

Mike Mandel turns Winter Madness into mental madness!

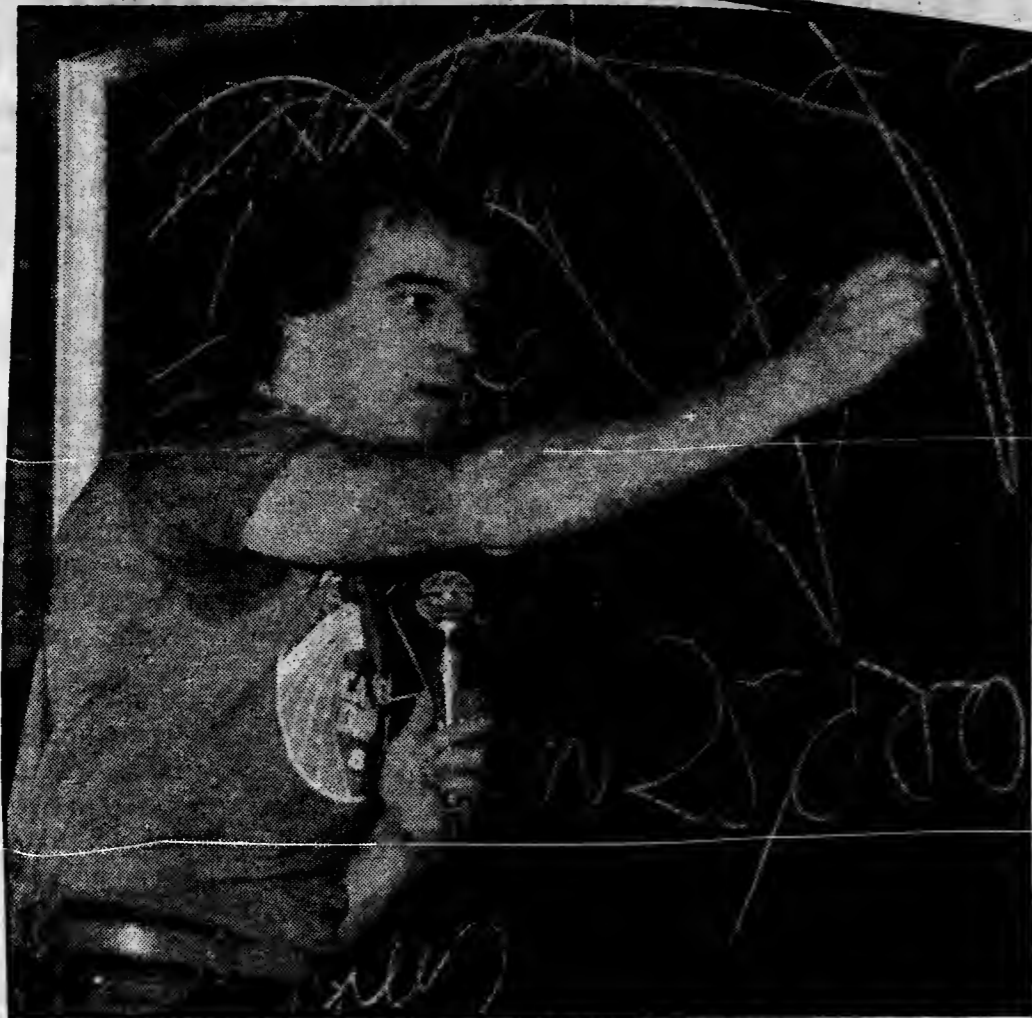


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Unbelievable memory! — Backwards Bob, Mike Mandel's mental companion, displayed his amazing powers of memory as he correctly indicated the size and population of countries shouted out by the audience. Bob's powers also included incredible mental mathematical calculations.



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Powers of persuasion! — Mentalist Mike Mandel "persuaded" his student subjects to feel somewhat lighter than air in the Concourse last Monday afternoon as part of SAC's Winter Madness festivities. He left them in this curious position for several minutes before releasing them. Mandel claims that he is not a 'hypnotist' and that his subjects are wide awake during the entire experience.

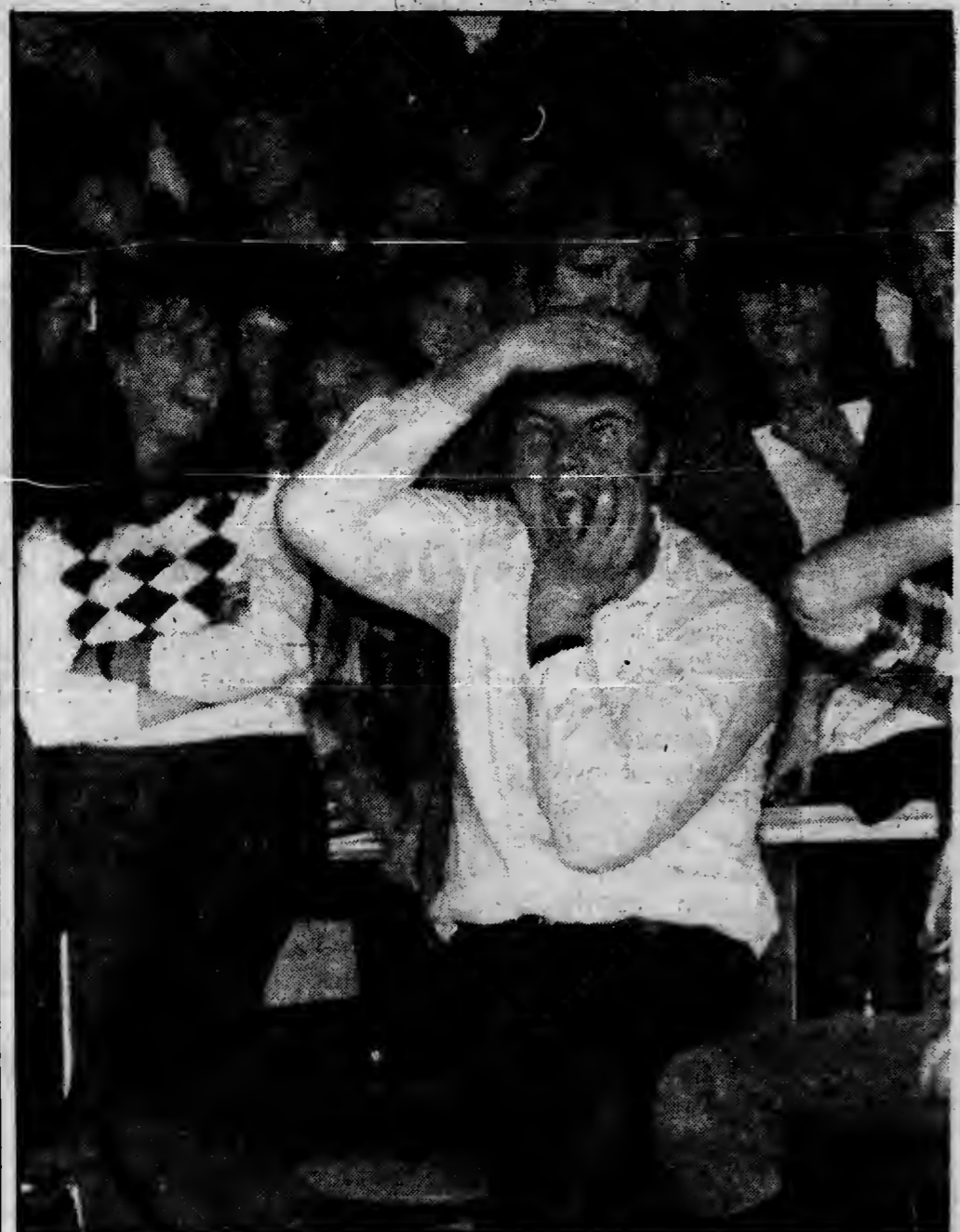


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Open wide! — This particular student bore the brunt of Mandel's perverted sense of humor when his mouth became inexplicably locked open. Try as he may, the student could not keep his mouth shut!



Fast asleep! — These students were dead to the world after receiving a dose of suggested sleep from the Incredible Mike Mandel. Mandel said that when the students are 'released' from the experience, they feel as if they've just had several hours of sleep.

Lunch bag talks planned for elders

by Linda Kerley

As more and more people filter back into the college system, the number of mature students has increased.

College students find their workload heavy enough, but many of these people don't have the additional weight of a husband, a wife or children to go home to.

The special needs of these students, however, have not been addressed.

Counselling Services and SAC are inviting people 25 years and

older to spend a lunch together in the SAC Conference Room Feb. 23. Counsellor Anne Chesterton said the purpose of the get-together is to find out if older students have special interests or needs and what they are.

"It would give them a forum really, a place to meet and work on problems," Chesterton said.

The change from family life to school can be a difficult transition to make, and Chesterton is seeking ways to help these people make the transition easier.

"It's a total change of lifestyle," Chesterton explained.

If enough people turn out for the lunch, Chesterton hopes further plans will be created, such as seminars and social gatherings for the older students. The seminars

could cover test anxiety, study skills, and may include guest speakers.

Chesterton said some mature students may doubt their ability to learn and need to realize they're not alone in their fears.

"Time and time again I've had people say to me, 'I wish I knew people my own age,'" Chesterton said. "If they have a chance to talk and interact, I think they could really help each other."

Chesterton said she doesn't see school as a purely academic experience, and the only obstacle in developing a forum for mature students is finding a time when they can meet.

SAC President Steve Robinson said that after defining the specific needs of mature students, their ac-

tivity fees could be channeled into things they're interested in.

Robinson said it would be hard to start activities this late in the year because SAC's budget has already been planned. However, Robinson said he would try.

"It's entirely possible we may be able to do something this year, maybe a couple of speakers," Robinson said.

He added that if the lunch gathering is successful, he will file a report and inform next year's President in order to plan for such a program.

SAC is supplying the meeting room and the coffee for the lunch. The first lunch will be held from 11.45-12.40 p.m. and the second 12.40-1.30 p.m. Chesterton and Robinson will both be present.

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Theatre may fly south to Lakeshore in 1985

by Sheri Gres

Humber's Theatre program could move from the North campus in 1985 if recommendations in a new report are accepted by the college's Board of Governors.

Bill Davis, the Theatre instructor who has been assessing the program since September, will present his recommendations to the Board in April. Changes, if approved, would go into effect next year.

The report will suggest changes in faculty structure, budget, and curriculum, and will propose a location to accommodate the expanding program, said Davis.

Lack of space for classrooms and workshops is the major issue to be addressed, according to Davis.

He said he will recommend more space be provided by moving the program to the Lakeshore campus or to a new Humber campus being considered for the City of York. Humber is seeking financial aid to build on land being offered at Eglinton Ave. and Black Creek Dr.

Davis said he hopes the report will help pave the way for expansion of the program that will occur over a period of years and will accommodate 170 students.

However, Davis said his report will not help students currently enrolled who suffer from a lack of space and facilities.

Only three rooms are available to Theatre students, according to Howard Cable, director of the Music and Theatre departments.

Before Christmas, performing students had one class that

changed location three times, including one in the noisy music wing. The students, said Cable, had to endure a "floating classroom structure" for readings.

"Before Christmas, we were kind of like gypsies," he said.

Although the Theatre program could change its location in 1985, space must be found for next fall's program at Humber, Cable said.

If the move is to Lakeshore, Cable said it would be advantageous to the program because of the large auditorium and extra space there.

But for now the program is suffering, said Cable. The technical theatre program also lacks space.

The course was compressed to two years from three this year. Because there was no technical program last year, there are fewer classrooms and the lack of a full-time instructor for students this year.

"We need at least three more rooms if we're going to teach what we want to teach in the technical aspect. Our technical program is small right now because we don't have the facilities," Cable said.

He said he sees the course expanding, but first the space problem must be remedied.

"We don't have any place where anybody could be taught how to do wardrobe or costuming. The room available for teaching lighting and carpentry is good, but you can't teach carpentry, lighting, and costuming in the same location," he said.

"Costuming is in the curriculum for next year, and right now we'd be teaching it in the hall."

Osler residents victims of pranks and thefts

by Anna Lubojanska and Julie Proctor

Aggravated Osler students suggested to the manager of the residence that lie detector tests be used to ferret out those responsible for stealing cash and clothing during the past few weeks.

Marni McAlpine, residence manager, was told at a meeting of the residents last week, that \$50 was stolen from a woman's room on the sixth floor and several articles of clothing were stolen from the laundry rooms.

A search for the missing articles was performed in each room on the sixth floor, but no evidence was found.

One resident said some rooms are more prone to theft than others. Those rooms near a stairwell are easily accessible to anyone, she said.

McAlpine said she doesn't have enough proof to put the blame on

anybody.

"Over the years we did catch two girls responsible for thefts," McAlpine said.

McAlpine told the residents to lock their doors when they leave their rooms and not to leave articles in the laundry room overnight.

A security guard is in residence on Friday and Saturday nights because those nights residents are allowed to have male visitors, McAlpine said.

A female security guard checks the floors nightly between 8 and 12 p.m. for burners, irons or toasters that are left on.

Pranksters have also created problems over the past three weeks, McAlpine said.

At the meeting, McAlpine said, it was pointed out that throwing towels in the toilets and removing shower curtains was costing the residents money through increased rent charges.



Hats! Hats! Where are the magnificent hats?

by John P. Schmied

Once upon a time, in a land nestled in the halls of the Gordon Wragg Student Centre, the few who make up the governing council met. "A decision must be made" they said.

They were going to buy hats. Magnificent hats! The hats were deemed to be the latest craze among the masses, and it was decided that the masses would gobble them up.

"For only one and fifty we will allow the denizens of our institu-

tion to bequeath upon their heads, a magnificent, white, hotter-than-a-hotcake hat," they decreed.

Five moons later, an urchin from the writers' coven went in search of such a hat. He found none.

First he went to the coin chief. "Yes," he told the urchin, "the few gave 15 and 91 of the denizens' purse to acquire these magnificent hats."

"Where can I get such a hat?," the urchin probed.

"I do not know," he said. "I do

know they were to be supplied in the king's tavern, but there was no room there."

The urchin travelled on until he came to the scribe in charge of distributing the denizens' coins.

"Why are the magnificent hats not available?," the urchin asked.

"They're not?," came the flabbergasted reply. After questioning the coin chief, he told the urchin the hats could be got at either the store of used books or at the king's tavern. Thank you, the urchin said, and went on.

At the store of used books he

asked a magical attendant where a magnificent hat could be got. "If there are any left, probably at council's den," he was told.

Knowing full well there were none to be got at the council's den, the urchin went in search of the king's tavern. The urchin came across the proprietor, hard at work amidst many papers.

"I come in search of a magnificent hat," he cried.

"Alas," the proprietor replied "we have none available."

"No hats? But there were 15 and 91 worth acquired by the few

for distribution," the urchin said. "The few were assured they were hotter-than-hotcakes."

"Unfortunately they were not," was her answer. "But rest assured, we are again hard at work devising schemes to distribute them."

And so the urchin travelled on, thinking thoughts of what 15 and 91 would provide had it been placed in the trust of those who give interest. That was a thought not trusted to the urchin but to the intelligent few who know what is hotter-than-hotcakes.



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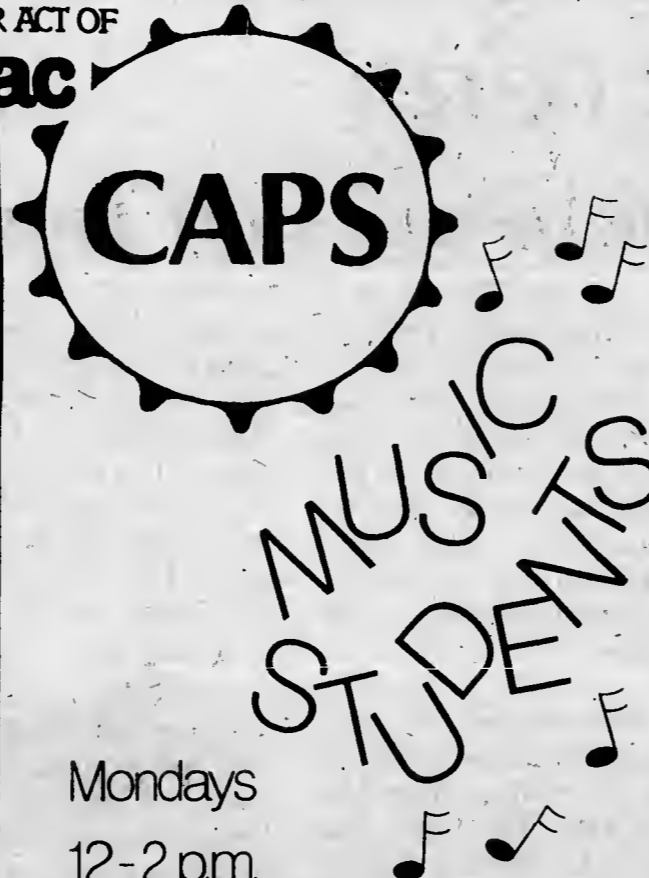


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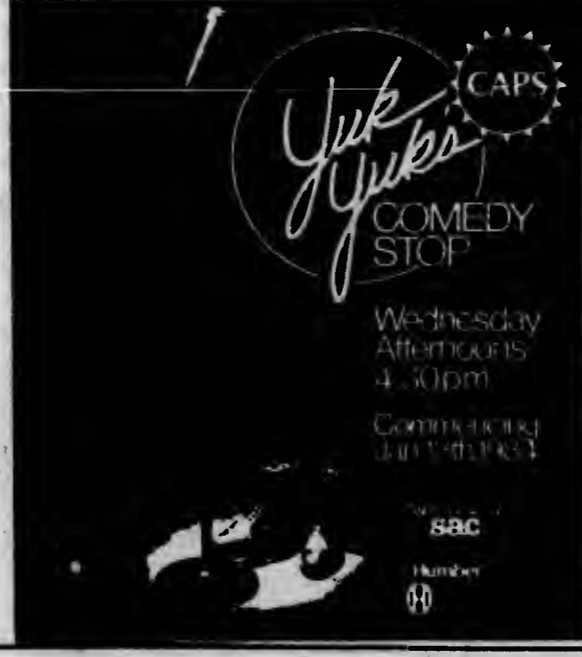
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editorial

A pressing matter

This autumn's Toronto visit by Pope John Paul II is already threatening to bring the mission, in a manner of speaking, down to earth.

Come Sept. 14, the head of the Roman Catholic Church will meet the multitudes at Downsview Airport to celebrate a special Mass. According to visit organizers, people will have to stand patiently in lines waiting for toilet space.

The Toronto Star has predicted the papal audience for that afternoon will rise well above one million, yet it seems that, at this date, provision has been made for only 5,500 portable restrooms to service the enormous crowd. A shortage in the number of available toilets, according to the Star, may have distressing effects on the Mass.

Concerned that too few "Johnnies On The Spot" and "Willies at Work" will be provided at the largest assembly of people on Canadian soil, organizers are trying to find a solution to the problem.

From an original figure of 22,000, organizers apparently have reduced the number of portable restrooms to 5,500.

What is most pressing is where to find more toilets, and how to install them. One spokesman is even wondering if there are enough portable "johns" available in North America, let alone in Canada.

According to a Toronto consulting firm associated with the papal tour, catering to the mortal needs of more than one million people with only 5,500 toilets could mean installing an expensive pumping system. And there is some talk about having to tunnel to accommodate service lines.

At any rate, concern over such creature comforts is not something that can be ignored as a trivial issue. Organizers need to be worried.

In connection with security precautions for the Toronto tour, it is surprising that the RCMP, Ontario Provincial Police, and Metro's finest have eliminated a scheduled papal meeting with the sick, handicapped, and elderly at Nathan Philips Square.

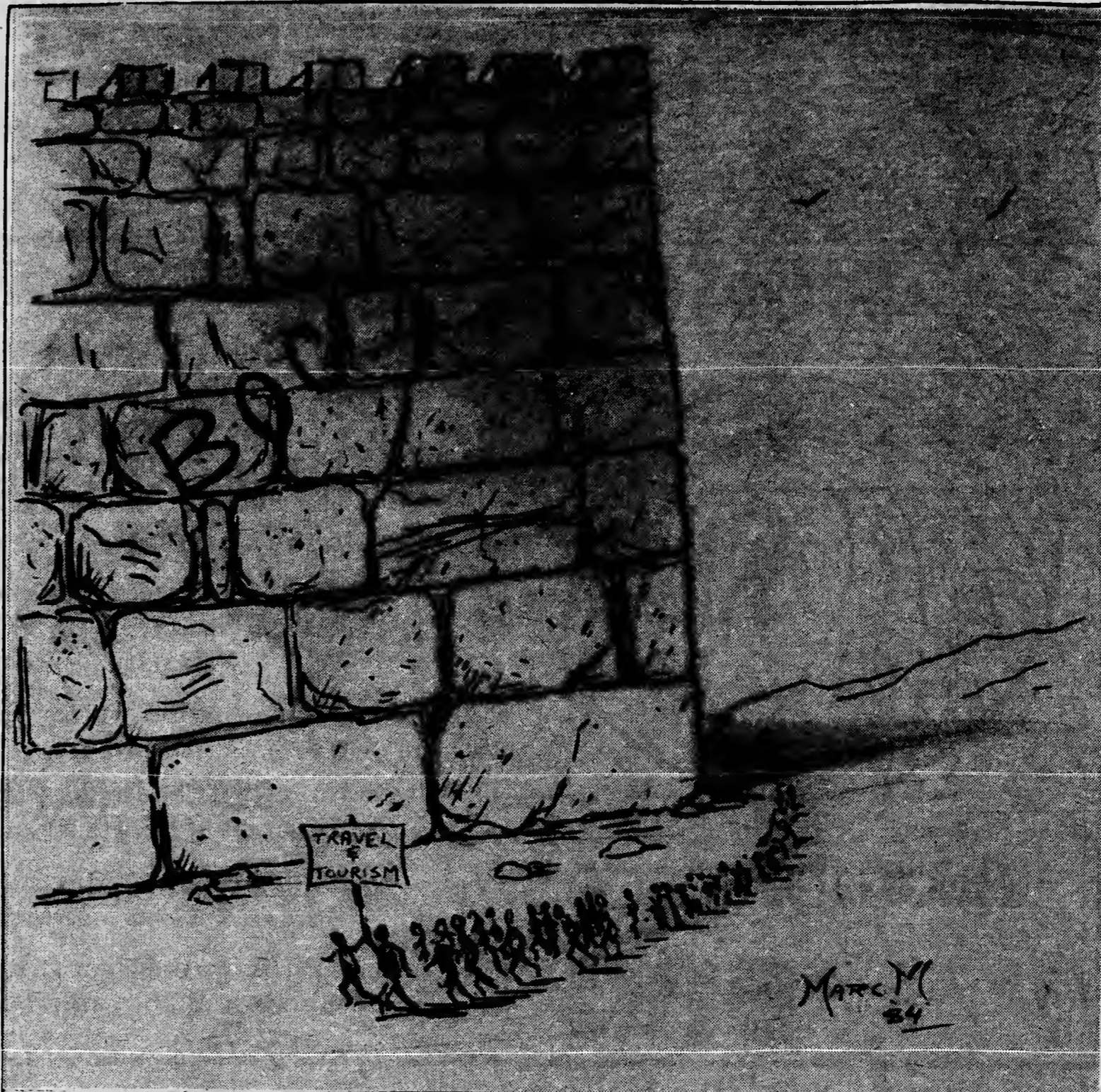
On the one hand, we can argue in defence of police concern for security at Toronto's City Hall. The memory of last November's dangerously crowded Grey Cup party is still clear. This time, police are making an extra effort to ensure the pontiff and his party the personal protection that coach Bob O'Billovich and the Argonauts didn't get.

On the other hand, we have to wonder what harm senior citizens, the sick, and the handicapped could do to the Pope.

Compared to previous missions which have ended in near tragedy for the Roman Catholic Church, Toronto and other Canadian cities should present far fewer security risks than such places as Manila or even Rome.

There is no question that Toronto's Catholics — and people of other faiths, too — will be more than anxious to greet Pope John Paul. The visit holds a great deal of spiritual significance for a great many people.

But, returning to our original concern, let's hope that the problem of restrooms is resolved. It would be a pity if an event of such historical importance were marred by such a seemingly mundane question.



Letters

Students use staff lounge to obtain alcohol

As a staff member of Humber College, I am becoming very irritated with the fact that more and more students are infiltrating the Staff Lounge even outside of the posted hours which are prominently displayed on the door: "This Area Reserved For Faculty and Staff Between The Hours of 9 a.m. — 2 p.m."

I even question the fact why students should be allowed the use of this area at anytime. After all, they have CAPS, The Pipe, The Hamburger, The Humber Room, The Quiet Area and The Burger Bar for their own use.

In most cases, the students are

in there just for the enjoyment of drinking beer and nothing else! I question the fact why I.D. cards or Age of Majority Cards are never checked. After all, it is the policy of CAPS that no student be admitted into the pub unless he/she has an I.D. Card or Age of Majority Card.

At one time, the Staff Lounge was actually a club called K217. To enter the facility at that time you had to present a membership card and students were only allowed after certain hours and had to be accompanied by a staff member. Even at that time it was frowned upon to let students enter K217.

Why should our staff lounge be the only one of all the campuses of Humber to allow students to use it? After all, none of the other campuses let alone any other colleges allow this practice! The staff lounge was once an intimate area where staff could go to get away from students, relax and generally mingle with their fellow peers. This intimacy has since been lost. WE WANT OUR STAFF LOUNGE BACK!

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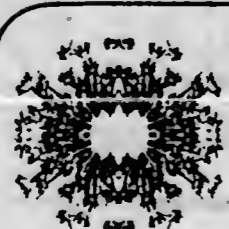
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by mark reesor and dick syrett

Question: What are your chances for a summer job this year?

Glen Kliks, 21 — Music
 "Pretty good, because I'm going back to my home town, Kitchener. Thanks to my family, I'll get a job where everybody works, at Schneider's. I really don't think there's a job shortage because if you're really desperate enough, you could always find work at McDonald's."



Mary Dimillo, 19 — Office Administration
 "Right now I'm employed, so I have a summer job guaranteed. I'm trying to find a full-time job better related to my program. I'm a salesperson at Eaton's right now. Hopefully I'll be able to get some experience working in the office."



Ian Cameron, 20 — Music
 "I don't have any problems with summer jobs at all. I'm virtually unhireable. It's hard to hire someone who's lazy. I lived in the East most summers, and it's not a very good place for summer jobs. I'll try for a summer job here, not very hard, but I'll try."



Passing of the guard

"Nothing except winter is ever quite what it appears in Russia."

— FREDRICK FORSYTH.

by Bill Rea

Forsyth's view is coming through loud and clear this week.

For the second time in two years, the attention of the world has been directed to the funeral of a Soviet leader. That is not to say a void was created last Thursday, when Yuri Andropov died. That vacancy has, in fact, existed since

"The question is, therefore, who was running the Soviet Union during the last years of Brezhnev's death?"

the health of former President Leonid Brezhnev started to fail several years ago, and it may continue.

Brezhnev died in November, 1982, reportedly of heart failure. His death was hardly a surprise. There had been suggestions for years that he suffered from leukemia, emphysema, cancer, and a stroke. There was also a 27-

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day period when he vanished from public view in the spring of 1982.

At his last public appearance, just three days before he died, Brezhnev seemed sick and shaky as he viewed a parade from Lenin's Tomb in Red Square. He was so weak, in fact, that someone had to remove his sunglasses for him.

The question is, therefore, who was running the Soviet Union during the last years of Brezhnev's life?

The answer seems to be the same people who have been in charge since then — the Politburo.

Yuri Andropov was elevated to the leadership of the Soviet Communist Party only days after

Brezhnev died. It was the most orderly transition in Soviet history.

When one recalls the vicious power struggle that existed between Leon Trotsky and Joseph Stalin after Lenin died, the rumors (never proved) that Stalin was killed by his own Politburo, and the 1964 ousting of Nikita Khrushchev, the conclusion must be that a choice for Brezhnev's successor was made some time before his death.

Was Andropov the best man to run the country, or was there something else which made him attractive to the Politburo? The latter appears to be more realistic.

Andropov, at 68, was older than any of his predecessors. Add to this the fact he already was rather frail, a diabetic, and had had at least one heart attack, and it seems as if the Politburo was creating an interim leader.

The reason may have been that the Politburo was THE power for the few years before Brezhnev died. As a result, they may not have wanted to give a new leader time to consolidate his power. A young, healthy man may have been able to do this. Andropov, in his condition, could not.

Speak easy

by Mary-Jo Kay

Well, the day of love and roses has come and gone once more. Now, can somebody please tell me why I'm still sitting here roseless and broken-hearted?

Could it be that I lack the lithe, sleek bodies of the 20-Minute Workout girls who strut their stuff across my screen daily? Or perhaps it has more to do with my less than Ultrabrite smile or Clearasil clear skin?

Should I take an axe to my frequent Friday and Saturday night companion — the family television? Or is it time to retaliate against all those advertisers who feel the need to brainwash the entire male population into believing the world is full of beautiful, perfect women?

My God, if I exercised 20 minutes a day for the rest of my life, I still wouldn't have the body or the looks of those girls. And, if I did, I sure wouldn't be spending my time exercising! Maybe it's time they had a few of us slightly overweight and grossly underexercised individuals huffing and puffing our way through a five-minute stretch!

And really, why do they use the people they do on those ads? What's the use of putting Clearasil on a face that needs a magnifying glass just to find the pimple? Or Ultrabrite whiteners on a smile that would put the Osmonds to shame? I'm sure there are enough of us acne-prone, yellow-toothed individuals around that if the advertisers wanted to use the real thing, they could.

The clue there is 'wanted to'. Those advertisers still want us to strive for their vision of the all-time perfect person. Trouble is, after a good dose of televisionitis, it's hard to remember just who and what we are and be pleased with it. All too often we compare and withdraw. The lucky ones end up swellheaded, the rest of us somewhere near suicidal. And who really needs that?

We can't go on measuring ourselves against role models on TV. If we all were given the choice, it's possible the world would be full of truly beautiful people, none of whom would develop bulges, pimples or cavities after a school year of cafeteria food!

But we weren't, so what? The whole world can't be beautiful. How awfully boring that would be. Think of it for just a moment — "Sorry dear, can't go swimming, my face would run," or "No honey, it's no good in the shower, my hair would get wet." And on and on it goes.

No, we just have to learn to accept ourselves as we are, imperfections and all, and like what we've got. After all, it can't be all that bad. And even if it is, if you believe that you are great, you may start a whole new trend. Just look at Boy George!

The point is we can't keep judging each other by our physical attributes. Sometimes when you "judge a book by its cover" if the cover doesn't make it the story never gets read, and that's a real shame.

And now that I've admitted that I'm simply just me and there's nothing wrong with that, maybe next year I'll get those roses — and a bandage for the heart?

For this reason, the Politburo could have decided to create a figurehead leader. This would have provided the Soviet Union's highest political body the opportunity to maintain its power, while giving off an impression of stability in Soviet governmental affairs.

Andropov's administration record confirms this.

It took a healthy Leonid Brezhnev 13 years to assume the titles of General Secretary of the Communist Party, Union of Soviet Socialist Republics President, and Defence Committee Chairman.

How could a frail Andropov manage the same feat in just seven months unless those titles were simply for show?

The question of just who was running the country since last August must also be considered.

Andropov was last seen in public Aug. 18. There have since been rumors that he was recovering from a cold, gunshot wounds, and a kidney ailment. Whatever the problem, it is clear that he was in poor condition for running a country.

He missed crucial Central Committee meetings this past December, and was absent from the traditional Nov. 7 Red Square parade (the same one Brezhnev attended three days before his death). As a result, the Politburo was still in charge right up until last Thursday.

For the second time in two years, the old men of the Politburo have elevated one of their own, Konstantin Chernenko.

The election of Chernenko comes as no surprise. He headed the commission for Andropov's funeral, just as Andropov oversaw that of Brezhnev's. He was also Andropov's main rival for power 15 months ago.

Has the Politburo opted for another interim leader?

Chernenko has no apparent health problems, but he is 72 years old, the oldest man to ever assume power in the Soviet Union. Chernenko is also assuming a high-pressure job. If his health starts to fail, he may prove to be another interim leader, and the Politburo may keep its influence for a few more years.

features

By any other name, it's still theft

by Tim Kirker

Most teachers have stories of students who've committed the ultimate academic crime — plagiarism. Communications instructor Clive Cockerton relates a rather amusing example.

"A couple of years ago I was faced with the problem of a student not handing in original work. I knew it was copied, but couldn't pinpoint the source to prove it. Then, finally he handed one in to me and among the material was the line, 'see diagram three for details'.

Cockerton couldn't believe the error, but it gave him reason to hand the student a mark of zero. "Fortunately, it was early in the course. If it had been a major assignment for big marks he'd have failed the course."

Ryerson Polytechnical Institute recently had a plagiarism confrontation. Twenty-six architecture students were failed by their professors for cheating and just as quickly reprieved. It turned out that teachers had failed to warn them after a first attempt to cheat. By not warning them it was considered an entrapment to cheat again.

The professors may have been wrong in their failure to warn, but the initial crime was still apparent.

Tom Norton, vice-president academic, says the difficulty is in defining plagiarism. "Not an

enormous volume of people are caught, but then who knows how many students actually do it? It's impossible to define and incredibly difficult to pinpoint. When a student submits an essay which isn't his, you're dealing with not just stealing of quotes, but the undocumented borrowing of ideas."

Since the difficulty does lie in defining plagiarism, therein lies the problem of detecting it. A literate, well-read teacher can often spot incidences and can choose to warn the student or mark the assignment a failure. Norton admits that most cases rarely go beyond the first incident and so don't need to be evaluated at the Board of Appeal level.

The last case to appear before the Board of Appeals (which determines expulsion from the program) was two years ago. A person was accused in the Business Division of plagiarizing an essay. It was serious enough to go beyond the teacher-student level and warrant an expulsion.

In 1977, Humber English teacher Donald Holmes prepared a dissertation on plagiarism. He formulated its definition, causes, and effects. While there were several varying definitions found, the one constant was "theft" — theft of another writer's actual words without acknowledging the source. Holmes also had this to say in his report:

"Kidnapping rather than theft is the accurate word to describe what actually happens in the practice known as plagiarism. Few students desire to retain the original author's ideas permanently; they submit them as their own for a ransom which they see in terms of grades."

Laziness, lateness, lack of self-confidence among reasons for plagiarism

The causes of plagiarism are easier to pinpoint. Opinions of the teachers include laziness, lateness, lack of academic self-confidence, and ignorance of what plagiarism means.

Aside from copying a fellow student's or published work, there exist "essays for sale" services — businesses that flourish without interference from the law. Students may choose from a file of already written essays for \$10 per page, or request a specifically tailored one for \$20 a page. The essays are all penned by university graduates.

In a recent Toronto Star article there was the suggestion that students are becoming victims of an unstable economy. With unemployment at a peak and the pressure for students to do well, a tension develops.

"There's no more pressure than there ever was. Most plagiarism comes out of procrastination. Students put it off and put it off and then they're caught in a jam and turn to cheating. The key for some people is time planning," says Norton.

Gray Cavanagh, education officer for the Ministry of Education, doesn't necessarily side with the economic hardships explanation either.

"I don't think we're getting an accurate assessment. It could be the product of a trend. Several students succeed so others try it. Having little to do with the economy — it may just be a pattern. My basic thinking is that it's for personal profit," says Cavanagh.

From the Ministry of Education's standpoint, the legalities and punishments are in the hands of the college or institution involved. In terms of essays, the services that sell them for money are not committing any crime. The illegality lies in a person passing it off as his own.

"I'm not aware of any legal legislation that deals with the selling of written material. Those services are perfectly within their rights. It's the students who are severely dealt with. If it's an infringement of copyright laws, it's up to the publisher or whomever to prosecute," explains Cavanagh.

"It's like the president of a company or a politician. They have assistants or staff writers who write their speeches for them. Everyone knows the words aren't their own. The student is using the same idea with these services to cut corners."

The penalties for academic cheating differ, depending on the case. The teacher may choose to warn the student or hand them an automatic zero and incorporate that into the final mark.

Norton cites a more important punishment. If someone has cheated, he says, "the number one penalty in my view is they've cheated themselves. They've wasted two or three years of their life and robbed themselves of an education or skill. Why bother coming if that's the case?"

Although Humber's academic regulations concerning penalties might appear a bit fuzzy, Norton doesn't think they require improvement. Too many rules can have a reverse effect.

"Humber is an organization that works on a basis of trust. I once went to a school where academic and behavior regulations filled 120 pages in a book.

"Ultimately institutions have to operate on good judgment and we're pretty happy with that. Lists and lists of rules don't make sense for adults."



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Scottish is in vogue — Tartan scarves were in order for this performance, as Mark Holmes lead vocalist and bass guitarist of Platinum Blonde displays his proudly, while singing one of the band numbers at last Thursday's pub night.

Platinum Blonde on tour

Band striking in red leather but pub plagued by problems

by Milena Smodis

They were loud, late, but apologetic. Platinum Blonde, clad in red leather, tartan scarves, and leather accessories, played CAPS last Thursday to an unenthused crowd.

The band's first set was marred by technical difficulties, which proved to be a little hard on the ears.

Pub patrons were timid about getting on the dance floor. It took the band's unusual but satisfying rendition of Twist and Shout to coax the patrons onto the floor.

The band in its present form has been together for a year. Mark Holmes (lead vocalist, bass guitar), formed Platinum Blonde four years ago and is the bands

only original remaining member. The new additions are Sergio Galli (guitar), a former Humber architecture student and Chris Stefler (drums).

Considered by many to be the stars of tomorrow, the band got its first big break opening for Billy Idol. Most bands would have welcomed the opportunity, but Holmes would only say that it was all right.

Since then, the band's only LP *Stranger In The Dark* has gone gold less than a month after its release. *It Doesn't Really Matter*, a cut from the album, has already



Mark Holmes

made the Top 40. The band is proud and excited about their quick rise to prominence in the music industry.

"We only had to struggle for six months to make it," said Galli.

The success of the album will take the band on the road for a four-week tour out West. A European tour, that will also include Japan, is likely for this summer.

Tours are one of the most important aspects of the music business, according to Holmes.

"We do want to sell lots of records, but touring is what it's all about. It's the reason to do music," said Holmes.

Platinum Blonde wants to keep on doing music. If the success the threesome is experiencing can be sustained, we will be hearing much more from Platinum Blonde. But success has a price tag attached to it. What is it they say, stardom can go to your head?

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Good luck to our women's and men's Ski Teams as they compete in the OCAA's this week in Collingwood.

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Women's Volleyball team for their 3rd place finish in last weekend's tournament.

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Athlete of the Week

Wayne Yearwood of the Men's Basketball Team and scorer of 26 points in the team's win over St. Lawrence College last Saturday night.

Rodeo-roping in the Humber corral

by Tim Kirker

Every Thursday at about 5 p.m., hay bales are dragged out on the soft, brown loam of the Equine Centre arena.

Students approach the bales with lassos and zipping sounds fill the arena as they practice their roping skills.

This is how each Calf-Roping class begins at the Equine Centre, where calf roping is offered as an extra-curricular activity. It's a stylized version of a cowboy's working skills and whether or not students put it to practical use doesn't matter.

Out on the ranches, calf-roping is a serious business. This time, it's just for fun.

This project got its start six years ago when students discovered instructor Barry Thompson was a champion calf-roper. They wanted to know more about it and that led to a regular weekly class. Thompson, 35, is Faculty Manager for the Equine Centre, and in addition, he's a bonafide cowboy.

He has the distinction of being the president of the Ontario Rodeo Association and the Roping Association of Ontario. His accolades include Ontario champion calf-roper in 1980 and champion team roper in 1982 and 1983.

"It started because I calf rope and students sparked enough interest to make it a regular thing. We made time available and from there it has gone on from year to year with varying success. Some years are good, some are not so good," said Thompson.

What determines its success is the students. They set it up, organize it and keep it alive. It's a semi-recognized course by the director of Equine Studies, kept available each year with free time in the arena.

"Last year was probably our best year. Three girls were successful to the point where they were roping on horseback by the end. It was the first year we had to purchase calves for real roping," he said.

This year two girls are eligible to actually compete. One of them, Jan Middleditch, is in her second year of Equine study. It's also her second year of calf-roping. She originally discovered the roping class in the first semester of last year.

"It sparked my interest because I've always worked with that type of rodeo horse. I went to a meeting and went with it from there. I always wanted to know how to rope," said Middleditch.

Knowing how to rope comes last, but knowing how to handle a rope comes first. Beginners tackle the basic skill of swinging the lasso and entrapping bales of hay on the ground. From there they can hop on a simulated steel drum horse for added effect. There's also focus on dismounting the horse and wrapping the back legs with a front leg on a dummy calf. Advancing from ground roping to a height of four or five feet on horseback is a difficult step. Middleditch spent one to two

months on a drum horse before switching to a real horse. Progress is entirely up to the individual.

"Some years students spend the whole time practicing on bales. They can go as far as they want or do as little as they want. There are no marks handed out and there's no pressure to reach certain levels. Using the rope takes hours and hours of practice. The ones that are keen keep practicing," Thompson added.

For those who really show promise in the sport, there's competition. Within the class competing is for fun, outside the class it can mean testing one's ability for prize money.

Team roping consists of two horses, two riders and a steer. A healer, who ropes the knees of the back legs, and a header, who ropes the steer by the horns, work together in competition. In breakaway roping, the rider simply ropes the calf, but doesn't dismount to

wrap the legs. Breakaway is primarily for beginner riders.

"I'd like to compete and hope to next year. I was going to compete this year, but it takes a lot of money and school comes first. If I do compete I'd like to continue doing it for many years and not just once," said Middleditch.

Although calf-roping and rodeo riding may seem slightly out of character for Toronto let alone Humber College, Barry Thompson feels many people aren't completely aware.

"It's a heritage kind of sport — western riding. It's not a dying sport, just because it's not high profile. Most people associate it with the West. What they don't know is rodeo has been around in Ontario for some time. Some rodeo associations got their start here and then moved out West. The Ontario Rodeo Association is starting its 28th year," Thompson said.

Humber paddles to ping-pong success

by Ken McMahon

Humber College's little-known ping pong team was a smashing success this past weekend at the annual Ontario Colleges Athletic Association (OCAA) Tournament.

This year's tournament was held at St. Lawrence College in Cornwall. Humber made the visit a success by returning with seven medals.

Although last year's team were gold medalists, coach David Lui said he was extremely pleased with the play of this year's team. Lui said he had only three weeks to put the team together and thus, this year's team wasn't as strong as last year's.

"Everybody played better than what I thought they would. Overall it was a tremendous effort," said Lui.

In the team category, Humber's men's team won a silver medal and the women won a bronze.

In men's singles play, Greg Wallace and captain Ricardo Baksh came home with silver and bronze medals respectively. The men's doubles team of Vijay Nagg and Hoang Traw captured a bronze.

The women met with equal success when they received the bronze medal for their performance. Women's doubles team members, Yvonne Farquharson and Saveita Prashad played well to capture a silver medal. The mixed doubles team of Erhan Tjanbrana and women's captain Charlene Buchannan won yet another bronze medal for Humber.

Coach Lui said this team was not as strong as last year's team overall, but he was extremely proud of his team and their effort.

Athletics pulls funds from boxing tourney

by Cinzia Rossi

Humber Athletics has refused a \$150 request needed for a Feb. 29 Boxing Club "sports event" to be staged at the North campus, according to SAC Treasurer Brian Wilcox.

Wilcox, last Monday, said Athletics Manager Doug Fox maintained his department has already contributed "more than enough" equipment to the Club. Fox, however, has agreed to help with any labor required.

SAC originally proposed that it will match a \$150 Athletics grant toward the Boxing Club show two weeks ago. Wilcox confirmed SAC has already gone ahead with its \$150 promise.

Without the full \$300, Boxing Club Instructor Ashi Gamal threatens that admission tickets for the event may rise \$2 to \$5, to break even.

The show will possibly include several exhibition bouts between Humber and University of Toronto boxers, according to Gamal.



Ashi Gamal

Representing Humber's Club will be Joey Caprara, Richard Burton, Anthony Ambrosio, and Gamal.

Also scheduled to appear is world-class body-builder Jeffery "Bad Cat" Livingston in two 15 minutes shows, as well as Humber's own pro wrestler, Joey War Eagle.

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