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Last Thursday night, a sexual assault allegedly occurred at the Centennial Park Pool near Eglinton and Renforth. The victim, a Humber pool employee on her way to catch the Humberline bus, was coerced by a man who drove her to the Centennial Pool Park area.

## Humber pool employee abducted and assaulted

by Andrew Fratepietro

A Humber College employee was abducted last Thursday while on her way to the Humberline bus stop in front of the college.

According to Detective Wendy Leaver of the Metropolitan police sexual assault squad a female employee of the Humber Pool, located on the College's North campus, was walking to the bus stop in front of the school at approximately 9:50 p.m. on November 26 when she was approached by a man in a car.

The man then coerced the woman into the car and drove her to Centennial Park, located about 20 kilometres from the college. It was near the Park's Olympium Pool that the alleged sexual assault occurred.

The police were notified after the victim was dropped off by her assailant at a bus stop and she called her boyfriend. No weapon was reportedly used, and the victim did not know the assailant.

No one at Centennial Park Pool, near the Eglinton and Renforth area, had any knowledge of the incident. When told of the alleged assault, one employee of the Pool, who wished to remain anonymous,

said he was not surprised the Pool area was chosen.

"There's no lighting around here, and at that time of night there's usually only one security guard on, and he doesn't even go outside," the employee said. "I'd be afraid to go out there at that time of night."

Nobody at the Humber Pool reported witnessing the abduction. In fact, as of Tuesday, many of the pool employees were not even aware of the alleged assault. Pool Supervisor Nick Flengas said he was instructed by the police not to divulge any information, and that pool employees were being briefed on the incident on an individual basis.

"We are planning to discuss it with the staff individually, and we plan on including a discussion about it at our next training session," Flengas said.

Rod Rork, vice president of administration said school security has been made aware of the incident. Crime Stopper notices posted throughout the college, describing the assailant as male, black, 6' 1" tall, 200 pounds, with short black hair and a muscular build. He was reported to be wearing a black and white baseball cap, a black, possibly leather

jacket, with a black zipper and faded blue jeans. He was apparently wearing a one inch thick gold chain on his right wrist.

The victim described the car as possibly a dark blue or black Nissan Maxima. Detective Leaver said the assailant may have stolen the vehicle.

"After she was coerced into the car, the victim saw him leaning down under the dash and touch two wires together to start the car, even though there was a key in the ignition," said Leaver.

This, the third sexual assault of the school year, takes place less than a month after a young woman reported she was sexually assaulted on October 29. On October 30, a man claimed he was attacked. Both incidents were turned out to be false.

Yet despite the previous false reports Metro Police say they are not treating this report with skepticism.

"We are treating this incident just as we would any other, with the same seriousness," said Leaver. "We can't start with the assumption that this is a false allegation, we have to assume it really happened."

## NDP set to axe OSAP grants

by Helen Zappolino

College and university students can say goodbye to Ontario government grants and hello to a tuition hike.

Richard Allen, Minister of Colleges and Universities announced Thursday that the current Ontario Student Assistance Program (OSAP) will be changed in order to control the province's \$9.9 billion deficit.

The OSAP program will no longer offer grants, only loans. The change will save the NDP government money. Last year, the government spent \$241 million on the grant program.

The OSAP change will be effective as of July, 1993.

Tuition fees will rise by seven per cent for the second year in a row. For students, this translates into an extra \$60 next September.

"The changes will benefit some groups - single parents, married students with spouses earning low incomes, and students with disabilities," said Pat Scrase, Humber's financial aid manager. "They will all be able to qualify for bursaries."

She said the Financial Aid Office will help students next year by offering budget management sessions, advising students on how to manage their loans, and increasing the Work Study Program - which provides students with up to 10 hours of employment around the college.

SAC president Dave Thompson agrees with the NDP's decision to get rid of grants.

"I think it's good. I know students who live at home and don't really need the money but are getting it anyway, and I'm sure there are students who really need the grants that aren't receiving them," said Thompson.

Ken Craft, chairman of the Ontario Federation of Students (OFS) doesn't think that the new system will deter people from abusing OSAP. He said the NDP is going against its own policy to abolish student tuition fees all together.

"This is the wrong time for this," said Craft. "Student unemployment is high. This means not as many students will be able to go to school next year or even apply."

He thinks the changes to OSAP will result in fewer people from lower income families applying to post-secondary institutions.

Dan Cooper, a spokesperson for the Ministry of Colleges and Universities said the changes will make it easier for students to qualify for loans.

"Students will have nine-and-a-half years to pay back their loan instead of the original five years," said Cooper.

Lesia Bailey, a Humber College student and single parent, feels the last thing students need to worry about once they graduate is paying back their loans.

"We don't need another bill to think about," she said.

### COVEN SPECIAL SECTION

## Coping with more than academics

# Humber signs dotted line with banking giant

by Sean Garrett

An \$11.5-million mortgage deal for Student Residences has been struck between Humber and the Bank of Montreal.

Because the college had "an extremely tight window of opportunity" to strike a deal with a major bank, this was no mean feat, said Rod Rork, vice-president of administration.

The college was given just two weeks to secure a deal for the properties, after the Ontario Housing Ministry administration that it would not lower its interest rates in any deal with Humber.

Colleges have access to Ministry funds, as outlined by the province, but Humber

found provincial interest rates too high and nailed down the Montreal deal October 16.

"It was tight and we did have to work fairly hard to arrange with the banks to give us a competitive bid," Rork said.

Whereas the Montreal deal calls for a 10-year mortgage with a set interest rate of 9 per cent and an annual payment of the principal, or basic amount, a Ministry deal would have meant a straight 20-year payment plan with a fixed rate of 9.8 per cent and the principal paid as a lump sum at the end.

The Montreal deal is the juicier of the two, said Rork. Humber has an advantage if it can pay down the principal

once a year. This will shorten the time it will take to pay off the total debt: perhaps 17 years, instead of 20.

Depending on the outstanding principal in 10 years, Humber may also be able to finance the rest of the debt internally, rather than renewing the mortgage. A change of even one per cent in the interest rate is also of note, said Residence Director Aina Saulite.

"Rates were 12 or 13 per cent a year ago, compared to today, which means a lot (saved)," she said. Nevertheless, Rork stresses that this doesn't translate into big savings for the college.

"They (economists) had assumed an interest rate that, over (four) years, went up and then back down slight-

ly," said Rork.

"Although it's a cost savings from where we were six months ago with Ontario Housing, it's not a savings on our original projections for the Residences."

The total value for the two properties is about \$22 million and the amount financed in the plan is roughly half.

Student demand for residences at the North campus is high, Rork said. Saulite said "the (tenant's) waiting list is never satisfied by year's end."

Moreover, the Lakeshore campus shows potential as a residence site, said Rork adding, any talk of expansion is pure speculation.

## CAMPUS TO CAMPUS SNOOZE

### New Brunswick college goes on acid trip

Ryerson's Board of Directors is debating whether the school's student president should be impeached for ruling with loose purse strings. The head of the student population has been accused of going over budget and holding private parties at campus pubs against the Liquor Control Act. According to the Ryersonian, the school's newspaper, the illegal gatherings are an annual event held by 'ego-tripping directors'. Only the student body can oust their leader. . . A lab experiment gone wrong at *New Brunswick Community College* sent 16 people to hospital when a pitcher of nitric acid exploded after it was improperly handled last week. A professor and student are in hospital in serious condition. . . A group of students at *McGill University* want to boldly go where no student has gone before by naming a building after William Shatner, alias Captain Kirk. The school's administration won't go for the idea because he is still alive and hasn't donated any money to the school. . . *St Clair College* in Windsor is rolling the dice on a new program for card sharks. It is the first gambling and dealing course in Canada responding to Bookie Bob's take-a-chance-on-me agenda. The part-time program is 10 weeks long. . . *Students* looking for a Christmas break from Via Rail, Greyhound and Voyageur will get nothing more than a lump of coal this year. The grinch transporters have suspended student status fares for the holidays. . . *The University of Alberta's* Student Council is one patriotic group. Before each meeting they sing a rousing version of O' Canada. . . Shock waves rippled through the nation last week as the *University of Toronto* let the axe fall on the Varsity Blues football team. What will become of Canadian college/university football? Before you start crying in your beer, when was the last time you went to a game?



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# Municipal plan sets sights too high

## College could see better transit but less Lakeshore development

by Debbie Jenkins

Proposals for a new municipal plan include linking Humber's ten campuses by rapid transit while at the same time blocking development at the Lakeshore campus.

The Municipality of Metropolitan Toronto launched its presentation of 'The Liveable Metropolis', an official city planning document in draft form, at Metro Hall on October 27.

If the plan is implemented, the use of automobiles will be discouraged and some existing parking spaces near transit facilities will be phased out. Structures that are more 'visually appealing' will be built instead.

Transit construction would begin with a westbound route along Eglinton Avenue, if the regional government's latest plan is adopted and approved.

But Student's Association Council (SAC) Vice President Dennis Hancock is skeptical.

"We've just expanded our parking and it's the first year we've ever been able to accom-

modate all the parking requests at Humber. It seems a little far-fetched at this stage," he said.

"I think it's fine to plan all these things, but the bottom line is money. The TTC's suffering the worst year ever for ridership because the strike forced people to drive their cars — they'll need a hell of a grant!" said Hancock.

The official plan does not become legally binding until it is approved by the Ontario government.

Meanwhile, the draft does not seem to include development on the college's proposed new site for the Lakeshore Campus.

A color coded map in the document's appendix indicates that the grounds of the former Lakeshore Psychiatric Hospital are slated to become part of Metro's linked green space system. This has some residents very pleased.

"You have a nice light shade of green there," said lakefront homeowner Doug Martin, during a public forum on the proposed plan on November 23.

"Personally, I like that shade of green because it doesn't say anything there about Humber College taking over. And, that suits me fine. If you can swing that deal, I will certainly campaign that all of you be elected for whatever you're running for at

*'It seems a little far-fetched at this stage.'*

any time along the way," he said.

But Lynn Morrow of Metro Planning did not refer to the college directly when she replied to Martin, saying that some private land stewardships would be promoted.

"The green space system does include a whole variety of uses and activities, including public educational, institutional and cul-

tural facilities," she said in an interview following the forum.

Morrow also mentioned that lakefront homeowners have expressed support for the college's educational facilities and their argument lies with the housing aspect of the new campus.

The planners are asking for public response to the document, but Humber President Robert Gordon said he doubts the college will prepare a written submission.

"It's a planning document, not a building document," Gordon said, "we'll be fighting it out at the Ontario Municipal Board in the spring."

The proposal itself has been in the planning stages since 1986 and a second draft, followed by a final draft, must be completed before it becomes official.

The new strategy will intensify development where building has already taken place. Major and intermediate sized centres will be created to allow people to live and work within one community.

The general area extending from Rexdale Blvd. and Hwy. 27

to Albion Rd. and Kipling Ave., is listed as one of the potential intermediate centres in Etobicoke, although the Humber River Valley will be preserved.

"It's too late. You can't build a community spirit if you don't have a focus," said Joan Nicholson, an architectural technology student at Humber.

"Places that were separate communities, like Islington or Smithfield, are now completely gone because the focus has been on downtown Toronto. There's a lot more evidence of planning thoughtfulness in Mississauga," she said.

The new strategy also restricts the type of manufacturing which contributes to noise pollution or produces foul odors.

"Industries have to be where they're accessible, but you're going to have the same amount of pollution. It will just be concentrated in one area," says Andrew Brockett, a safety engineering student at the North campus.

## Res Life back in place

by Bret Duquette and Alan Swinton

Humber Administration has overruled a decision by residence director Aina Saulite to dissolve the Residence Life Committee.

Humber President Robert Gordon said Saulite alone did not have the power to dissolve Res Life.

"Standard procedure around the college is that people who are affected by decisions are a part of the discussions," said Gordon.

At the same time he did not want to publicly denounce Saulite's action. "It's a tricky issue

because you don't want to be seen as publicly berating someone who is trying to do a difficult job," said Gordon.

Ryan Langlois, president of Res Life said Saulite stormed out of a meeting between the Students' Association Council (SAC) and Res Life after SAC vice-president Dennis Hancock said SAC would not end their support for Res Life.

The computer SAC bought this summer for Res Life has been returned to residence.

"It seems that the proper formalities are being pursued," said Hancock.

Rod Rork, vice-president of administration, met with Res Life representatives, including Langlois and vice president Tammy Gonyou.

"We're having another meeting shortly ... the process is going very well," said Rork. "There are no changes to the committee. They're carrying on until these deliberations are completed."

"I'm very pleased to see that Res Life is back into the hands of the students," said Langlois.

Rork said that the Residence Events Planners Committee will not go into effect as Saulite announced.

## Malaysia visits Humber

by Tracy Bailey

Ten men from the National Vocational Training Council of Malaysia arrived at Humber College November 9 to take part in a six week competency based education program.

Competency based education is a delivery style of individualized learning and organizational training.

This style puts "control in the student's hands rather than the teacher's," said Frank Franklin, director of International Projects.

"What's required to do that, are teaching aids that direct the student on what to do. As the teacher, you must be able to help students at the most basic level one minute and then those at the most sophisticated level the next. We'll be discussing techniques and approaches on how to do this."

Each of the Malaysian visitors has come with certain expectations placed upon them by employers.

"Our department sent us here to see about getting a new approach to training. We have to find new ways and means for vocational training which we hope to find here," said Rossman Bin Nordin, one of the Malaysian visitors.

According to Franklin, the Malaysian government is funding this project, so with the group having 30 hours a week of class time in addition to assignments, their employers are expecting to get their money's worth.

"We find out what each individual has to go home with... when they go back, they're going to have to be able to do these things," said Franklin. "Look at it from their point of view. They're sending ten people from

Malaysia. You look at the airfare alone and that's a big ticket and their having to live here for six weeks is a lot of money. Also, the cost of the training. So, they expect them to get the most they can out of it."

Even though this is not a vacation for them, they are still getting a chance to tour Toronto.

"There's a cultural component to the program. They'll be visiting places like the CN Tower, the Science Centre, Niagara Falls and possibly Pioneer Village," said Bill Sinnett, an expert on the organization of competency based education, who is also teaching the Malaysians. "You need to learn about Canada."

Nordin mentioned how much he likes Canada, although he said our climate will take some getting used to.

## Campus takes white ribbon action

by David O'Hare

The White Ribbon Campaign, commencing December 1, has been created for men in response to violence against women.

Some men may be interested in supporting the cause, but do not know what the White Ribbon stands for.

"I wasn't aware of it (the White Ribbon Campaign) until you mentioned it to me," said Tony Sandhu, second-year Computer Engineering student, when asked about the campaign.

"I'm all for supporting women but sometimes it doesn't seem like they want men's support."

Sandhu was referring to the Take Back The Night march that did not include men.

"Now that I know what the campaign is about, I would wear my ribbon to show my support," he said.

"I think (the campaign) is a very good idea," said Dave Greenly, third-year Film and Television student. "It helps us to be aware that violence is very bad in our society. We all have to do our part — both men and women."

Greenly said he will most definitely be wearing a ribbon to show his support for the cause.

"I'll be wearing a ribbon for sure," said John Johnstone, Students' Association Council (SAC) director of the Student Centre.

"I think the campaign is an amazing idea. There are a lot of stupid guys out there that don't know when no means no. Anytime I hear about something like that, I just want to shake those guys and tell them to get it together."

According to Dave Darker, White Ribbon representative and Hospitality instructor, the campaign was designed to clean the 'proverbial slate'. The campaign will run until Friday.

"There were 1200 ribbons handed out, and 300 of them went to residence alone ... the biggest (percentage)," said Darker.

In a meeting November 18, the heads of each division on campus gathered to divide the ribbons and the responsibility of their distribution.

"Each member of a department will be participating in this campaign," said Darker. "I like the concept of looking at wearing the ribbons as a way to clean the slate and start over."

Les Takahashi, chairman of the White Ribbon campaign, will head the distribution of ribbons at the Lakeshore campus.

Participants at the North campus will include Rod Rork, VP administration and Roy Giroux, VP education and faculty services, as well as Gary Begg of the Social Sciences department and chair of Applied and Creative Arts Stephen Bodsworth.

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## NDP full of empty hope

Recent changes to the Ontario Student Assistance Program (OSAP), have caused an uproar among college and university students province wide, and so it should.

Bob Rae and his travelling circus have decided to reroute millions in grant money earmarked to aid students in obtaining a post-secondary education.

By reversing his social covenant, Bob, is mortgaging the province's economic future by making education accessible only to those capable of footing the bill.

The problems created for students are two-fold: job prospects for graduates are on the decline, which could discourage enrolment, because future students may not have the chance to find work which will pay enough to carry his/her debt load.

This situation differs from that of five years ago, when a student could take a risk and go in debt because the prospects of decent pay were available, giving the student the earning power to maintain the the debt, which created a greater demand for higher education

These days, a cool economic climate has created an acute demand for education which costs money, which the provincial government can't seem to find to inject into the OSAP system.

An amended OSAP system (loans only), may have some popularity with taxpayers of today, what about the taxpayers of the future?

Without a chance at higher education, tax revenues will be reduced and a greater tax burden will be placed on those who have jobs.

If only the NDP could see past their socialist utopian hallucinations and realize that they are playing Russian roulette with the future of education in Ontario.

Now is not the time for program cuts in education. What is needed is greater accessibility to education to build a strong and competitive workforce.

Just one thing to remind you of Mr. Premier, you were elected with 38 per cent of the popular vote, which in the estimation of this paper is not enough to jeopardize the economic well being of over nine million people.

## Ribbon wearing

This week marks the annual white ribbon campaign geared at bringing awareness to violence against women.

Clearly violence against women is a horrible crime that should not be tolerated under any circumstance. But the white ribbon campaign — all ribbon campaigns for that matter — are no longer serving their purpose.

There are simply too many ribbons being pinned on too many lapels, for too many causes.

Society seems obsessed with ribbon pinning. This "ribbonizing" of all the world's problems is creating indifference. Unfortunately the true meaning of these ribbons is being lost.

The purpose of these ribbons is to raise awareness towards a certain issue, whether it be AIDS or violence against women, but it now seems that there are ribbons for all the colors in the rainbow.

Ribbons won't end violence against women, nor will they raise awareness of the issue if the public grows tired of wearing a different color ribbon for everything from environmental protection to AIDS.

Violence against women is a brutal crime. In order to end the crime, the brutality of it must be re-enforced to change the attitudes of the men who commit this crime. Instead of ribbon week, what about a TV commercial blitz showing the evil of domestic violence during Hockey Night in Canada. Shocking reality is better than a ribbon campaign that has become as predictable as Easter or Thanksgiving. Violence against women is an issue that must never be allowed to become commonplace.

# BOB-B-Q



## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR:

### Serious issue may have been overlooked

I am writing this letter to express my disappointment at the media and, particularly, Coven's coverage of human rights issues and racial discrimination at Humber College and elsewhere. Several weeks ago, for instance, an 18-year-old female student made the allegation that she had been raped. Moreover, on the previous day a 20-year-old male student claimed that he had been attacked by an individual wielding a knife. Both crimes caused a considerable amount of anxiety and publicity. Recently, however the police indicated that these crimes never took place, and that the students lied.

When the media later reported that these crimes were apparently

hoaxes, I noticed that at least a few students were offended, one of the reasons being that in both incidents the purported victims of these crimes described their assailants as being black. Nevertheless, when the Coven wrote that these crimes were hoaxes no mention was made of that fact. Didn't the Coven think it worthwhile inquiring if racism and racial stereotypes may have partially motivated and played a role in these hoaxes and influenced the shape they took?

Curiously, the police charged the male student who made the allegedly false allegations with public mischief, but, according to the latest public reports I have heard, the female student who

made false allegations has not been charged with any crime. Why was the male student charged and the female student set free?

Is such differential treatment justified in this situation? Isn't Coven and the rest of the media interested in analyzing or commenting on these issues?

I think that skin color has been used as a scapegoat - this time as a scapegoat for some individual's personal problems or self-aggrandizement. The result has been ugly, and I think it is an unhealthy sign that nobody in the media will comment on these issues.

John Tavares

### Radio students eager to give suggestions

Humber's radio students have a suggestion question for this week's Feedback.

"Do you think Coven should write sensational stories like the National Enquirer" ?

That makes as much sense as

last week's question about Humber radio having shock jocks. Think realistically!

Maria Enqvist

John Osborne

George Stroumboulopoulos

Andrew Martin

Andrew Snow

Michael Hainsworth

Serge Cassano

Second year radio students

## CHEERS✓ AND JEERS✗

### JEERS✗

To Via Rail, Greyhound and Voyageur for halting Christmas discounts and forcing cash-strapped students to ride the rails at full fair.

### CHEERS✓

To Humber administration for not allowing Res Life to be dissolved by the actions of one.

## feedback

Does the white ribbon campaign have an effect on men's attitudes towards violence against women?



**Bernard McGovern**  
Computer Eng.

"At this point it's just beginning to have an effect. It will take a while because it's been ignored for years."



**Anthony Mark**  
Gen. Arts and Science

"I don't think it's having an effect. I've seen it and I know what it's about, but it's not showing awareness."



**Florence Walters**  
Comp. Info. Systems

"I'm not aware it's going on. It would not have an effect. It takes more than a ribbon."



**Krista Cox**  
Forestry

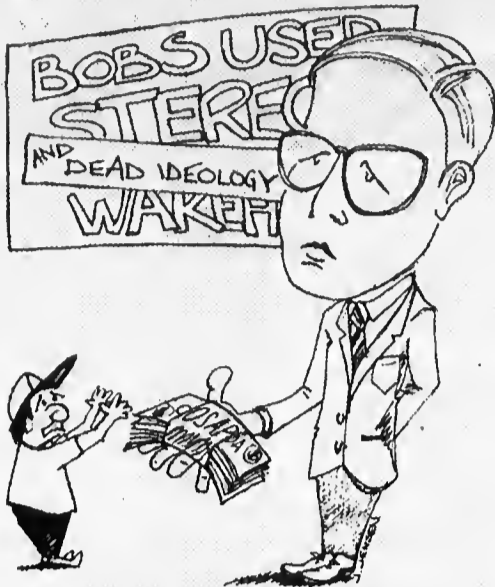
"It calls more attention to the issue. It makes people think about it, but it won't have much of an impact."

by Sean Logan  
and Sandy Stosic

## STOP THE PRESS

### Students need help, not handouts

by James Cullin



For a socialist government the NDP has adopted a remarkably conservative attitude towards reforming Ontario's student assistance program.

And make no mistake, reform is long overdue.

OSAP has been dubbed the Ontario Stereo Assistance Program for good reason. Anyone who thinks that student assistance isn't extensively abused is seriously deluded.

Of all the misguided social programs undertaken over the years, giving college and university students grants to pay for their education has got to be the stupidest use of tax money ever conceived.

Students need loans, not grants.

Our social security net was implemented to protect those people whose personal circumstances preclude self-reliance. It is a hallmark of Canadian society that we recognize that without government intervention the ebbs and flows of our free market economy will inevitably leave a segment of the population trapped in a vicious cycle of poverty.

No one with an ounce of compassion expects unemployed single mothers, orphans or the disabled to simply fend for themselves. Society provides welfare to such people, that is we give them money without strings attached, to allow them to escape the cycle of despair and hence be in a position to contribute to society.

I've yet to meet a college or university student who isn't in a position to contribute to society. That's not to say that I haven't met a lot of people who need help financing their education. My problem is with how the government has gone about helping students up to now.

A college education is the best long-term investment a person can make. The economic evidence to support this assertion is irrefutable. In turn, a well educated and highly skilled work force is the best investment a society can make to ensure future prosperity.

The fashionable term for this type of thinking is infrastructure. President-elect Bill Clinton has made investment in infrastructure the central goal of his administration. His campaign slogan was "invest and grow."

Robert Reich, the Harvard University economic guru who advises Bill Clinton believes there's a new global economy. He argues the only fixed assets a country can compete with is the skill base of its people and the communications and transportation infrastructure that allows those skilled people to interact with each other and the rest of the world.

The operative word here is investment however.

A college education is an investment that leads to a tangible return for both the individual and society. Loaning people money so they can further their education makes enormous sense. Giving money away to people who are destined to enter the middle makes no sense at all.

The \$250 million or so that Ontario sets aside for grants goes exactly that far. Using that same \$250 million to pay the interest on bank loans would provide for billions of financial support. Support that students can pay back once they have a job.

To be blunt, a college education is a one-way ticket to the middle-class and the middle-class doesn't need hand outs.

How ironic that it is a socialist government that has been forced to dismantle a system of hand outs to the middle-class.

The age of student entitlement is drawing to a close.

So long, farewell and good riddance.

## Rez life's been good

by Michelle Allard

I have just about had it. This is the third semester I've been battling 45 minutes of traffic to get to Humber every day. It's become so routine I often don't remember anything about the drive.

Recently driving by Humber's Residence as I searched for a parking spot, I realized I was envious of those students who lived there only a few steps from the school. Most students are probably like me—living at home because they can't afford to do anything else. But it's too bad that so many college students miss out on the chance to experience residence life.

Sure, I know all about the headaches and horrors of living with other students. I myself have experienced it.

A few years ago, during my first year of university, I lived in a co-ed residence called Delaware. It was nothing like the quiet cozy home where I grew up. Delaware was chaos. Pizza boxes and empty bottles often littered the hallways, and voices and stereos often competed for dominance. Yes it was crazy but it was definitely a learning experience.

Living next to noisy neighbors was a wonderful lesson. Only paper-thin walls separated me from George's stereo which blasted only the heaviest of heavy-metal music.

George, a buttock-pinching chauvinist from Florida, con-

firmed his masculinity by waving a switchblade and bellowing obscenities. I learned to deal with him and his horrid taste in music just as he came to accept the irritating chirp of my illegal bird. The persistent thundering bass from George's room that blended with budgie love songs trained me to work in any environment.

George was my greatest test of tolerance. He taught me opposites could compromise and get along.

But Delaware wasn't always noisy. An eerie silence filled the residence as exams approached. It seemed either everyone studied or no one studied. When I sat alone, lazing in front of the communal television, the guilt would drive me to my room where I would work (or pretend to). Of course, there did exist those incomprehensible few who studied all the time.

Living in residence, I met people who would have remained strangers if I lived off campus. Had I not chosen residence I may have clung to my high school friends. While friendships formed in classes rarely got past the "how are you?" stage, many of my floor-mates remain my close friends, even now years later.

Events organized by residence staff helped develop these relationships — intramural events, competitions and lots of parties. On April Fool's they held a 'Bus Trip to Nowhere.' We all boarded the bus ignorant of our destination. We did know that large quantities of beer awaited us.

Many parents worry that their 'children' will concentrate more on the consumption of alcohol than the consumption of knowledge. But most students recognize the value of their education. Most will attempt to get their money's worth.

The first year of college or university is a period of adjustment. Residence can help ease the transition between living at home and moving out on your own. It's a party in the process. Besides, there is no real need to fret over marks; many students learn more about life in residence than they do from their courses. I think I did.

I learned more from my floor-mates about obsession and behavior than from Psychology 200. The reproducing bacteria in my neighbor's mini-fridge substituted for any biology course and the conflicting personalities co-habiting on my floor offered more insight into social interaction than Sociology 200.

First-hand experience should replace textbooks whenever possible and residence really does provide that opportunity.

Looking back, I have to acknowledge residence life had its thorns. But living in a zoo, like a residence, can teach you a lot about yourself and others. Maybe I wouldn't be willing to do it again but I would say that everyone should try it at least once. And hey, it's a great way to avoid the hassle of a traffic jam.

## Vatican wake up call

by Rachel Brown

*"I permit no woman to teach or have authority over men"*  
(1 Timothy 2:12)

Throughout the years, there have been many social movements that have affected the world over.

Today, the conflict that takes centre stage in the religious arena is the issue of women's admission into the priesthood. This issue is causing chaos and commotion in Anglican and Catholic communities.

New boundaries were passed recently when the Church of England voted in favor of permitting the ordination of women.

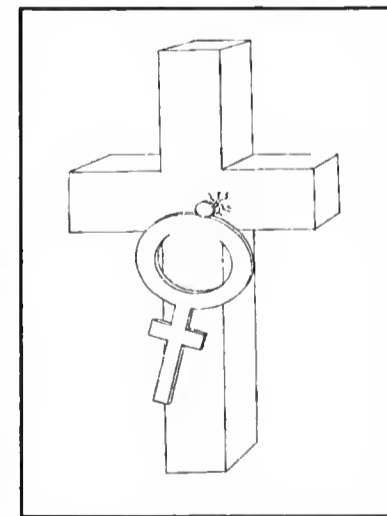
Perhaps the most damning repercussion of the Church of England's decision is that the chances of recruiting the Anglican and Catholic churches have been crushed forever. But, with any kind of change, there is disappointment for some.

But all that aside, the Church of England should be applauded for this giant step forward which represents their support of the Women's Reformation.

As a result of the goings on last week in England, the Vatican vowed that Catholicism would never accept women for ordination.

The point they seem to be missing is that this is not an attempt on the part of women to overthrow Christianity, it's about complete change; change in all regimes, including theology.

Perhaps what frightens Catholic leaders so much is the fact that the women's movement, within Catholicism, is linked to other more serious and contradictory issues like the acceptance of homosexuality, birth control and abortion.



The Church of England's decision may have been quite startling for many religious supporters, but this step isn't the first in a move to eliminate chauvinism and patri-

archy from religion and to recognize the equality of the sexes and the importance of the laity (non clergy members).

There are denominations that once would not accept, or even tolerate, a minister getting a divorce. These same denominations are now debating whether or not to allow lesbians.

In fact, the first woman ordained as an Anglican priest happened in Hong Kong back in the early 1940s. Throughout the 60s, 70s and 80s there have been women installed as Methodist bishops and Lutheran bishops, not to mention various woman clergy.

Traditional Catholic theology maintains that because God chose to be born as a man, only a man can depict or represent Jesus Christ.

To say that only a man can be a representative of God is simply ludicrous. The plain fact is that God became human and if any man or woman should choose to be a deliverer of his message then why should they be denied their calling.

The churches of the world have to accept the duality of humankind and stop expressing the views of a place and time that has long since passed away.

# COPING WITH MORE

## Meeting the needs of disabled students

by Doug Lucas

Accessibility, one of the many problems for Humber's physically challenged students is being addressed by the Special Needs Centre.

"Over the years we've worked at making the building more accessible for the physically challenged, and that's been an on-going thing," said Special Needs Coordinator Joy Trenholm.

The Special Needs Centre received a large grant from the government last year. Trenholm said the money went towards: the installation of ramps and magnetic door openers (push-button), the widening of the hall to the elevator; and providing hand rails and updated washroom facilities.

"It's always been easy to get around the college," said Delia Carbone, a student who benefits from the Special Needs Center. "Since I have the electric wheelchair it's easier to get around. With the elevator, ramps and the addition of the auto-

matic doors, it has become much easier," she said.

Although accessibility has improved, there is still work to be done around the school by physical resources, to make the main areas of the school completely accessible, said Trenholm.

"I still want to work on accessibility in the Pipe. We need automatic door openers on two sets of doors there," she said. "Also we're looking at the ramp there, it is very long and steep."

The Special Needs Centre also deals with visually impaired students. Part of the government grant was used to put braille on all the elevator buttons.

"We're looking into a project and are hoping that SAC gets involved," said Trenholm. "All around the college, the door numbers are too high for students with visual impairments to see. They should be lowered, raised (from the wall) and brailled. It's a very costly job."

The Centre also runs the Special

Assistance program. They hire, train and monitor student assistants to work with disabled students. These include note-takers and attendant-care people. Some students need help to and from classrooms and lockers, said Trenholm.

The program is there to encourage students to be independent.

"We do encourage students to be as independent as possible, and try to function with their classmates," she said. "They're going to have to (be) when they reach the work environment."

"Last year, I had note-takers and attendants, but this year I seem to be a little more independent," said Carbone.

Employees of the Centre act as advocates for the students. They inform the teachers of the student's disability and just what the students' learning needs are.

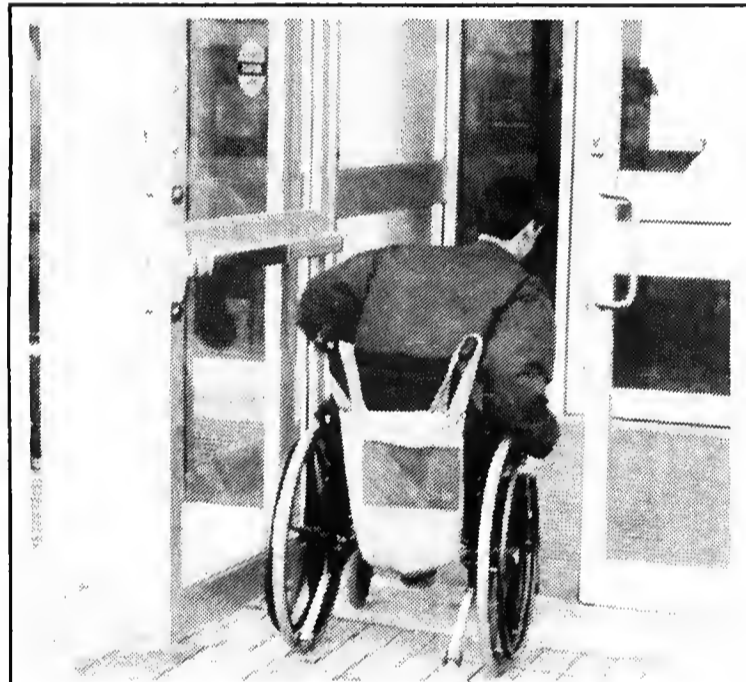
"We often do have to act as advocates for the student, but again, our philosophy is more for empowerment than rescuing," said Trenholm.

The Centre also acts as a liason with external agencies including: Vocational Rehabilitation Services (VRS), Workmen's Compensation, several head injury associations and high school special educators and guidance counsellors.

"The main one is the VRS because a lot of students with physical disabilities are also being served through VRS," said Trenholm. "They have counsellors and are being funded. These supports all need money and VRS picks up the tab for a lot of the support."

Although the centre hears all the students problems, they can not correct all the problems, said Trenholm.

"We'll try to put accommodations in place to help the students. Sometimes we can't entirely meet those needs because there are physical demands with the program that the student just can't meet," said added. "We're not miracle workers, but we do our best."



## Special needs not represented

by Michelle Allard

A vacant Director of Special Needs position on the Students Association Council (SAC) is waiting to be filled.

SAC president David Thompson worked the position last year, and he's optimistic it will be filled soon. "With everything that's been going on (with SAC) we haven't had the time to devote much effort to that right now," he explained.

Everyone on council takes on a special interest position, he said. "but we're just spread too thin."

SAC is not working hard enough to fill the role of Director of Special Needs, said Joy Trenholm special needs co-ordinator. "There could be more recruiting for this position," she said.

"I don't think SAC is doing enough to get special needs students involved in SAC." Trenholm would like to see someone sitting on council for special needs students. "Maybe they could bring a special focus to SAC meetings."

The idea may be good in theory, but as for having different representatives of special interest groups, Thompson said: "When you start going in that direction, where do you draw the line?"

Last year, Thompson was involved in trying to get together

an association for students with special needs. "But we started too late," he said. "A lot of those people aren't back this year." He suggests that any students who want to form a group should come into the SAC office and get a clubs package.

A lot of special needs students do not have time in their schedules for extra-curricular activities such as clubs. "Many don't seem willing to stick around," said Trenholm.

"That is a function of a lot of things, though," she explained. Trenholm pointed out that many students rely on Wheeltrans (a TTC service for physically disabled) which means they have to arrive at Humber and also leave at specific times. "Some tire very easily. They might have a long drive, which can be very exhausting," she added. "They just don't have the energy and the stamina to stay around and get involved."

She would like to see an association for these students, but she emphasizes that the college focuses on integration. "We don't have segregated activities," she said. "The only area that would be targeted to special needs students would be athletics."

Jim Bialek, intramural co-ordinator and assistant manager, athletics, said there is no kind of athletics program in place for special needs students because he has not

seen much interest. "We can't really go and design programs unless we see a clientel," he said.

He said that last year, he organized a basketball event for both the physically-challenged and the able-bodied, but nobody came. "Until someone comes through the door, we don't know exactly what to offer, or what will be successful."

He said he has "an open door policy" and that he would have "no hesitation to put a person who's in a wheelchair on a volleyball court." If someone came in and wanted to play wheelchair basketball, he said he could not say 'yes' or 'no' immediately, but he would definitely look into it. "I'd be more than willing," he said. "What you've got to realize is that this would be a growth for me, too. Then I would get a working knowledge."

However, a vicious circle may be in place. Without any interest, it is hard to set up a program, but often, it's the programs that spark interest.

Donna Weir feels that way. She is a special needs student who attended Humber last year. "I think that they should approach the students," she said. She said she would like to see more events between students and faculty. She loves rugby, and "what's wrong with a basketball team?" she asked. "It would be fun; a real blast!"

FILE PHOTOS  
**ABOVE PHOTO:** A special needs student takes advantage of an electronic door opener at the main entrance of Humber. New openers have been installed throughout the college.

**BELOW PHOTO:** Modern technology makes learning easier for special needs students. Without these learning devices, some could not attend college.

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# THAN ACADEMICS

## Blind Humber student overcomes many obstacles

by Michelle Allard

People say May Tan is a quick learner. They are probably right.

Since she moved to Canada from China six years ago, May Tan has had to do a lot of learning.

In China, she never had the opportunity to attend any kind of school. Coming to this country meant she could become part of a class, and she says, "That was my biggest wish when I was in China."

She has had many obstacles to overcome throughout her education. First of all, she had to learn English, a battle for many new immigrants. She also had to deal with her blindness, which meant learning Braille.

May lost her sight when she was two years old. She loves living in Canada because she says there are more opportunities for the blind. "People are more caring here than they were in China."

Whenever I have a problem or anything someone will help me." She says she doesn't miss China at all. "There is nothing for me to miss."

May is eager to improve her English. She's taking some General Arts and Science courses so that she will qualify for the Social Service Worker program at the Lakeshore campus.

All of her textbooks are on tape. "When I listen to them I have trouble with some of the words." When there are special handouts in class, she has to have them transferred into Braille or onto disk.

She has a special computer in her room in residence which can "read" the disk for her. May smiles and admits, "I'm almost always behind."

She had a seeing eye dog for a couple of months, but May felt the dog was too much bother. She laughs and says: "I don't like dogs. I use my cane; I have to go

slower than before, but I don't mind. Though sometimes the halls are pretty crowded."

May preferred high school because it was smaller and she knew more people. "At college everyone has their own life," she says. "Everybody is so busy here. Sometimes they don't have time to say 'hi'."

Listening to her tapes and doing her school work keeps May quite busy. She does have some time for fun. She's always laughing, and her smile is contagious. She plays the piano and loves to sing. Karaoke is a big favorite.

She shyly admits she would like to be a famous singer, but insists she wouldn't like all the publicity that would go with such a position. "And money isn't important to me," she laughs.

One other thing she would like to do, she says, is to learn to play the guitar. "That would be great."

And there's no question — she'll undoubtedly do it.



MICHELLE ALLARD

**Overcoming leaps and bounds** — May Tan left China six years ago to study in Canada. She now attends Humber College. She hopes to qualify for the Social Worker program at Lakeshore campus. "People are more caring here than they were in China," she said. "Whenever I have a problem or anything someone will help me."

## Humber daycare sensitizes young

by Lisa Langille

While some daycare centres in Toronto are segregated for children with special needs, Humber's daycare services are integrated so children with and without special needs can learn together.

"It teaches children to be accepting of other people's differences ... it raises their own sensitivity as they become older," said Susan McBeth, an Early Childhood Education (ECE) faculty member.

By integrating children, they learn to accept people for who they are, without bias or discrimination.

McBeth said the ECE program at Humber is open to anyone who

meets the qualifications and requirements set out by the school. The philosophy of the program is centred around the idea that all children have needs.

Paul Dieleman is in the second-year CICE (Community Integration through Co-operative Education) program and spends part of his week in the Humber daycare setting.

Dieleman said he decided to take the ECE program because he had been working at a daycare centre when one of the teachers suggested he take the ECE course.

He said that he hasn't had too many difficulties at Humber, but he did have an incident where an adult had a problem accepting his disability before he came to

Humber.

"I had a problem only one time in a placement before I came here," said Dieleman.

But he doesn't have problems with the children. He says they ask questions about his disability and understand when he has trouble reading to them.

"Some kids here already know about that. If I read a story and I miss a word they tell me and I have to read the story again," said Dieleman.

Dieleman said he wants to be involved with pre-kindergarten children when he graduates.

At Humber, a third-year course is available that teaches students how to meet the needs of children with special needs while treating them equally in the daycare setting.



FILE PHOTO

**Wheelchair athletics** — Presently, there is no athletics program in place for special needs students. Athletics says there is an open door policy for any activity in which an interest is shown, including wheelchair sports.

## Mind over matter helps Ball succeed

by Robert Hookey

To those of us struggling to succeed at Humber, Geoff Ball is someone who has proven just how far one can go when they rely on their mind rather than their body.

During his four years at Humber, Geoff has made a significant contribution to the school and its student body. He is the current head of Humber's Progressive Conservative Party, and is active in student government.

For two years, he was the Student Association Council's director of Special Needs. In this time, Ball ensured that Humber maintained a close relationship with the National Education Association of Disabled Students, referred to as NEADS — an organization which acts as a voice for disabled post-secondary students across Ontario.

As a result of this relationship, Geoff arranged Humber's first Access Awareness Week. The project consisted of Humber administration and faculty simulating various disabilities in order to better understand the problems and needs of the college's challenged students.

"Our Access Awareness Week gave Humber's administration a better appreciation for the problems handicapped students were facing at that time," said Geoff. "It resulted in the administration taking a much more progressive approach towards making the college more accessible for the handicapped."

A by-product of the event was a strong relationship between Humber's administration and Ball during his remaining time as Special Needs Director.

Although this post is currently empty, both Geoff and SAC President Dave Thompson remain active in this area. Geoff still maintains a high regard for the college's administration.

"They've made a strong effort to make Humber accessible to all students. In fact, Humber is one of the most accessible post-secondary institutions I've seen."

However, Geoff does note that there is always room for improvement.

"I think we currently need to concentrate on students with less visible impairments, such as students with dyslexia. We should also look at posting signs in Braille. There are a number of improvements that could be made without blowing the budget."

As for Humber's student body, Geoff says he has not encountered many cases of discrimination against him, although he says there is one problem area.

"For some reason many students who don't need the elevator are using it anyway and in some cases, they crowd out students in wheelchairs. There is absolutely no need for this, these people should be thankful they can walk up the stairs at all."

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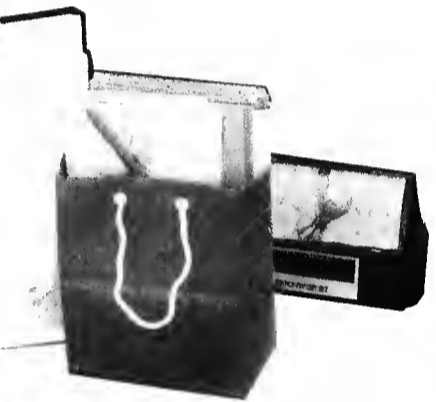
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# Representative from Dene Nation drops by Humber

by Michelle Allard

Frankie Nitsiza, a 24 year-old native student from the Northwest Territories, was in Toronto last week attending the 2nd National Aboriginal Adult Children of Alcoholics Conference '92.

Nitsiza is from the Dogrib band of the Dene Nation in Lac La Martre, northwest of Yellowknife. He said he came to the conference to get information that could help his community, of about 400 people.

Nitsiza is currently upgrading courses so that he can later attend Artic College in Fort Smith, N.W.T. He hopes to study architecture and help build houses in his village.

He found his first trip to Toronto very different than Lac La Martre and said he could never live here. "It's more comfortable back home — there is more freedom there," he said.

"There's too many people here," said Nitsiza, "and it's too expensive."

Although he did do some shopping while in town. He was sporting a new Chicago Bulls hat on the day he visited Humber. He rode the elevator up the CN Tower, and also dined on pizza.

But don't misunderstand — this wasn't Nitsiza's first trip to a big city. He's been to Calgary and Vancouver, and he adds, "About once a year I take a drive to Edmonton and go shopping."

Nitsiza did not have much time to visit Humber because he was very anxious to return to the conference and absorb as much information as he could.

He showed the political geography students a video entitled *My Land Is My Life*, which depicts the life of the Dene nation. The film, made by a couple from Toronto, includes some scenes from Nitsiza's own community.

The video captured the attention of the class and many students gathered around Nitsiza after the viewing to ask questions. Launa Jobbagy, a second-year legal assistant student said she would love to spend time in a place like Lac La Martre. "I think it would be interesting. You would get to see how they live, how they're surviving," she said.

Adrian Adamson, the political geography class instructor, said a situation like this is a great way to get his class thinking.

"The function of having someone like this come into the class is to raise questions that weren't there before," he said. He feels it is important for his students because "it helps wake them up to the conditions of real life. It's hard for young people to penetrate the fantasy that surrounds them."

Like many of his students, Adamson wishes there would have been more time to talk with Nitsiza.

But time wasn't the only hurdle. The native student was also very quiet and seemed almost overwhelmed by the attention he received. "His voice was almost a whisper," said Adamson.

Dalyce Newby, Humber's Intercultural Centre's co-ordinator, was involved in arranging Nitsiza's visit to the college. She also expressed regret that his schedule was so busy, but she was very excited to have him visit.

"If we had had more time it would have been really fascinating for people," she said. "I think (his visit and the video) was a real eye-opener for some of those students."

Nitsiza didn't appear very comfortable in Humber's crowded hallways. "You could sense his culture shock," said Newby.



MICHELLE ALLARD

Visiting the big city — Frankie Nitsiza of the Dogrib band meets President Gordon's assistant Doris Tallon while in Toronto for a conference dealing with aboriginal children of alcoholics.

## Talking about AIDS

by Doug Lucas

A talk-show about AIDS, filmed at Humber last week, shattered some myths about the disease — clarifying how the disease can be transmitted and stressing that AIDS is not just a gay issue.

"AIDS is not a gay disease, it's not a disease you get if you use intravenous drugs," said Steve Bailey, a panelist for the Peter Wolfi show. Bailey, who has the HIV virus and is a representative for Toronto People With AIDS said, "AIDS now affects every facet of society — it affects everybody. We all have to be careful, we all have to take responsibility individually, to protect ourselves."

The Peter Wolfi Show, filmed at Humber's Lecture Hall last Thursday night, held a discussion with a four-person panel which included: Yvonna Haas, who is with the Outreach Program of the Etobicoke Health Department; David Moore, who is the program advisor of physical and health education for the Etobicoke Board of Education; Dennis Long, the director of the Breakaway Substance Abuse Centre; and Bailey.

At the beginning of the show, Haas briefed the small audience on the symptoms of the HIV virus.

She told the audience there are 26 different types of AIDS

and she explained the three ways people can become infected with the HIV virus — sexual intercourse with an individual who is infected with the virus, without protection; sharing needles or drug equipment with an individual who is infected; and an infected mother can pass on the virus to her unborn child, either through the birthing process or through breast milk.

Bailey said people have to learn different ways to have "safe sex". One of the ways is cuddling. People also have a misconception about kissing, which is a form of safe sex.

"A lot of people ask me, if you can get AIDS by kissing," said Bailey. "You can get the virus from saliva, but it's such a miniscule amount ... it would take a few litres of saliva, to become infected by the virus."

Toronto's Breakaway Substance Abuse Centre provides condoms and exchanges clean needles for dirty ones. The people who use the Centre are usually between the ages of 13 and 25, said Long.

"We're not going to stop people from using drugs. We have to accept the fact, that drug use and sex, is going to be with us," he said.

"What we have to do, is ensure that people who are engaging in the activity, do it in the safest way possible," he said.

The whole panel agreed that education is the key to AIDS prevention. Bailey said the main reason he contracted the HIV virus was because he was not educated.

"I want to put a face to AIDS. A lot of people don't know anyone with the disease and with that comes a lot of fear and ignorance," he said.

"Continuing education is the key to fighting this disease ... AIDS is preventable. Before I contracted the disease, I didn't educate myself at all. I knew nothing about it and that's what put me at risk."

Moore said the Etobicoke Board of Education is the most active for AIDS education in Canada. They are pushing their students to learn about HIV and AIDS.

"As an educator, once a learner has decided to become sexually active, we have to develop ways or at least expose them to ways, that make safe-sex sexy," said Moore.

"Whoever invented the "just say no" philosophy has no concept of the atmosphere that our children live in today. Everything they watch in the media (be it rock videos, beer commercials, etc.) is suggesting that everyone who is having sex is having fun."



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# Environmental Awareness week trashed

## Majority of Humber students not involved in clean-up campaign

by Margaret Bryant

Environmental Awareness Week at Humber residence was met with little enthusiasm, as few residents showed interest in the activities offered.

Tara Cunningham, environmental co-ordinator for residence, said the garbage clean up on Thursday morning drew only one environment representative out to help. Cunningham is the co-ordinator of the 15 environment floor representatives in residence.

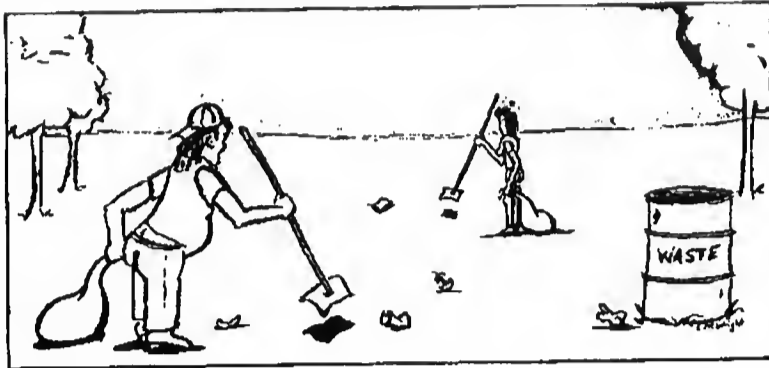
"Nobody came out," Cunningham said. "Only one representative showed up."

Cunningham, along with the other representative, cleaned the area of Highway 27 and Finch. They collected four bags, and one contained recyclable materials.

On November 25, Cunningham invited Paulette Elzen from the Metro Toronto Works Department in to discuss how recycling can help clean up the environment.

"We try to educate people that what they put in their blue box is valuable material," Elzen said.

Reusing glass containers and recycling aluminium cans can cut down on waste and sustain resources, she said. Garbage in landfills is made up of one third paper, one



third organic waste and one third which includes glass, wood, textiles and plastics.

Natalie Adamowski, an environmental representative at residence, said she wanted to help clean up her residence and get others to become more environment friendly.

"Our floor needed a lot of work," she said. "They were throwing everything out."

An Environment Canada brochure states that offices, retail outlets and institutions such as governments, schools and hospitals produce more than 20 per cent of Canada's solid wastes.

"There's just so much garbage everywhere," said Christine Simpson, an environment representative for residence. "We have to start somewhere, every little bit helps."

A draw was also held on Friday in the cafeteria for anyone who brought their own plates for food. Three meal plans worth \$50 each were awarded as prizes.

Cunningham hopes that in the future, turnout for these activities will be larger.

"Residence is a huge complex where there are 700 students," Cunningham said. "The amount of garbage that comes out of here is enormous."

Karolyn Woods, pharmacy student and resident, said something has to be done to clean up the environment.

"What they are doing is good, but there still needs to be more done," Woods said.

## Students exhibit various cultures

by Margaret Bryant

On December 17 the Keele campus will host a colorful Intercultural Festival.

The event provides an opportunity for students to exhibit their various cultures, costumes, customs, and food.

"It brings the world to our doorstep," said Ian Smith, principal of York campuses at Keele.

The festival is held to celebrate different cultures and learn more about other countries.

Pavilions representing Africa, Europe, Latin America, Asia and Canada will be set up by students to showcase their cultures.

"There will be all types of artifacts, clothing, music and food," Smith said. "It's a chance to sample food from each of these areas."

The festival has been held annually for the past five years and admission is free.

Dalyce Newby, co-ordinator for the Intercultural Centre at North campus, said the festival was a lot of fun last year.

"You really get into it," Newby said. "There are so many cultures to see."

"I think it provides an opportunity to show cultures and demonstrate them to other people," Smith said.

He explained the festival was Keele's way of celebrating the holiday season.

"You'd be surprised what you learn is happening in other countries," Smith said.



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**Cultural jam** — Members of the African pavilion show off their traditional costumes and dance steps.

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# Audience is mesmerized by the sound

by Todd A. Wonacott

Soul Asylum, the so called "best live band in America," by Melody Maker, are back on the road promoting their latest disc, *Grave Dancers Union*.

Playing to a near sold-out crowd at Toronto's Spectrum, the Minneapolis-based foursome mesmerized an energetic bunch with their mystifying stage presence, laying down their hard sounds and screeching vocals. Their reputation earned them a spot on NBC's *Late Night With David Letterman*.

"It was really fun and a unique experience. We were all a little nervous, it could have been a nightmare, but it went smoothly. Afterwards we said 'wow' that was the network debut of Soul Asylum," said Grant Young, Soul Asylum's drummer.

"(Singer/songwriter) Dave (Pirner) does all the writing, but the music is a collaborative effort. We had 36 songs to choose from. We just sat down with our producer and chose the best songs for the album. It's not an ego thing, Dave just writes the best songs," said Karl Mueller, the bass guitarist for the band.



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**Rocking the house** — Soul Asylum (from left to right: Karl Mueller, Dave Pirner, Dan Murphy and Grant Young) rocked the Spectrum with the band Lemonheads.

Soul Asylum recorded the new album for Sony Music after spending years on Twin Tone Records. Twin Tone plans to release a 'best of' compilation and possibly live video of past

performances.

The new disc is probably the most "mainstream" release for the band to date.

"The songs are a little bit more realized and better sound-

ing. These are probably the best songs we ever recorded," said Mueller. "There is always a tendency when trying to record a piece of music that it's not going to be as good on a piece of plas-

tic as it is live. There is no right or wrong way to make a record. We try to make it sound the best we can, making the record was hard, playing is fun."

On the North American leg of the tour, Soul Asylum are touring with Boston-based popsters, Lemonheads, a band capable of headlining their own gigs.

"When you have such a good band going on stage before you, it gives you a kick in the ass and makes you want to play better. We feed off of each other's energy," said Dan Murphy, guitarist for the band.

Pirner made the most of his time in Toronto by recording a song with Crash Vegas at Metalworks studios.

"They just found a song they liked and wanted to cover it sounds great," said Pirner. "I always thought it was a song that a woman should sing. It was nice to hear it the way I thought it should sound. They're great people and they made the song sound better than our version."

The song, *One Way Conversation*, may appear on the next Crash Vegas album, scheduled for release in March.

# TNT is dynamite

by Robert Fortney

The band TNT may just have realized a fantasy with the release of their new album, *Realized Fantasies*.

Formed in Norway in 1981, the quartet has released three albums, and with the new Atlantic

debut they have continued to shine with strong melodies and lush harmonies.

Possibly one of the largest underground pop-metal bands, TNT's lethal weapon are vocalist Tony Harnell and guitarist Ronni Le Tekro. With Harnell's operatic vocal range and Le Tekro's

patented "speed muting" (a technique that emphasizes muted notes played quickly) and tasty vibrato, those seeking breathtaking voice and guitar trade-offs need not look any further.

With over a year for pre-production, TNT took a more relaxed pace writing the new album. "We decided we were going to completely trust our instincts on this one," said Harnell in a press release. "Whatever came out naturally during songwriting, that's what we recorded."

With Morty Black and newcomer John Macaluso rounding out TNT on the bass guitar and drums, *Realized Fantasies* provides the hard-edged punch that 1989's *Intuition* lacked.

"The goal was to give every song a very different feel and style but keep them all unmistakably TNT," said Harnell.

Standout tracks include *Hard To Say Goodbye*, featuring the classic deep and warm tone of Le Tekro's guitar and the ballad *Lionheart*, providing the listener with awesome vocal harmonies and heartfelt lyrics.

"I want our listeners to enjoy *Realized Fantasies*. It should make them think and experience different emotions and feelings, different ups and downs. The main thing for us is to make a definite connection with our audience."

# Making sandwiches in another galaxy

by Robb M. Stewart

Have you ever found yourself in the right place, but in the wrong universe? For Arthur Dent, this is an all too common problem.

Douglas Adams has returned with another hilariously insightful offering. *Mostly Harmless* is the fifth book in *The Hitch Hiker's Guide to the Galaxy* trilogy (obviously some new meaning of the word) and continues this story where the last one left off.

Having lost his planet and the woman he loved, Arthur, the book's central character, finds himself travelling through the wrong universe looking for a home.

In his usual, inept style this journey leads to a crash-landing on a primitive little planet in a boring little galaxy. This, for Arthur, is idyllic and he sets himself up in a slow-paced village as a bizarre gift from the gods: The Sandwich Maker.

But, as always seems to happen to Arthur when he finally gets a grip on his life, in steps Ford Prefect to loosen that hold. Ford is once again in

trouble with the Guide, which has taken on a sinister new, bird-like appearance. Into Arthur's life also steps a daughter he never knew he had, Vogons, alien t.v. junkies, and Elvis. What's worse, he has to give up the sandwich making trade!

If you are having difficulties following this, do not worry. Arthur does not have any clue of what's happening either.

In *Mostly Harmless*, Adams' renowned wit and unique insight into life are at an all time high. True to his style, the author mixes the confusing with the impossible and comes up with an entertaining romp through space and time and at the same time reveals insights into every day life.

The reader gets to share in Adams feelings on families, zoos, the corporate world and people, but not without a good laugh along the way.

So is this the last in the *Hitch Hiker's* series? In a recent interview with the *Toronto Star*, Adams said he thought so until he finished *Mostly Harmless*, now he doesn't know.

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# Bodyguard .. Why?

by Patrick McCaully

There are many things to be skeptical about before seeing *The Bodyguard*.

Kevin Costner and Whitney Houston make a very unlikely match. It's Houston's movie debut and the bodyguard falls in love with beautiful client a story that has been done over and over again.

One would assume that Costner would rather be chewing pemmican (*Dances With Wolves*) than playing ex-secret agent Frank Farmer in this movie, but he seems perfectly at home as a man of discipline and mystery. In fact, this may be Costner's most believable role to date.

Houston adds to the surprise of the film, she plays a power obsessed, premadona rock star, who is always in control-until she meets Costner.

Houston turns in a great performance, but one has to wonder how much she's acting.

Director, Mick Jackson must have known what he was doing when he hired Houston. Even if you don't warm up to her gradual-

ly thawing out portrayal of an icy cold rock star, you'll appreciate the soundtrack. After all, Houston has won a handful of Emmy awards. One of the questions that's not really explored in this film is: why does Houston need a bodyguard? Or more specifically, who is she being protected against?

It seems the one character who is not developed or explored is the most important - the killer. You will probably leave this movie confused about the motives, purpose and identity of the killer (but other things will make up for your disappointment).

However, ineffective *The Bodyguard* is in showing us a killer, it is extremely effective in developing the characters of Houston and Costner. There are parts in this film where the audience can tell what the actors are thinking -not everything is spelled out or spoken, it's that good.

There are many criticisms to make of this film, but one important reason that makes it worth seeing ... by the end of the movie, you'll actually care if Costner and Houston live or die.



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Who's in charge?— Whitney Houston makes her movie debut starring with Kevin Costner in *The Bodyguard*.



PHOTO BY PAUL MERCADO

A rocking show—Humber's music students put on a rocking show at the 20th annual Fall Showcase Concert November 25, playing songs from Ray Charles to Blood Sweat and Tears.

## Fall Showcase Concert roaring

by Paul Mercado

The 20th annual Fall Showcase Concert featuring Humber's music students was as varied in musical styles as it was in emotion.

The audience which packed the North Campus Theatre on November 25 was treated to four talented musical groups.

Dave Stillwell's Blue Jackets Required kicked off the event with Put It Where You Want It, an infectious instrumental of aggressive horns anchored by a throbbing rhythm section of guitars and drums. The rest of their thunderous and soulful set featured songs from Ray Charles to Blood Sweat And Tears.

The pace was slowed down a bit when Pat Labarbera's Jazz Ensemble took to the stage with a slightly mellow, impressive set of songs. In Small Day Tomorrow,

Joanne Graham's mournful voice worked perfectly in tandem with the melancholic horn playing of Alphonse Fear.

The highlight of the Jazz Ensemble's performance was an instrumental in which each member of the band spent time in the spotlight, soloing and displaying a cool and confidence beyond their years.

Trish Coulter's Vocal Jazz Combo brought a lighter mood to the audience with their fusion of doo-wop and jazz vocals which were strong and unified yet held an element of improvisation to them.

The grand finale, however, was saved for Ron Collier's Big Band which was comprised of members from each of the previous three acts. They did not disappoint the audience as their set contained a number of highlights.

Clearly the most animated singer of the concert was Faulkner Abraham who also turned in the vocal performance of the evening. He warbled, squealed and bellowed his way through a rendition of Red Sails In The Sunset which left the audience screaming for more.

"We'd like him to do an encore," said Ron Collier. "But that's the only song we have for him."

Requiem For JFK, written by Collier, was a beautiful quiet instrumental carried gently by the guitar playing of Jason Crawford.

The final song of the evening was a semi-chaotic piece involving a rickety saloon piano. The music grew to a flourish and ended abruptly with a loud bang.

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A magical fantasy—Jennifer Sutherland's fantasy play, *Beauty and the Beast of the Oracle* is a masterpiece of children's theatre which takes the audience on a powerful journey.

## Beauty and the Beast a masterpiece fantasy

*The classic tale of Beauty and the Beast takes the audience on a powerful journey.*

by Vikki McGuire

The Young People's Theatre kicks off the winter season with Jennifer Sutherland's fantasy play, *Beauty and the Beast of the Oracle*.

Sutherland a CBC award winning playwright based the Oracle on the 2nd century A.D.

story of Cupid and Psyche in the Latin novel *The Golden Ass*.

The setting for the play is the Roman Province of Africa where a young princess called Beauty is admired by the kingdom.

Her truest follower, Cupid, son of Venus the goddess of love, joins the mortal world to meet the young princess.

Frank Zotter portrays a zany, off-beat Cupid that provides humor to many of the scenes in the play. Playing off the somewhat spoiled character of Beauty (Nambitha Mpumlwana) the two actors create energy and charisma on stage.

*Beauty and the Beast of the Oracle* is a masterpiece of children's theatre mixed in with a well written play to please audiences of any age.

A king, two step sisters, a nanny, a goddess, and some weird creatures that live in an underworld make up a diverse cast of talented actors who allow the audience to journey into a fantasy world.

*'The Oracle takes the audience on a powerful journey'*

The play takes a cruel twist when Cupid turns into a mortal beast who repulses Beauty. Vowing revenge for her son's tragedy, Venus commands Beauty's father to give his daughter's hand in marriage to Cupid who now lives in the the underworld caves.

"It is the story of the terrifying experience of a young girl," said Sutherland in a press release.

"First she has divine power because of her beauty and then her very physical form is turned against her. Psyche's challenge is to grow to womanhood by recognizing her own inner self-worth as she undertakes a fearful journey between the upper world of the gods and the underworld of the shadows."

Following the outlines of the classic tale of *Beauty and the Beast*, the Oracle takes the audience on a powerful journey.

The performance of the cast is exuberant and comical. Adding to these performances are the intricate colorful costumes and the the multi-leveled stage design.

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**Down and out** — Lady Hawks Denise Cummings and Tara Petrachenko were forced out early in the game with injuries, but Humber still managed to win a close one over Mohawk.

## Lady Hawks squeak out a win

by Joanna Turcewicz

An accident in the first half of the basketball Lady Hawks' game, almost cost the team its first loss of the season against the visiting Mohawk Mountaineers, on November 25.

The final outcome was an exciting 61-60 win for the Lady Hawks.

Eight minutes into the game, starting guards Denise Cummings and Tara Petrachenko both dove for a loose ball and crashed into each other. They both suffered minor concussions and were taken out of the game.

With two of their top players out, the rest of the bench had to play hard to pull out the win. Even with the injuries, the Lady Hawks were leading by nine

points at the half until a tough Mohawk team began to put the pressure on.

Mohawk tied it up, and then took their first lead of the game with only seven minutes left. The lead changed hands several times before the Lady Hawks scored six straight points to pull ahead. Yet, the Mohawk team refused to quit.

With only seconds left and Humber up by just one point, Mohawk grabbed the ball and ran it down the court, but before the Mohawk player could shoot, time ran out giving the Lady Hawks their third win.

Leading scorers for the Lady Hawks were Denise Perrier with 16 points, (14 of them in the second half), player of the game Lucrishua Grant with 13, Janetta Paris with 10, and injured

Petrachenko with six.

Lady Hawks coach, Jim Henderson said Mohawk was a very tough team to beat and the game turned out to be as close as it could get.

"With both Denise and Tara gone, it really put us in a difficult situation. We missed a lot of shots but Denise Perrier came through in the second half," said Henderson.

Grant also felt the loss of the two players. "I had to play a lot harder than usual and so did the bench. I didn't even know they (Mohawk) caught up. It was very unexpected but we held up," said Grant.

Both Cummings and Petrachenko are expected to be ready to play by the Lady Hawks next game.

### Athlete of the week

#### Lucrishua Grant



Was selected player of the game against the Mohawk Mountaineers on November 25, scoring 13 points in the basketball Lady Hawks victory. She is also one of the Lady Hawks in the top ten scoring in the OCAA.

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