symbol of assuaging (men's) guilt and to make their conscience a little bit better," said Barnard.

Kaufman said that as White Ribbon week comes to a close, all men should continue to show support for women. "Hopefully," said Kaufman. "Men can keep on wearing those ribbons in their hearts and actions throughout the (whole) year."

History of Humber women

Humber women have been active on campus for over 15 years and committee encourages everyone to participate

by Stacey Gurr

Although the Humber women's group, Women at Humber was only established this summer, women's groups have been at Humber since 1976.

Affirmative Action was the first official women's voice at Humber. Doris Tallon, executive assistant to the President, was appointed Chairperson by the Board of Governors (BOG) on January 26, 1976.

The initial objectives were "to raise a diversify the occupational distribution of women employed at the College, increase awareness of non-traditional courses of study for women, ensure that the curriculum reflects the changing roles of women in society and that the College atmosphere is receptive and supportive for female students, and to ensure that the curriculum is free of stereotyping and sex bias and that programs reflect the contemporary roles of men and women."

This action quickly became the Women's Educational Council (WEC) with Tallon remaining as Chairperson. "Affirmative Action was dropped and it became employment equity so, to cover everything, we renamed," said Tallon.

The council was divided into sub-committees including the Committee on Sexual Harrassment (COSH), which was designed to provide a simple, effective, and non-authoritarian mechanism for dealing with sexual harrassment.

Each year, a letter is sent to the Toronto Sun to ask for the deletion of the Sunshine Girl

WEC made some positive leaps for women and had several guest speakers, including feminist Nancy White and talk show host Dini Petty. WEC also organized a lecture on AIDS back in January, 1987. "We weren't very popular for bringing the AIDS issue to Humber College," said Tallon, "but the papers picked it up and it turned out to be a positive thing."

In addition, each year since the Marc Lepine incident where 14 women were massacred at Montreal's Ecole Polytechnique, a letter is sent to the Toronto Sun to ask for the deletion of the Sunshine Girl on December 6th. The letter requests that the photo be replaced by a printed memorial.

The newest group, chaired by

Carolyn Beatty-Saxton from the Lakeshore campus, currently has no defined mission statement but, according to Tallon, the outlook is different from previous groups. "It has to be," she said. "times change and you have to adapt to the times and the people here (at Humber)."

Jane Russ, manager of Continuing Education at Lakeshore and former co-chair of the new committee said any person who is interested in women's issues "can come to the meetings. Right now, there are only women on the committee," said Russ. And, according to Edna Lister, board secretary and administrative assistant to the President's office, only one woman of the approximately 80 members is a student.

"There was one (student) that came and she receives all of the information but she is the only one," said Lister. Some people aren't on the members' list but attend the meetings. Students are welcome.

Women at Humber is in the middle of restructuring but students are always welcome to attend the meetings. The current sub-committees for the group are Women's Studies, Health and Safety and Harrassment.

Homeless and hopeless turn to city shelters

by Carolyn T. Gallant

When Toronto's traffic thins and bars close and most people are tucked under goose down comforters and crisp Wabasso sheets, a tiny woman of undetermined age sleeps on the ground in front of the Evergreen Mission.

Having missed the curfew she awaits the morning on the cold pavement.

Shelters in Metro admit over 500,000 people a year. Stop 86 — YWCA Shelter for Young Women in Crisis located at 86 Madison Avenue — is an emergency residence and referral agency for women aged 16 to 25.

It has 23 beds and the women share a common dining area and sleep three to a room.

The walls in the bedrooms are bare and painted a cream color. A sort of den-living area is located in the basement and houses a T.V. set and a couple of faded divans.

Stephanic Carrasco-Rodriquez, manager of Stop 86, said there are many factors contributing to women seeking shelter.

"This shelter has a three month program where women can come into the shelter if they are in crisis," said Rodriquez.

"A crisis can range from women being assaulted, having no connection with family, being asked to leave residence or being pregnant, so we have a range of women coming in," she said.

Services at Stop 86 include meal counselling, assistance in finding accommodation, life skills training and free medical assistance.

Hope, support and guidance are provided through the counselling of professionals affiliated with the Youth Without Shelter programs.

Jane (not her real name) is 23 years old and says she has lived in the shelter a couple of times.

Unable to support herself because of different medical reasons, including emotional behavioural problems, she keeps returning to Stop 86.

She sits hunched in an overstuffed chair, speaking quietly, pale and subdued. "I came back here three weeks ago, after I discharged myself from the hospital," she said, "Some stuff had

"My mom hated me. She punched and kicked me and literally beat the shit outta me."

happened and I landed in hospital because of an overdose."

Adopted at nine months, Jane was abused throughout her life by her adoptive mother. "My mom hated me," she said, "she punched and kicked me and literally beat the shit outta me ... She told me

why don't you get the hell out of here, I don't love you."

Seventy percent of Stop 86 funding comes from Metro Social Services and the Ministry of Community and Social Services, according to Rodriquez.

"We have to rely on the thirty percent from private donations which we have to do fundraising for," said Rodriquez. "We do have some steady funders in terms of private donations, but each year we have to keep raising more money to cover operating cost," she said.

Street Haven at 87 Pembroke Street also provides a temporary residence for women aged 16 to 70. "We have had women in their 70's and 80's stay here ...

Some of the women have been battered or abused in one way or another, although women who have been physically abused by husbands or boyfriends are referred to shelters that special-

ly deal with battered women," a counsellor said. This short-term emergency shelter is a 20 bed facility and is used until permanent accommodation can be found.

According to a recent study, more than a million men, women and children receive welfare assistance in Ontario. Food banks are closing all over the city due to lack of support.

The Salvation Army has served more than 25,000 meals so far this year.

"Most street people can be found any place there is warmth in the winter months ... large building grates, instant bank booths, under stairwells, in old vans and under bridges," says ambulance attendant John Bel-Air. Large boxes lined with newspaper provides a semblance of a shelter, he says.

"We would have every arbitrary barrier thrown down. We would have every path laid open to Woman as freely as to Man"
Margaret Fuller

"It's a world gone crazy that keeps a woman in chains"
Tears for Fears

"No woman can call herself free who does not own or control her body"
Margaret Sanger
Founder of Planned Parenthood Federation

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Memorial services and vigils were held for the fourteen women killed December 6th, 1989 at Ecole Polytechnique, Université de Montréal.

Each and every year, across Canada, this day is the "National Day of Remembrance and Action on Violence Against Women".

- Geneviève Bergeron*
- Hélène Colgan*
- Nathalie Croteau*
- Barbara Daigneault*
- Anne-Marie Edward*
- Maud Haviernick*
- Barbara Maria Klueznick*
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- Michele Richard*
- Annie St. Arneault*
- Annie Turcotte*



LISA LANGILLE

Humber mourns —A ceremony was held on Friday, December 4 in memory of the Montreal Massacre.

Schools remember the December 6th loss

by Lisa Langille

Activities commemorating the Montreal Massacre and violence against women were held on college and university campuses across Canada.

At Seneca, white ribbons and black buttons were provided by SAC and worn by staff and students. The Department of Education and Employment Equity published a short column

in Seneca's newsletter urging people not to forget victims of violence.

At Centennial College, a bulletin board was set up so people could sign their names and write their feelings about violence against women. An awareness booth was erected and white ribbons were handed out.

At Montreal's Ecole Polytechnique, where the massacre took place in 1989, a wreath

was laid in memory of the murdered women, but they did not have a memorial service.

York University held a week-long tribute to women from November 30 to December 4. Events included discussions on activism on campus, the role of black women in the feminist and civil rights movements, poetry readings and a vigil that included a men's discussion group and a "healing circle".



Statistics on violence against women

- More than 93 per cent of charges related to spousal assault in Ontario are laid against men.
- 38 per cent of all women murdered in Canada, and 45 per cent of all women murdered in Ontario in 1990, were killed by a current or estranged male partner.
- 40 per cent of wife assault incidents begin during the woman's first pregnancy.
- A recent Toronto study indicated children were present during 50 per cent of wife assault incidents.
- In a recent study, 83 per cent of female psychiatric in-patients reported at least one severe incident of physical or sexual abuse by a male partner.
- In one Ontario hospital, the number of reported wife assault cases increased 1500 per cent after a wife assault policy and procedure was put into place.

Statistics compiled by Ontario Women's Directorate

"Sexism fosters, condones, and supports male violence against women, as well as encouraging violence between males."
bell hooks

"Down on me, down on me, Looks like everybody in this whole round world is down on me."
Janis Joplin

"The history of woman is the history of the worst form of tyranny the world has ever known...the only tyranny that lasts"
Oscar Wilde

They're unbelievable

by Todd Wonacott

For British power pop group E.M.F., Unbelievable is not only their biggest hit, it's also an apt description of their success.

When E.M.F. first released *Schubert Dip*, they had no idea it would sell over two million copies worldwide. But the band's second release, *Stigma*, has much lower expectations than their debut effort.

"We tried to steer clear of a second Unbelievable and just wrote and recorded the album that we wanted to make," says Ian Dench, guitarist of the group.

"We just felt uncomfortable with the whole shallow pop thing and the instant success. We try to avoid pop songs, people tend not to take you seriously if you have success with pop songs."

E.M.F. rolled into Toronto to play a gig at the Opera House that turned into a wild spectacle of stage-diving and slam-dancing. The one hour show concluded with well over 50 people rushing the tiny Opera House stage causing the band to retreat backstage as their equipment was knocked over in the stampede.

With the release of *The Unexplained EP* and *Stigma*,

E.M.F. have seen their audience change, but the group believes it is for the better.

"The audience has changed with the new album. It's not young girls at the front of the stage anymore which is better because they don't get hurt," says Mark Deloedt, drummer for the group.

"We have a profile now because of Unbelievable and that's where the younger fans have come from. If we didn't have that we would be nowhere. We've got houses to show for Unbelievable," says Dench.

Following the meteoric rise of that hit to the top of both the British and American charts, the group would be skeptical about having another number one hit.

"Stigma won't produce any hits, but it's good because some of the stuff that is on the charts right now makes you not want to be up there with Kylie Minogue and Jason Donovan. Nintendo or Sega have a techno song on the charts, it's amazing what gets played these days. It's Ridiculous," says Deloedt.

E.M.F. promise to keep turning out the sound that has earned them comparisons to Jesus Jones, Carter the Unstoppable Sex Machine and Pop Will Eat Itself. They are hopeful of a return date in the summer of 1993 at a larger venue, probably the Concert Hall.



COURTESY PHOTO

Surprise success — In the past E.M.F. have stormed the British and American charts. The band has tried to take a different route with their new album *Stigma* by staying off the charts.



COURTESY PHOTO

Cruising — Tom Cruise (above), Demi Moore and Jack Nicholson co-star in the unpredictable new film *A Few Good Men*.

A few good actors, a few good lines, A Few Good Men

by Todd Wonacott

All moviegoers are in search of something good, and Director Rob Reiner's latest effort, *A Few Good Men*, delivers just that.

The Broadway-based drama stars Tom Cruise, Jack Nicholson and Demi Moore. It is about a Navy lawyer played by Cruise, and his unrelenting quest to uncover the truth during a military trial. His character, fresh from Harvard, is both cocky and arrogant. He has a chip on his shoulder and the character is much like his portrayal of a Navy pilot in *Top Gun*.

Cruise defends two young marines who stand accused of murdering a member of their platoon during an unsanctioned disciplinary action known as a "Code Red." The Navy, in an effort to obtain a quick and quiet plea bargain, appoints Lieutenant J.G. Daniel Kaffee (Cruise), a young, second generation Navy lawyer, to defend the accused Marines.

At first the case appears routine. On a U.S. Naval base located at Guantanamo Bay in Cuba, two marines conduct a seemingly unauthorized punishment on a fellow Marine who has broken the chain of command by writing a letter to an off-base authority threatening to report one of them for an illegal shooting over the fence line in exchange for a transfer. In the disciplinary process, that Marine is killed.

Kaffee's defence team includes Lieutenant Commander Joanne Galloway, (Demi Moore) who questions Kaffee's sense of commitment but refuses to let him take the easy way out. It's this sort of relationship that other films might start with bickering and end up in the sack, but this movie is not predictable.

From beginning, with brilliant pageantry of Marine drill teams, to the end with the delivery of the verdict, *A Few Good Men* will surprise you. Nothing in this movie will stand out and allow you to predict an ending.

Cruise and Moore's strongest foe is Colonel Nathan R. Jessop played by Jack Nicholson. Jessop tries to cover up the wrong doings in Cuba and protect an opportunity for a promotion. Nicholson, in his usual rock-solid facial manner is a brick wall that both frightens and confuses Cruise and Moore. It is this conflict that is the heart of the story and highlights the film.

Kevin Bacon, as a lawyer for the government and Kiefer Sutherland, as a Marine Lieutenant seem uncomfortable in their roles, perhaps too adult compared with their usual teenybopper roles.

This film will not go down as a classic or be remembered for any elements of excitement, but will open more than a few eyes, and will keep your mind in motion until the gavel drops. Perry Mason would be proud.

*Celebrating
Humber's 25th
Anniversary*

'Godspell'

A Humber College Student Production
Saturday, Dec. 12 at 8:00 p.m.
Sunday, Dec. 13 at 2:00 p.m.

Free Admission tickets available in SAC
\$2.00 for Bus Fare to Sunday's Show

Crazy characters

by Patrick McCauly

Leave reality behind. In order to truly appreciate Nickelodeon's Ren and Stimpy show, you have to be in the mood for poetically hallucinogenic cartoons.

Often compared to the Simpson's, Ren and Stimpy are rebels in the cartoon world. Ren a semi psychotic asthmatic Chihuahua, has the charm of Dr. Hannibal Lecter and the voice of Speedy Gonzales. Stimpy, Ren's soul mate is a huge, dim witted feline dunce, that looks something like a cat shaped weeble-wobbler.

Ren and Stimpy are the brain-child of maverick Canadian cartoonist John Kricfalusi, best known for creating the New Adventures of Mighty Mouse in the early eighties.

"What's truly entertaining for a kid... or an adult is to watch things about your baser desires," said Kricfalusi in a recent magazine interview. "You want to do things that authority figures won't let you do... adults want to watch movies about people killing each other, and kids prefer farting."

Throughout various adventures, the cartoon characters tromp their way through an off

centre universe that takes them everywhere from their trailer park home, to outer space. Story lines are strangely uncensored and brash, in one episode Ren and Stimpy paint themselves like Dalmatians to become fire dogs and scam free food. Another episode had Ren dress up in Mickey Mouse ears and lederhosen to con five dollars from an unsuspecting couple, when Stimpy shows up as a mouse catcher.

The show started on the American Nickelodeon kids network in 1991 where it gained an A plus rating from audiences and became America's number 12 rated children's program. Eventually college students began to watch and Ren and Stimpy and became the prime time staple of the MTV Network.

Famous Ren and Stimpy lines like you bloated bag of protoplasm and happy, happy... joy, joy were unheard of in Canada until early this year when MuchMusic Producer, David Kines decided to pick up the show. Kines said he was introduced to the show through a friend of a friend and immediately fell in love with its leading edge antics.

"It's so out there that I don't



really think anyone else (except MuchMusic) would really really want to play it," said Kines. "In my mind this is something that's really on the edge and we think that MuchMusic is the place where it should be."

Although Kines would not give exact ratings, he said Much Music is very pleased with the show. He added the fact Ren and Stimpy went from a 15 minute format to a half hour show, is a good indication of its popularity.

Ren and Stimpy have been doing so well they have branched out into the world of Marvel Comics. Make no mistake, the comic is just as brash as the cartoon.

Watching the Ren and Stimpy show has become a weekly pastime for Humber residence students. Matthew Walker, a first year business student said, the show is "an ingenious way to reflect present attitudes of society in a comedic format."

Nothing positive about *The Future*

by Paul Mercado

The measure of any great Leonard Cohen song has always been its ability to make you drowsy.

His deadpan baritone voice and understated background music would slowly strip your resistance and drift you away on an exhaustive, existential trip from which you awake bleary-eyed and defenseless.

Unfortunately he fails to do this on his newest release, *The Future*.

His new songs are mostly upbeat musically, because he uses more instruments on the album.

Such Cohen classics as Chelsea Hotel, Famous Blue Raincoat, and If It Be Your Will carried so much emotional weight in their sparse arrangements: Cohen singing while playing an acoustic guitar, and the occasional background singers who lent an ethereal quality to his music.

On *The Future*, his guitar playing has disappeared and has been replaced by his new found interest in synthesizers, with more backup musicians.

His voice is still the powerful force it has always been, but it

is shrouded by an artificial quality in the music, no doubt due to the use of keyboards.

Songs like *The Future* and *Democracy* sound like Cohen is singing with a karaoke machine.

The music finally wakes up four songs into the album with *Closing Time* which is both musically and lyrically potent. His non-linear thoughts are very appropriate since the narrator is reminiscing through a drunken haze.

The lyrics on the album are still as evocative as ever with his introspection which often descends into self-deprecation.

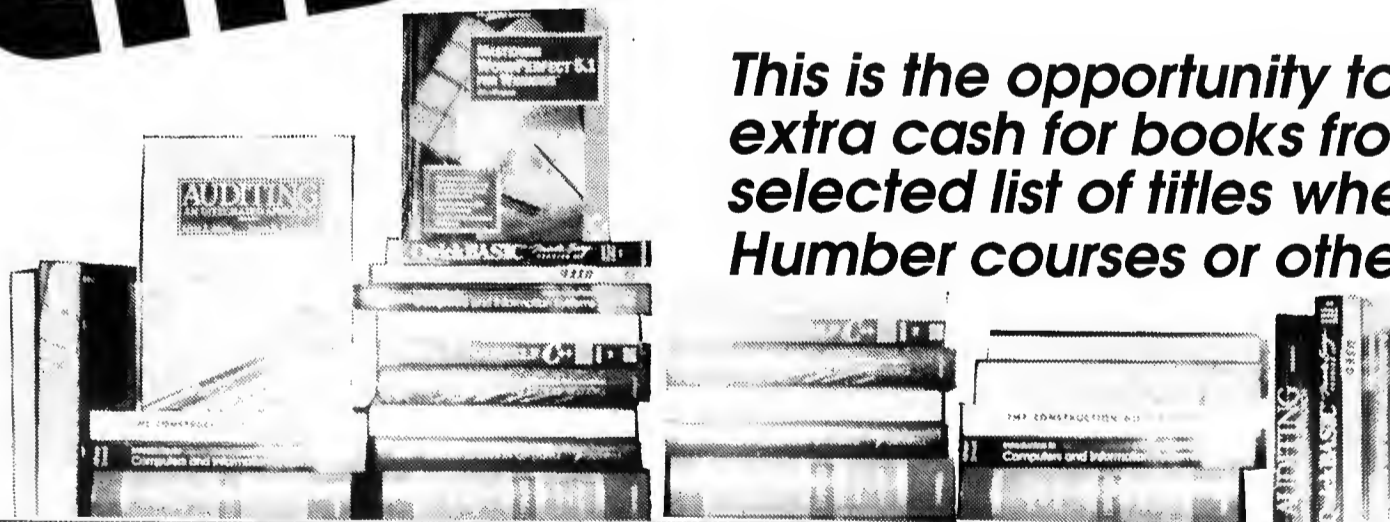
The album ends on a strong note with the last two songs: *Always* and *Tacoma Trailer*. *Always* is a bluesy song with a live atmosphere, and *Tacoma Trailer* is a slow-moving, peaceful instrumental.

But the strength of the lyrics and a few songs are not enough to save *The Future*. There aren't as many explorations of his blue moods.

Considering his current relationship with sultry American actress Rebecca DeMornay, it appears Cohen has entered a much happier time in his life, which may come as sad news to the many fans of his music.

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Hawks teach University of Ottawa a lesson

by Rob Witkowski

Humber's men basketball team had a showdown against the University of Ottawa in a highly entertaining game on December 5. The game featured the number one college team hosting the eighth ranked university team in the country.

The Hawks shined through beating the Ottawa Gee Gee's 105 to 102 in triple overtime. The game attracted a packed house, including Greg Mandziuk from City-TV. The thrilling action had people on the edge of their seats during the climax of the game.

"Any game you win in triple overtime, whether it's (against) university or community college it feels good," said Hawks assistant coach Rick Dilena. "Coming back from (being) thirteen down, it was a nice win."

Humber's effort impressed several Ottawa players. "They are a good athletic team, they got a lot of talent," said Ottawa's Mike Mile. Mile said that Ottawa got away from their running game. "We totally went away from that principle and we just started playing their (Humber's) game. We got caught up in the crowd," said Mile. There were several Ottawa fans on hand, cheering as well.

"But you've got to give them (Ottawa) credit, they hung in. I don't think we were ever behind in all the overtimes," said Dilena. "And they came back twice, hit three and they made some foul shots. It could have gone either way."

Two Hawks came off of academic probation to join the team. Both Everton Webb and Fitzroy Lightbody hope to begin to play



ROB WITKOWSKI

Rhodd to the rescue — In both games last week, Hawks' Patrick Rhodd was the high scorer.

in league games in January. Webb will have sat out only two games.

Last season's Canadian All-Star, Lightbody played for the first time with the team this year. The game looked to be a preview of what the team can do when they all get together.

"It shows our potential, the guys stepping up, testing our will to want to win," said Hawks forward Mark Croft.

"I don't think there's another college team that's probably as strong as this team we played, so playing and winning really proved ourselves," said Hawks star Patrick Rhodd. "We have the team that's capable of winning it again. Winning against Ottawa proves it."

"When we want to play that's what can happen. We just bear down and fight for it," added Croft.

The fight for the Hawks began after the first half. The team broke down in the last four minutes of the first and surrendered a 43-30 lead to the Gee-Gees. Things were just not going right for the team. One play had two Hawks, Croft and Dwayne Newman knocking the ball out of bounds, not realizing who the other player was. But the Hawks never gave up.

"At half time when we went in, our coach (Mike Katz) said that we have to play defence," said Rhodd. "We had to run our offence and hopefully all our shots would go in. We knew we just had to keep taking our shots, playing better defence and our shots would drop."

With 15:17 remaining in the second half, Lightbody had brought the margin down to six, when he stole a pass on a throw

in, and then hit the basket for a three pointer. Shortly after, Humber had the ball in Ottawa's zone on a throw in. The Gee-Gees made the big mistake of leaving Hawks forward Patrick Rhodd open. Steve McGregor passed it to Rhodd in front of the basket and he slammed it home, igniting the crowd.

Moments later, an Ottawa player ran down the court on a break with only Rhodd standing in his way. The Gee-Gee player ran for a lay-up but Rhodd jumped up high and cleanly rejected the shot, causing a fury of cheering and shouting from the fans.

Then with a minute left in the game, Rhodd picked off an errant pass and took it up for another two points, tying the game at 71. "I had a good feeling about it, I knew we were going to win it,"

said Webb. "At the beginning I never thought we would win it but when we brought it back to tie the game I knew we had it. Because their guys kept fouling out, and we still had our starters."

The crowd was pumped up with excitement. In each of the first two overtime periods, Humber took the lead only to have Ottawa come back to tie the score.

Dilena said getting the early lead was a big factor for the team. "When you're a team that's not experienced and you have a little bit of a cushion I think you're better off. In the sense that they (Hawks) could screw up and they (Gee-Gees) come back and score, you look up at the clock and you're still up a little bit, so you don't lose that confidence."

In the third overtime period Humber jumped out to a lead again. However this time Humber would prevail as the crowd was growing restless. The Hawks led 100-97 with two and a half minutes left in the period, as McGregor hit one of two free throws.

Things were nerve-racking when Rhodd fouled out of the game, joining Lightbody who had fouled out earlier. Two of Humber's star players were out of the game, with 37 seconds left and the Hawks holding a slim 101-99 lead.

McGregor was then given two foul shots, and sank them both, giving the Hawks breathing room. Both benches were up on their feet cheering on their respective teams, but Hawks Richard Saunders popped in another basket to put it out of reach.

Lady Hawks undefeated

by Alan Swinton

Despite a foul-ridden game, Humber's basketball Lady Hawks swooped down on their opponents to carry off another win, 91-47 against the George Brown Huskies, on December 2.

Lady Hawks coach Jim Henderson credits the overall success to their defensive strength.

"Our offence really comes from a strong defence," said Henderson.

Henderson was displeased with the unusually large number of fouls during the game. He said after a good performance in the previous game against Fanshawe, the team was frustrated with not playing immediately well against George Brown, and began fouling.

Henderson apologized to the referees after Lady Hawks' co-

captain Denise Cummings gave the ball a hard kick.

"Denise Cummings sat out a lot and I think she was just a little frustrated with that, and ended up trying out for the football team with her convert attempt. I don't think there's any excuses for losing control that much, but I mean, that happens," said Henderson.

Cummings herself said she and the team had a bad game and could have won by a lot more if they were playing well.

"I had a bad game. I got frustrated early in the game," said Cummings.

Henderson said the team was scoring well, but was doing badly in handling and passing the ball. Team members echoed the remark.

"We got a win off of it, but we did not play well at all," said Lady Hawk Denise Perrier.

Athlete of the week

Denise Perrier

Led the basketball Lady Hawks to victory, scoring 20 points against Fanshawe on November 30, and 14 points against George Brown of December 2. Also is at the top of the standings in the OCAA, with an average of 17.8 points.

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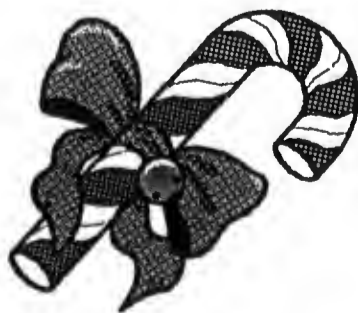
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ROB WITKOWSKI

McHawk — The aggressive play of Steve McGregor (33), earned him player of the game honors.

Hurting Hawks trounce Huskies

by Rob Witkowski

For most ordinary basketball teams, trouncing an opposing team can be very enjoyable. However the Hawks are not an ordinary team, and defeating the George Brown Huskies 115-51 was commonplace.

The December 2 home game, was the fourth win for the undefeated Hawks. The Hawks were flying over a smaller and less talented George Brown team. Humber gradually broke away from their opponents after the Huskies had tied the score early. The Hawks simply dominated the game, and showed the home crowd some impressive passing plays.

The whole bench got into the game, as the team tried different plays.

"It is enjoyable. Once in while it is nice to have things go your way, get some baskets, and pass the ball around," said Hawks coach Mike Katz. "Too much of it would be a real waste."

The forward duo of Steve McGregor and Richard Saunders both scored personal season highs with 23 and 20 points. The two players did a number on George Brown, playing a hard and tough game, as they nicknamed themselves "the powerline."

McGregor was selected the player of the game, and Saunders was quick to compliment his teammate. "Steve McGregor played an awesome game, he deserved it."

Patrick Rhodd was up to his old tricks, scoring the most points with 25. His quiet leadership and consistent scoring have been pivotal to the team's success this year.

George Brown was a smaller team that were intimidated by last year's National Champions. The Huskies were hesitant in their own zone and let several Hawks walk right towards their basket. On the attack, they could not penetrate the Hawks' zone.

Nearing the end of the game the Huskies had given up, scoring only 18 points in the second half.

Humber was loose despite playing without three regulars in their lineup. "A game like this is like a learning process for us — where we run our stuff, get into offence, and make sure you don't relax and get too careless with the ball," said Saunders. "Everybody has to play tough because we're hurting. There's a lot of guys on the injured list. Other guys can't play because of academic ineligibility. And we have to go out there and play hard with eight guys. And that's what we did."

Coach Katz is looking forward to having the whole team back. "Everybody will be back and ready to play league play in January — Lightbody, Webb. So, we're going to be at full strength but right now we're playing pretty well with eight people, especially the other night (Nov. 30) in Fanshawe," said Katz.

Even though the game was totally one-sided, the Hawks did not want to humiliate George Brown. "We hadn't wanted to beat them by that much, but we only took lay-ups," said Hawk's Dwayne Newman. "In no way were we trying to embarrass anyone."

U of T sacks Blues

by Marg Land

Most university and college athletics fans were stunned Tuesday, December 1, when University of Toronto management announced that it proposed scrapping the Varsity Blues, the university's football team.

At Humber College, the athletics department was suffering from *deja vu*.

"We had to make a decision a couple of years ago about our hockey program," said Doug Fox, Humber's Athletic Director. "It was dropped because it was a \$100,000 program. Unfortunately, we had to make a similar decision."

Humber College made the controversial decision to suspend the hockey team in 1990 after decreases in sports funding made the program unaffordable.

University of Toronto's management and planning team has recommended dropping the football team after the university's 1992-1993 budget showed a \$1.2 million drop in sports funding for the next two years. Also scheduled for the chopping block are women's ice hockey, men's and women's gymnastics, men's and women's curling, figure skating, golf, synchronized swimming, men's and women's tennis and the rugby team.

Fox admitted that he was concerned about the university making the decision without the knowledge and input of the students and other people involved in football and other athletic programs.

"I'm concerned when institutions make that sort of decision," Fox said. "I gather that there wasn't a lot of consultation with the student groups involved."

Fox said that when their decision regarding the hockey team was made, the students were made aware of the problems in advance.

"We tried our best to acknowledge with the SAA (Students Athletics Association) that there was a problem going on," Fox said. "We tried to even address it with our hockey team before so they were aware of the announcement before it came out," Fox said.

"There's always the realistic problem that if the college needs to look at situations like this, they tend to pick what they consider the 'soft areas', which are the non-academic areas to make their cuts."

Fanshawe College's athletic department has run into economic problems this year also, said Fox. "They ended up cutting two or three teams. They cut both their volleyball teams and a couple of their small ones, badminton and something else. So, they did have to go through it. A lot of college's are facing that."

Yet Fox seemed optimistic that Humber College's athletics department was secure from the mighty chopping block.

"I think now we're down to mostly activity fees that run our varsity programs so the student groups are the people who are essentially paying that through their activity fees," said Fox.

As a University of Toronto alumnus, Fox said that he would be contributing to the football team's fight to stay alive.

"Being an alumni of U of T myself, I will probably grant a donation as long as it goes to the football program," Fox said. "I truly believe that was an important part of my phys-ed — going to U of T. And I wasn't a member of the football team. There was a social gathering around it. There was a kind of an aura to the university of being a top notch football team. I don't think you can underestimate the importance of those areas."

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