

# Ontario community colleges ailing

by Lisa Whitman

Of Ontario's 22 community colleges, 16 are projecting a deficit this year, due to a decrease in finances and enrollment.

Faculty and support staff of Humber met Oct. 4, for a special meeting on the crises of Niagara College in Welland, and St. Clair College in Windsor. The effects of cutbacks on the colleges, and the role of staff and faculty in this situation was discussed.

A decrease in funding and program closures have lead to the

layoff of at least 22 faculty and seven support staff members of Niagara College, with an additional 22 layoffs predicted for the future.

In addition, St. Clair College was stripped of 30 faculty and 13 support staff members.

"The first rumble of trouble was heard last spring with the reports of lay offs at St. Clair and Niagara. I consider this an early warning signal of things to come," said John Huot, president of the faculty union at Humber.

"Almost all colleges must go to

reserve funds just to cover operating costs for this year," said John Huot.

Enrollment has been down for the colleges during the last few years while universities have been swamped with applications. Because fewer students attend colleges, government funding has decreased, Huot explained.

"The problem is both quantitative and qualitative. We are receiving out-of-date funding, and we are simply not getting enough," Huot said.

If reductions continue, a "lead

college system" could be considered, according to Bob Higgins, faculty representative for Humber's board of governors. One college would act as the centre, containing all the main or popular courses, while the smaller colleges would have the remaining courses.

Higgins thinks this would be a drawback, because staff would be forced to transfer to a lead or smaller college and more layoffs would result.

"Lead colleges scare me. Students wouldn't want to attend the smaller colleges, they would want

the lead college," Higgins predicted.

The faculty and support staff of Humber are also feeling the struggles of community colleges. Of the 605 support staff of last year there are now only 566 support staff. Pat Jackson, who spoke on behalf of the support staff, said the college is using attrition rates (drop out) as an excuse to cut the number of full-time staff back.

The question of job security and the strength of job contracts was raised at the meeting.



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**Tight squeeze** — In the true spirit of *Open Space*, the City of Toronto has had problems (filling back the gaps, to the limit) here decided to squeeze in a few more trees in traditional Common City.

## Vision 2000

by Morgan Ian Adams

The Ministry of Colleges and Universities and the Council of Regents are about to give Ontario's colleges a new direction for the future.

Called "Vision 2000", both the ministry and the council "want to be sure that colleges are responsive to the changes they must confront."

Minister of Colleges and Universities, Lyn McLeod, presented the proposal to representatives of Ontario's colleges on Tuesday in the Humber Room.

"In a sense, Vision 2000 is a coming of age for our college system," McLeod said.

The Council of Regents runs the 22 colleges in Ontario. Charles Pascal, chairman of the council said the process of policy recommendations will be "collaborative and thorough" between the Ministry and the Regents. The first policy paper is due in early 1989 with a final report by year's end.

"We can only effect change if we have the leadership to pull it off," Dr. Robert Gordon, President of Humber, said.

Vision 2000 will look at how the college system will sustain its economic and social role in the 21st century, how to ensure access for Ontario's many communities and disadvantaged adults, the changing economic, social and fiscal realities and how they relate to the student's goals and way of learning, and the role of specialization of colleges in the future.

McLeod praised the Regents for the enthusiasm with which they have begun to tackle the problem.

Said McLeod, "Our quest is for a shared vision that will guide our colleges into the 21st century. Vision 2000 will assist in developing that vision and what role the colleges will play in shaping Ontario's future."

## BMX bikers set back regrowth

by Belinda Burnett

BMX bikers are causing problems in Humber's Arboretum. The construction of a \$2.5 million sewer line has created a barren path down the middle of the Arboretum. That pathway is a favorite of local BMX bikers.

Stephen Bodsworth, director of the Arboretum said kids have broken a hole in the snow fence and are riding up and down the

pathway on their BMX bikes, making it almost impossible for the area to regrow after extensive replanting.

The 2.4-kilometre sewer line runs from Highway 27 and through the Arboretum and was installed to serve Humberwoods, a new housing development. Murphy Hull, owner of Hullmark Developments Ltd., who are developing the housing project said that no long-term damage has

been done and the site should be restored later this year.

Bodsworth said that if the bikers can be kept off the path and regrowth started, then the new growth will bring with it a large diversity of wildlife and plant life, which will hopefully encourage nature lovers.

As well, he said, public school children, who visit the Arboretum to learn about nature, can see just

what modern development has done to natural beauty and hopefully see the need for the preservation of Mother Nature's garden.

The Arboretum, which started in 1979, was created to give Humber students in the Horticulture programs, a hands-on experience in landscaping, tree-planting, etc., said Bodsworth. It's also a favorite spot for photography students and romantics.





PHOTO BY CATHERINE FRASER

**Up in smoke**—The great outdoors is a last resort for smokers.

# Smoke police on the prowl

by Catherine Fraser

If you're thinking of smoking in the washrooms or outside of designated areas — beware of the "smoking police"!

Actually, they aren't really police at all. The security guards wandering the halls of Humber are armed with a note pad. They are ready to take the name and student ID number of those students

caught smoking outside the Pipe, Humber Room or staff lounge.

"We rely on students to put out cigarettes when asked," said Gary Jeynes, manager of safety and security. "If there's a sort of 'blow it out your ear' attitude then we take names and ID numbers."

Students are then referred to Rick Bendera, director of student life.

"Those who abuse the rule are brought to my attention," Bendera said.

Bendera will speak with the offender and usually there is some agreement made. Failing that, a formal process begins with a committee set up by Humber President Robert Gordon.

Both Jeynes and Bendera said the smoking issue at Humber is not as bad as last year.

"Most students are aware of the policies and they are smoking where they should be smoking," Jeynes said.

"The evolution of change comes slowly, but I see less of a problem this year than last," Bendera said. "The students of Humber College are bright. If they have erred they will usually admit it without a problem."

For staff and students who need help to quit smoking, Humber offers a quit smoking course. The fee is \$75 to enroll and more information can be obtained through Health Services in the college.

Nurse Mary Carr said the response so far has been poor.

"We have found the response to be disappointing, but we are happy to support such a program."

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# New SAC games room costs big bucks

by Lise Bonnema

SAC has spent over \$18,000 in renovations to provide Humber students with a new games room, a TV lounge, and a club office, according to SAC's vice-president.

Dave Knott said renovation expenses came from SAC's operational budget.

Knott who was last year's SAC pub programmer started a survey on the back of the 'Inside Track' for a games room with a 150 students replying.

Last summer SAC and the Council of Student Affairs agreed to renovations of the games room and Quiet Lounge.

Video Amusements agreed to a deal last August with SAC by agreeing to 50 per cent of the video machines revenue.

The new and improved games room, located in the old SAC offices, opened its doors last Tuesday offering 24 video

machines compared to last year's 13. The games room also features two pool tables, a competitive basketball machine, and air hockey.

The cost of the video, and basketball machines are paid by Video Amusements and are supplied free of charge to SAC.

Knott said Video Amusements paid \$7,000 for the 'Ninja Warriors,' video machine.

"It's the newest game on the market," said Knott.

He said the basketball machine was the second most expensive, at a cost of \$4,000.

A compact disc jukebox will be added next week at a cost of \$1,200. It contains 60 compact discs which cost \$20 each.

As well, Knott added, table soccer and 'state of the art dartboards' will be coming next week.

There is also an information booth in the games room which sells tickets for pubs, trips, excursions, and provides change for the video machines.



PHOTO BY MORGAN IAN ADAMS

**Be a pinball wizard**—SAC's new and improved games room is located in the old SAC offices. Doors flew open last Tuesday for the official opening.

The new TV lounge features a large screen television, many comfortable couches, and is well lit.

"It makes it more pleasant to watch TV, and it discourages sexual activity," Knott said.

The new club office will take up one half of the old Quiet Lounge.

The office will be used as a type of conference room for clubs and large student groups to meet.

"It's the first in Humber history, I believe," said Knott.

How the other half of this room is going to be used, has not yet been decided. Knott said it may be used for merchants who sell arts and crafts, or possibly a ping-pong table.

## Locks get changed for keying system

by Lori Theoret

Over 1,600 door locks at Humber's North campus will be changed during the next month as a new theft-prevention Key/Lock System is installed at the North Campus, the manager of safety and security says.

Gary Jeynes said in a college report the purpose in changing the present system is to offer a greater level of security to the property and to control access to high-risk security areas to authorized personnel only.

He said 4,000 keys will be distributed for the more than 1,600 locks.

Director of Physical Resources Ken Cohen said the project will cost \$55,000. It is being funded by a renovation grant from the Ministry of Colleges and Universities.

The new keying system has been put in place because a number of thefts occurred at Humber. Two Panasonic color camcorders

and cases were stolen last summer. The camcorders were valued at \$2,400 each. Other expensive equipment has been stolen in past years as well.

One of the camcorders that disappeared was a replacement for an ACA division unit that was stolen in March. It was delivered on a Friday in August and was missing by Sunday of the same weekend.

Kelly Jenkins, manager of audio visual graphic services, said he had a camcorder stolen from his office on July 1.

Under the new system, keys will be issued on the basis of need and not general access to anyone. They will be distributed on a permanent basis to full-time employees, on a semester basis for part-time employees, and on a daily sign-out basis for individuals needing temporary use of rooms.

A "Key-Lost Report" will have to be filled out with safety and security if any key is lost or stolen. A \$20 fee will be charged for keys not found or returned.

## Boarders can vote here

by Thomas Clark

Out-of-town students living here and attending school can vote in the upcoming federal and municipal elections either in this area or in their home riding.

According to the Reference Canada office, if you are over 18 and a resident of Toronto and the surrounding area, you can vote here.

If you are not planning to reside in the Toronto area and you

want to vote in your home riding, there are two alternatives. One option would be to go home and vote either on election day or at one of the advance polls. The second would be to obtain a voting form or proxy from the electoral office in your home riding. You sign the proxy and return it to your home riding office and your vote will be counted.

The federal election will be held Nov. 21. Municipal elec-

If you have not been registered as a potential voter you can still vote. If your name is not listed declare your citizenship and your place of residence to a polling officer when you go to vote.

tions are held on Nov. 14. Advance polls for federal elections will be held Nov. 5, and Nov. 10. Advance polls for municipal elections will be Nov. 12-13.

## Thefts go down

by Karin Winzer

A decrease in thefts at Humber this school year has been a surprise for security.

Gary Jeynes, manager of safety and security, said so far it's been an unusually good year for the college.

However, Jeynes added the college still has thefts and the problem for the most part is not thieves, but the attitude of the students.

"Unfortunately, people are the authors of their own misfortune," Jeynes said.

He cited as an example a case where students leave their belongings on the fourth floor to go to the Pipe only to find their things missing when they return. Jeynes said they wouldn't do that at a rock concert.

Since September a tape recorder and a 35mm camera valued at about \$1,000 have gone missing from the Learning Resource Centre. About \$300 in personal property has been stolen.

Last year, the college hired two more security staff, one part-time and one full-time, to combat the problem of thefts.

Jeynes stressed Operation Identification as a good program students should use to prevent losing anything personal. The program is set up by Metro police and encourages people to engrave their equipment so if it is stolen it can be identified readily.

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## News Briefs

### Wanted: best bums and legs

Humber's Public Relations students are working hard organizing for the 1988 United Way campaign. The United Way is a non-profit organization that supports over 170 agencies throughout Metro. The fundraising goal has been set at \$22,000, a \$2,000 increase over last year's goal. Some events scheduled are a 'Best Bums and Legs' contest, a balloon launch, a casino night, an auction, a party at J.J. Muggs, and Tarot Card readings. The campaign will run from Oct. 31 to Nov. 4.

### Shorter version for questionnaire

The Faculty Evaluation Committee chairperson will meet with members to discuss a shorter version of the new student feedback questionnaire. Pamela Hanft said it is felt that many students fill out seven or eight questionnaires in a semester and may get tired doing it. Hanft said several questions on the new questionnaire will be similar to last year's. Hanft said the purpose of the evaluation is to help teachers reach their full potential. "If a teacher is experiencing difficulty in an area and it is brought to our attention, assistance will be provided," she said.

# Foreign students get jobs easier

by Cheryl Bird

International students no longer have to earn money under the table. The new employment and immigration policy makes it easier for students without Canadian citizenship or landed immigrant

status to get a job up front.

"An international student at Humber is eligible to work on-campus," said Benny Quay, cross-cultural advisor at the International Projects Centre. "They can get a job during the school year as well as in the summer."

Post-secondary requirements must be met and work must begin within 60 days after the student's grades are released. Also, as long as the student attends school full-time, the spouse is permitted to work on or off-campus.

However, not all positions are

available to them. Positions that are "governed by licensing, medical or citizenship requirements" are restricted. This means, for example, that an international student would not be able to take a job as an RCMP officer, or similar government positions.

Students must take a written job offer from the perspective employer, along with a \$50 fee to immigration in order to obtain a work permit.

"It is illegal to work without a work authorization," Quay said. "The student may be asked to leave the country."

Graduating students have to abide by the same rules but are permitted to work in their field of study, on or off-campus, for up to 12 months.

Michele Clarke, associate registrar at the North campus, said there are more than 100 international students registered at the college.

Some of these students have probably obtained jobs on their own without going through the placement office, Clarke said.

Margaret Antonides, placement officer at the Career Services Centre, said there have been many more requests for jobs by these students since the law was put into effect in February of this year.

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## Fight back

by Sue-Anne Battersby

Humber students can look forward to a self-defence program to help fend off possible attackers, a SAC director said.

Marie Franciamore, director of professionalism, said Humber's Women Educational Council and SAC have organized this course because of the growing concern in male and female safety. She wants women and men to feel safe when going out at night.

Hap Ki Do, a type of self defence is described as the art of developing and strengthening the mind, body and spirit.

Franciamore said it is being taught at Humber by Ara Markozian, who is an instructor at the YMCA and registered with the Metro police.

"He's very pleased to be working with Humber College students," Franciamore said.

The course starts Oct. 19 and runs until Dec. 1, every Wednesday from 4:30 to 6 p.m.

Students can register at the SAC office (KX105) in the new Student Centre. The cost to take the course is \$2.

She said she expects a large turnout of about 60 to 70 students.

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# DICK campaign begins

by Lisa Boonstoppel

'Don't be a DICK'. This slogan only intends to shock those who still persist in drinking and driving. It is the theme of the Driving Impaired Can Kill campaign that has been launched at colleges and universities across Canada.

The DICK program was designed by Carmi Camicata, the national director of Bacchus, a three-year-old program against drinking and driving. She designed the program specifically for the colleges and universities.

"I wanted to emphasize the program before spring break which is a traditional drinking holiday," Camicata said. "I'm fully aware that it has other connotations, but I sincerely mean it as a message not to drink and drive."

The DICK campaign made its

appearance to Humber students at last week's pub. The year-long campaign features the character Dick. He was the attraction on the free buttons given out at the pub and the T-shirts worn by the bartenders.

The first part of the campaign is the posters of Dick getting into a car accident after drinking.

"Drinking and driving is only the first in a series of situations that Dick will find himself in," Camicata explained.

The other situations include: Dick gets fired; Dick goes on a date after consuming too much alcohol; and Dick drinks too much in the pub and has a test the next morning.

Camicata attributes the success of the program to the character of Dick.

"Dick is your average Joe stu-

dent," she said. "Dick is so flexible and he's so cute."

"I can't believe the response I've been getting from colleges and universities. I've already run out of T-shirts and buttons."

The campaign also includes the distribution of banners, tent cards, bumper stickers and posters.

"Dick is really cool," said Dave Knott, SAC vice-president, who instigated the program at Humber.

Knott is in charge of the DICK campaign for North campus.

An exciting part of the campaign is the tour of the top entertainer of the year, Mike Woods. He will be performing at campuses to promote the message 'Don't be a Dick'. A performance by Canadian comedian Lawrence Morganstern is also scheduled and there will also be an Alcohol Awareness week at the North campus in a couple of weeks.



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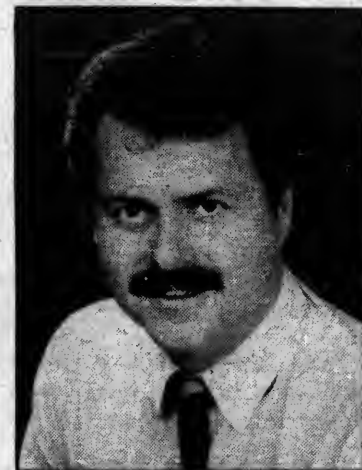
**Don't be a DICK** — SAC Vice-President Dave Knott shows his support for the Driving Impaired Can Kill campaign.

## New food chairman joins us

by Kathy Klokner

With the economic summit behind him, Joe van Koeverden looks forward to his tasks as Humber College's chairman of Hospitality Management.

Before joining Humber, van Koeverden worked for Beaver Foods as general manager of catering. One of his final assignments was the economic summit in Toronto where he and his staff served about 57,000 meals for "tent-city", the facility set up for the media.



Joe van Koeverden

"Before I worked directly in operations in which I'd run a chain of hotels or run a chain of restaurants," van Koeverden said.

"Running a business in the industry is much different than teaching or administrating as this position is," van Koeverden said.

He said a major difference between teaching and industry is the hours.

"In industry you work on what we call client-driven. You have a catering contract and you have to be there, it doesn't matter when."

As chairman, van Koeverden is responsible for all the administration in hotel and restaurant management, ski resort operations and management, and the Continuing Education programs.

This includes making sure the college attracts students as well as market the programs to industry and looking after curriculum content.



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## Our Hawks winners but students losers

It seems that Humber's athletic administration has finally taken the bull by the horns. A serious attempt at drawing fans to varsity games has been launched.

That is not to say that concern wasn't there over the years, but before now, athletics believed the teams' records would speak for themselves, and act as a sufficient drawing tool.

But over the years that has not been the case. Fans have stayed away in droves. No amount of championships could bring people out.

Humber's hockey Hawks have played an exciting brand of hockey the last few years, resulting in three consecutive Ontario titles (surely cause for dynasty status). Yet the Hawks have trouble getting 100 bodies through the door.

Even huge rivalries don't seem to stir "Humber pride". Last year's Humber/Georgian or Humber/Seneca match-ups, perennial antagonists to the maroon and gold, failed to draw a significant amount of fans.

But travel to Seneca and watch the hometown reaction when the "bad-boy" Hawks take to the ice. Seneca fans stirred up the stands by wearing white track pants with "Kiss My Humber" painted on their behinds, their faces are painted in Brave colors, and banners and flags abounding. Insults fly whenever a Hawk scores or takes a penalty.

In spite of a less than impressive record, even Seneca fans have pride in their athletics, unleashing unbridled enthusiasm at school sporting events.

What is the problem with Humberites? Is it student apathy in general? Could it possible be a disinterest in sports? The latter seems unlikely.

Shamefully this quality hockey goes unnoticed by most, and enjoyed by so few.

The Hawks offer a style of play that most everyone can enjoy. If you want offence, you've got it. Last year Humber averaged approximately seven goals per game.

If you prefer a rugged style, the Hawks like to hit, and this year should be no exception with newcomer Chip Crandall on defence.

Humber also has excellent defence and goaltending. Netminder Mike Noonan was a tournament all-star in Quebec, while defenceman Ron Lonsdale was an OCAA all-star.

Unless you despise hockey (how un-Canadian can you get, eh?) you should enjoy yourself at the games. So whatever the reason, go to the games (home games are played at Westwood Arena). After all, aren't you the one that vowed to see (at least one game) before you got out here.

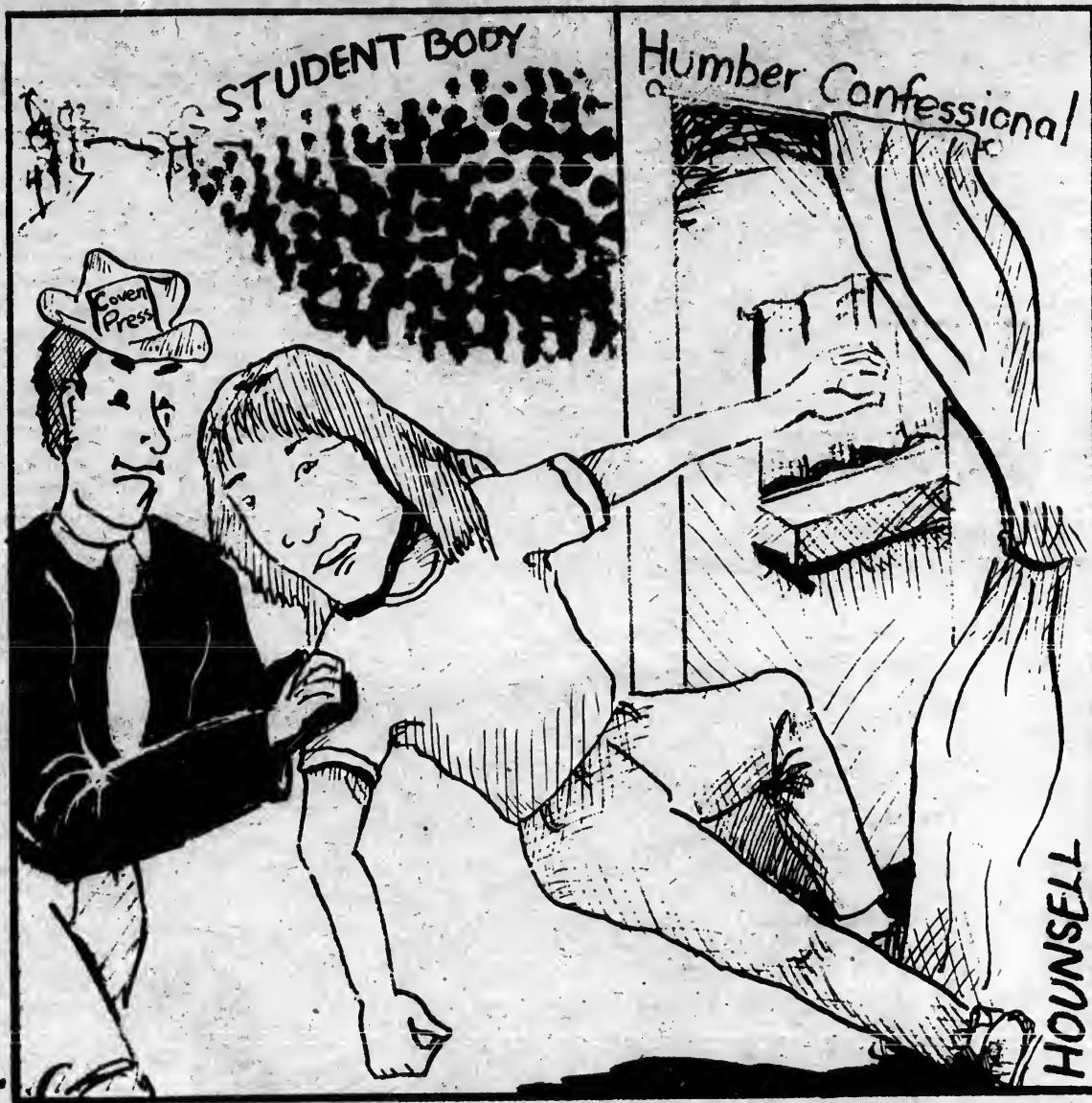
Last year some Humber home games struggled to draw even 50 spectators, and a closer look revealed at least half of these to be Hawk players' relatives, and a handful of others were Coven staff.

It is common knowledge that a large home-town crowd can swing a game around. Look at the NHL's Boston Bruins and the small confines of the Boston Garden. When the Bruins are in town the place rocks, and it shows in the effort that the players give.

At the CCAA hockey tournament last year, at least 2,000 boisterous Quebecois filled the Levis-Lauzon arena for most of the games.

It would be absurd to expect this of Humber hockey, but 500 fans shouldn't be out of the question. With a population base of 8,600 students, this number is not unreasonable.

If it takes promotional give-aways from athletics, then so be it. But one way or another something has got to be done. The quality of play is too good to be missed by upwards of 98 per cent of the students.



## Letters to the editor

To the Editor:

I would like to clarify a few points within the article entitled "New Day Care Centre Set To Open Soon". The fees quoted are accurate but should read per month not per year. The cost of living adjustment is completed each year on April 1st, in order to offset inflation. Although the day care centres do constitute a deficit each year, this deficit is perceived as an acceptable cost for training

over 250 students in the Early Childhood Education Department.

It has been a pleasure working with the reporter on this story.

Blair Carter  
 Chairman, Early Childhood Education Department.

To the Editor:

The news of our vice-president's banning from Caps makes me ill.

Dave Knott not only has single handedly made Caps a fun place to be (via the pooltable, dartboard, basketball machine, popcorn and video machines) but he has created more school spirit by his silly but fun events and announcements.

Dave's not perfect, and after all, who is?

So why then make an example of our prime asset just because he makes a good news story?

I say to David, that in spite of your long hair, you're not such a bad guy.

David Johanson  
 2nd year Public Relations.

## Colleges take action

It's good to see that Ontario's 22 year old college system is about to come under an all encompassing review. Declining enrollments and a 50 per cent dropout rate are two alarming facts that simply cannot be ignored, and necessitate a review like Vision 2000. If our current level of deterioration was allowed to continue, it would only be a matter of time before the entire system could essentially, be rendered useless. A situation that would obviously be unacceptable.

In 1965 when the college system was first conceived in Ontario, it's mandate was to produce graduates of a particular community that could meet the needs of that community as well as the Canadian society as a whole. Inherent in this objective was the understanding that as the needs of the community changed so would the college system.

However until now the provincial government and the various college administrations have failed in their first and most important leadership role. According to Charles Pascal, chairman of the Ontario Council of Regents, in order for communities to be viable they will have to compete on a global level rather than that of a regional or national, and to borrow a phrase, healthy grads will be the "building blocks" of such an economy.

Pascal also points out that those students applying to the college in the future will be older and more ethnically diverse than those of today.

Faced with these complex challenges, college administrations and the the provincial government will have to make some difficult decisions; decisions that will necessarily disappoint some more than others. But this is a time in the life of the college system when the well-being of it must take priority over individual interests.

It's good to see action being taken, lets just hope it stands the test of time.

To the Editor:

I think we at Humber College have a serious problem: locker shortage. The school was built for a certain number of people, with enough lockers for everyone. Now that the number of students has increased, so should the number of lockers. We have students carrying three to four text books, binders, bags and may other personal belongings. With the tuition fee we pay, the school should take part of it to install some more lockers so each student can get one if they want.

Student Without a Locker  
 Andrea Campbell  
 G.A.S.

## Letter Writers:

Letters can be dropped off in room L231, way at the back of North campus. Or, letters can be mailed to The Coven Editor, 205 Humber College Blvd., Etobicoke, Ont., M9W 5L7.

Please include your name and program. Coven reserves the right to edit letters in regard to length or unproven accusations. We will not, in any way, change the intent of letters.

# OPINION



Stewart Brown

## Trouble at Coven

"The idea of being fired still scares the sh\*! out of me."

Imagine picking up Coven last Thursday and seeing a large white blank space where the front page photo is now. Then imagine yourself flipping through the issue and finding there were no photos, but instead, large blank spaces.

Oh! you might have asked yourself whether or not the issue was the coloring book edition of Coven: perhaps the people at Coven were holding some kind of contest where the student who handed in the prettiest colored-in issue won free pub tickets.

You might have welcomed this new version of the paper but luckily for myself this scenario didn't materialize. If it had the series of events would have unfolded like this: the program co-ordinator would have exploded and balled out the editor; the editor in turn would have fired the managing

editor; he in turn would have found himself applying to the P.R. program. The idea of being fired still scares the sh\*! out of me!

Coven is put together by a group of determined, concerned, worried and often suicidal third year journalism students. We are not professionals, (just hopeful professionals), and being students we often make mistakes.

Last week was such an example. After our typical Wednesday (last minute) rush to get the paper laid out for the printers. It was taken to the reception area of the college where it was picked up. An hour later some unfortunate individual, (just my luck I had to be an individual), found the photos (that were to be sent with the paper) in the Coven offices.

A certain four letter word then erupted from this individual's

mouth. Both the publisher and the editor were no where to be found having snuck out the back door of the college giggling, "the managing editor will go crazy". Rushing to the ACA department office help came in the form of Beth MacNeill and Peg Eiler who after translating the gibberish coming from the distressed Coven member helped him get the photos sent out.

By the way, Coven's managing editor has taken an extended leave of absence following a nervous breakdown during which he tried to kill Coven's editor and publisher. Letters or inquiries can be made at the Queen St. Mental Health Centre, 1001 Queen St. West, Toronto, M6J 1H4 or by phoning 535-8501. Just ask for Jack.



Dr. Robert Gordon

"...the Canadian population is truly a polyglot of ethnicity, religions and languages."

## Multiculturalism

It should be obvious to everyone that the Canadian mosaic, particularly in large urban centres like Toronto, has changed dramatically since the end of the Second World War. Canada has embraced immigration from all parts of Europe, and in more recent years, from all over the world. We are now at a point where the Canadian population is truly a polyglot of ethnicity, religions and languages.

This factor has had a profound effect on the two founding races, namely those of English and French descent. Neither now holds a majority position in terms of population in our country, although their respective residual influence still tends to dominate in those parts of Canada where they have traditionally exercised power. Slowly, however, we are beginning to see an increase in the involvement of recent arrivals and second generation Canadians in the social, economic and political life of our country.

This factor is no less true at Humber College, where the student body is reflective of changing demographic patterns in Canada. It is important to note that, as a public service organization, Humber College has a responsibility to meet the diverse requirements and needs of our student population and, indeed, has done a remarkable job over the years in doing just that. It is time, however, to take a serious look at how we are dealing with this multicultural phenomenon. It is also time to set in motion ways in which the College and its life are more reflective of contemporary clientele.

In that connection, I will be asking the Academic Council, at its next meeting, to strike a Task Force on the subject of Multiculturalism at Humber College. With its mandate to examine our staffing, curriculum and student service components through a broad assessment of where we are today; we hope to arrive at some recommendations regarding what we need to do to lead the way into the 21st century. This task force will comprise a broad spectrum of College personnel representing all Campuses and Divisions and will include a variety of people from ethnic backgrounds. We need a broad consensus so as to gain wide eventual acceptance. We thus require input from people from all persuasions and backgrounds if the report of such a Task Force is to have lasting influence and impact.

The Task Force will be expected to hold hearings, to invite written submissions, and to consider the issues, with a view to recommending through the Academic Council to the President, and to the Board of Governors, significant changes which might be in the long-term interest of Humber College and its broader community.

I have every confidence that the Humber community will come together to address this serious issue. Just as the Mission Review and the General Education Task Forces performed major work in the College which resulted in significant change, it is my hope that similar results can be achieved by the Multiculturalism Task Force.

In any case, it is an issue whose time has come and we would be less honest if we did not address it with energy and conviction. More importantly, if we can take some steps forward now, we can demonstrate to others that not only can progress be made in this area, but also that we are in the vanguard of leading an enlightened and socially democratic College community to a more tolerant and mutually beneficial future.

## Voter knowledge tests



Paolo Del Nibletto

I am a young man in a backwards world. Every time I try to move forward I am blocked by arbitrary and outdated barriers. For example in September '84 on the eve of the Canadian federal election I wasn't allowed to vote. I was 17 years and nine months old but, in the eyes of the establishment I was too young to be counted.

This wasn't the case for my older brother who was 24 at the time. According to Canada's antiquated laws, he was old enough to under-

stand his responsibility as a citizen. A citizen, hah! My brother had no clue who the leaders were of the three political parties. He still thinks Pierre Elliot Trudeau is the Prime Minister of Canada, and Toronto is the capital of the country. He chose not to vote in the election, not because he didn't agree with the policies of the three parties, but because he didn't care which party won.

"...age should not be the determining factor with regards to who is allowed to vote."

This is not to say that all people of voting age are politically ignorant, but the point is, age should not be the determining factor with regards to who is allowed to vote.

If I had my way, everyone who wanted to vote, regardless of age

would first be required to achieve at least 70 per cent on a political issues test.

Thinking about the topic of voter eligibility a 60's song by Barry McGuire called Eve of Destruction comes to mind.

*The eastern world it is exploding, violence flaring, bullets loading, you're old enough to kill, but not for votin', you don't believe in war, but what's that gun you're totin', and even the Jordan river has bodies floatin'. But you tell me over and over again my friend, you don't believe we're on the Eve of Destruction.*

The song raises the point that men who fought in Vietnam were old enough to kill, but not to vote — the average soldier's age was 19 while the voting age in the U.S. was 21.

If maturity means you can shoot someone but not vote, that's stupid. As I suggested before, test prospective voters on their knowledge.

## Students lack school spirit



Sharon Sally

As I scanned the entertainment stories in last week's Coven, I remembered being assaulted by one consistent theme—lack of school spirit. It wasn't the first time there was more than one story with the same theme, but I wanted to make a point. Why not write the same headline for the three stories concerned? Readers would be confronted with the same headline and think the stories were the same. Then, hopefully, the stories

would be read and it would be discovered that in fact each story was about something different and yet the results were identical.

The idea didn't gel too well with my co-editor (which was probably fortunate) and was dropped, but still the facts existed. The Entex pub turn out was a depressing display of the lack of school spirit. The Humber Bash at Club

Desire was even worse. The Ladies night pub at Caps wasn't too bad, but the turn out the week before for the first band pub was also depressing. Students showed their continued support for traditional themes by filling Caps to capacity last Thursday before 10 p.m. to celebrate Oktoberfest.

But, judging from the turn out at the first live band pub, Oktoberfest was the exception rather than the rule. As a Humber student I was embarrassed on the night of Sept. 22. During Wed-

dings, Parties, Anything's performance the audience became progressively smaller. I was talking to a member of the opening band.

"They're getting mad," he said. "I can tell."

I asked W.P.A.'s lead singer Mick Thomas about the lack of hasn't always been a problem.

Last year student beefs included the fact that it was difficult getting advance tickets for pubs (especially band pubs), and lineups for both buying the tickets and actually getting into the pubs were long and time consuming. People were turned away at the door or told that it would be an hour before they'd have a chance at being admitted.

I can't believe attendance at any of this year's events was small due audience enthusiasm after the show.

"I wasn't getting mad," he said, "I was just getting bored."

Poor turn out at pub nights

"I wasn't getting mad...I was just getting bored."

to the poor calibre of entertainment. The first band pub featured superb performances by both groups involved. The Humber bash at Club Desire included a buffet of corn on the cob, hamburgers, chicken wings and chocolate mouse covered with strawberry topping and whip cream, all for

I'm only one student and have been able to fill 10 inches with observations, but I'm sure if I talked to three or four other people I could fill this whole page with recent examples of non-existent school spirit.

I'm not qualified to answer questions about why Humber students are failing to support school functions and associate with their peers. Perhaps everyone's opting for traditional events this year, or perhaps everyone thought every-

one else was supporting school sponsored activities.

Going back a few weeks, I can cite Discovery Week as another example of student apathy. It's not pub-related, so under-aged students had no excuse for not participating. Anyone on SAC can tell you participation and turnout to the various events was miserable. nical surfboard, and a band called Glider who was one of the best three-piece cover bands I've seen in a long time.

If this comment has any purpose, it's to tell students that everyone else isn't.

If anyone wants to complain about the quality or availability of entertainment at both North and Lakeshore campuses, or about any of the off-campus activities usually supported by both colleges, then be able to first prove that you've participated in past events, both economically and socially.

Get involved! It doesn't cost near as much as tuition, and it doesn't take up a lot of time.

# FEATURES

## Spandex pants make 'em dance

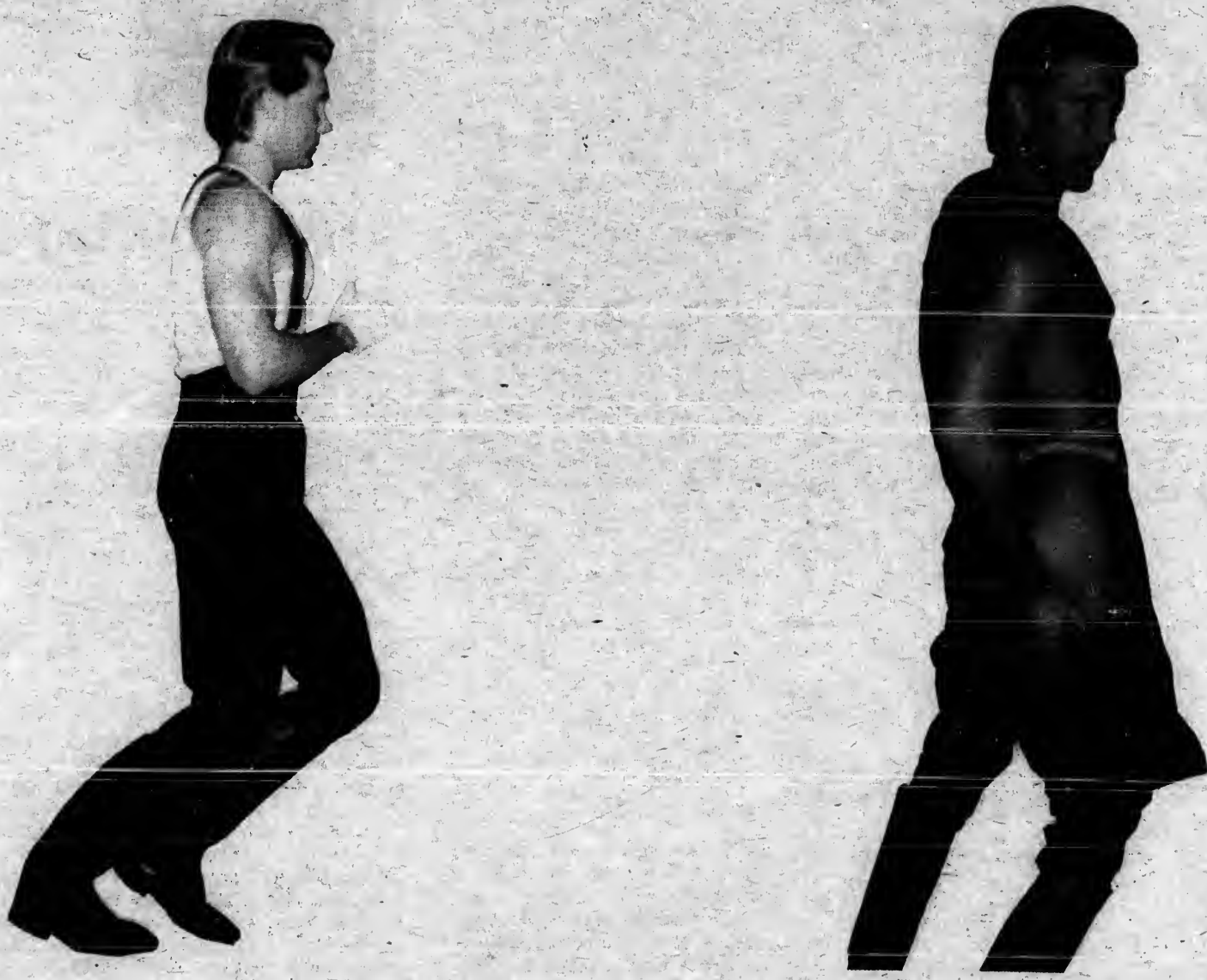


PHOTO BY MARIJA DJONDRIĆ

**Ladies only** — Mr. Magic struts his stuff for the overzealous, stud-hungry, female onlookers at Jay Jays' Inn.



by Marija Djondric

Six out of 10 ain't bad.

That was the feeling at Jay Jay's Inn last Tuesday night. What was billed as the "Ten Best Dancers in Canada" turned out to be the six who showed up, and the four who were stranded in a broken-down van somewhere in Belleville.

The group of male exotic dancers, known as "Canada's Hot Shots", performed at the Lakeshore Blvd. club to a ladies-only crowd. Advance tickets were available at the Lakeshore SAC office.

### late start

The first of two shows was to begin at 6 p.m. and finish at 9. By 7:45, when it still hadn't started, the voracious women were getting out of control, banging their glasses on the tables and chanting "We want men! We want men!" The second show started about 45

minutes late because of the original delay.

In response to this clamor, a young stud clad only in black spandex pants and a bow tie made an announcement to the effect that four dancers didn't make it back from a performance in Kingston the night before. He said club management was prepared to refund the \$10 ticket price to anyone who wished to leave, and those who stayed would receive a free drink. Needless to say, no one left.

### the dancers

Mr. Sensation, Devon Star, Western Mustang, Spanish Fly, White Sugar, and the feature act, Mr. Magic, danced to upbeat pop music and left nothing to the imagination with flags at full mast.

Lakeshore SAC President, John Fortin, a part-time employee at Jay Jay's, sold tickets to curious, carefree Humber College women.

Dave Hoy, operations manager



of Jay Jay's, said he provides these events to Humber students because he thinks both the students and the club benefit.

"We try to provide an entertainment spot for students outside the college. I believe that when you give something, you get something back," he said.

Hoy and Fortin work together on various promotional campaigns, which they said are a good service to the students.

Lakeshore students Debbie DeCaro and Dawn Friesen, who were taking full advantage of this particular "good service", could not decide who was better, Mr. Magic or White Sugar. But then again, Spanish Fly "was a real babe" DeCaro said, and the Western Mustang "was really cute" according to Friesen.

The excited ladies purchased tickets for both the first and second shows, as did several others.

The dancers are selected in various ways, some through com-

petitions in Quebec and some are former Chippendales. Devon Star was Mr. Nude London Ontario 1987, Western Mustang is an original Hot Shot, Spanish Fly was the featured male in the April 1988 issue of Playgirl magazine, and Mr. Magic can be seen in next month's issue of Playgirl.

### all business

Twenty-four-year-old Mr. Sensation, who was the runner up in the Mr. Ontario Body Building contest 1988, is proud of being one of Canada's ten best male exotic dancers.

"It feels good and it's a great way to make a living," he said. "Some dancers make as much money as doctors or lawyers, or more."

But it is a business nevertheless, and strenuous work. The Spanish Fly performs his act with a 15 ft. Burmese Python, and asked Hoy for an additional \$10 to



include the snake in the second act, claiming it was an extra work-out for him.

Mr. Sensation is a full-time dancer, unlike White Sugar who described himself as a high-school gym teacher.

"As long as you are a good entertainer, you've got a good act," explained Mr. Sensation. He said you also have to have the personality, charm and a bit of ego to be successful in the business.

As for their endowment — is it natural?

"No," said Mr. Sensation. He described how dancers achieve an erection in the dressing room before a performance.

"You have to use your imagination...you tie something around the base of it that holds the blood in, because, well, when you're out there, you're not thinking about that. You're concentrating on the music and your act," he said.

Sorry ladies.





# Sailing on the high seas

by Sue-Anne Battersby

Does a vacation in a "place where tired angels pause to rest" sound enticing? Humber College's sailing program offers students an opportunity to travel and study simultaneously.

The program is set up in the Virgin Islands, and is intended to accommodate both beginner and intermediate sailors.

A slide and video presentation is offered to those interested in the educational vacation on Oct. 25 at 7:30 to 9 p.m. at the Humber College Sailing Centre. The Centre is located at Humber Bay Park West, in Etobicoke.

There is no pre-requisite to the course, which is designed to qualify students to charter a boat, up to 41-feet in length, alone. Applicants do not need to be Humber students, according to Terry Turl, sailing course administrator and instructor.

"The majority of people that take the course are between the ages of 35 and 50. It's designed for the type of person who is looking for something unique and exciting, and at the same time, educational," Turl emphasized.

All boats sail within sight of land, for safety reasons. In addition, students also learn by keeping in close contact with the other boats through a special frequency set up specifically for the course.

During the seven day excursion, students live on a 41-foot sailboat designed to sleep six comfortably. The yachts are also equipped with hot and cold pressurized water, cockpit showers, refrigeration, and 12-foot dinghies with outboard motors.

"The course is also challenging, if only because you have to be able to live and work with 4 other people on the boat," Turl said.

He also explained that the morning consist of quality sailing instruction, but afternoons and evenings are more relaxed. Students can use the dinghy to explore the islands in the evenings.

"I make a point of visiting natives of the various islands. I have met a woman who lives on a place called Salt Island. She pays the Queen a pound of salt every year, for the rental of the island," Turl said.

The course is offered from the end of December to the middle of March and prices range from \$1,595 to \$1,695. The price includes return airfare to the Virgin Islands from Toronto, accommodation on the boats, all but three meals — to allow students to sample local restaurants — transfers, cruising permits, textbook, logbook, pre-course notes, all instruction, and an optional written exam.

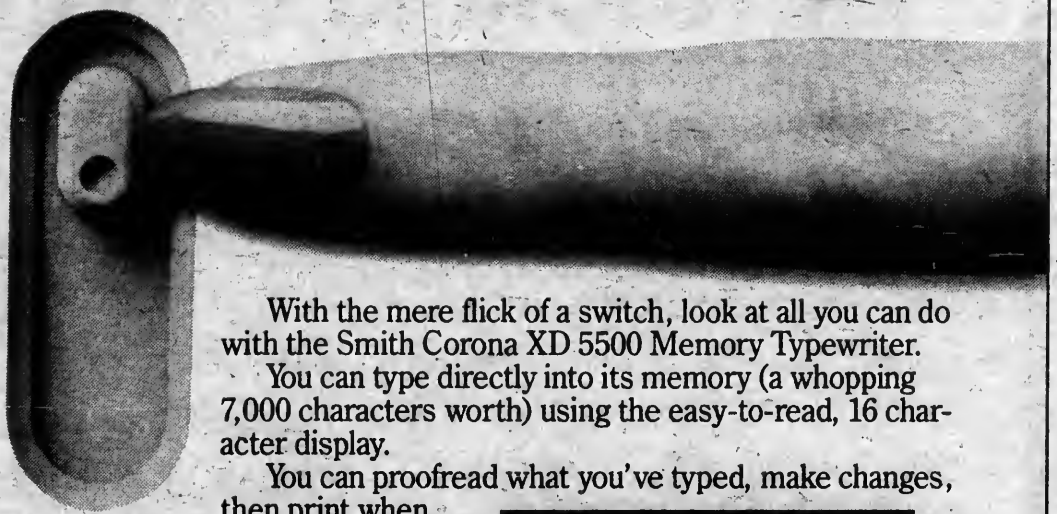
Because the program is guaranteed by Humber, a student has the right to re-take any part of the course he or she had trouble with.



Ship ahoy — Humber's sailing course provides an exciting experience at sea. PHOTO BY TERRY TURL

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### College Flashback

by Lise Bonnema

Picture Humber cafeteria staff members walking throughout The Pipe, lugging boxes strapped around their necks shouting: "Pop! Ice cold pop! Get your ice cold pop here!"

This is a familiar scene at baseball games, but in a college?!!

Ten years ago, the above could have been reality. There was a great possibility that Humber's vending machines were going to become obsolete. The college was dealt a surprising increase in "vending machine abuse."

It seems that these harmless little machines were being vandalized and denied the right to freedom from harassment.

At one point, only a few machines remained unscathed. The eight machines in Humber were mostly marked up with footprints. Many had also been cracked, or had dents at the bottom.

Some were simply out of order, while others were broken into for food and money.

In one isolated case, a \$3,000 candy machine was totally ruined.

Talk about senseless brutality.



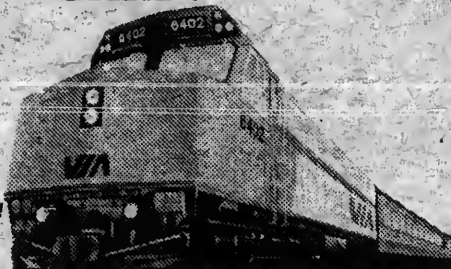
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"I was very pleased with the tutoring program. Keep up the excellent work."



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# ENTERTAINMENT

## Pub lacked Oktoberfest spirit

by Vicki L. Wirkkunen

"Ist dis eine Oktoberfest?," was the question to ask at last Thursday's pub.

Although the popularity of the pub was apparent, with Caps being filled to capacity by 10 p.m., not much was done to bring the real Oktoberfest spirit to the evening.

Those who arrived early enough received a free beer mug. However, the supply ran short prior to 10 p.m. The Oktoberfest hats, which were available at last year's Oktoberfest pub, were not around this year.

The pub lacked the traditional German music which is usually heard at Oktoberfest parties. When requests were made to hear a polka, DJ Michael Yordanov re-

plied that he didn't have any to play.

Second-year Hotel and Restaurant student, Mario Barone, probably summed up the feeling of most. "They should have had Oktoberfest beer, Heineken or something, or hats, to really get it going," he said. "They definitely should have played some German music."

A touch of the German party feeling was added when a group of very vocal students, calling themselves the 'Oktoberfest Crew', graced the stage to give patrons their rendition of authentic German folk songs.

While Caps rolled out the German barrel last week, tonight they bring in a touch of Canadiana, as Doug and the Slugs take the stage.



PHOTO BY VICKI WIRKKUNEN

**Ein Prosit** — Oktoberfest pub-goers raise their glasses in a toast to the annual celebration.

## Outings abound through SAC for year ahead

by Jeff Long

Although school has been underway for only one month, SAC is hoping that students are ready to talk vacations.

Students will have many opportunities to break away from the everyday grind here at Humber. The problem facing them will be deciding where to go.

Planned in May is a two-week trip to Greece. "Last year's trip for three weeks was \$999, but this year it's significantly cheaper at \$699 for two weeks," said Matthew Sharp, SAC's director of travel.

Sharp is currently working on possible trips to the Dominican Republic and Acapulco, Mexico. He is also working on a white wa-

ter rafting trip to Ottawa.

Input from students was received after a survey was taken in September. Students indicated where they would like to travel to.

Again this year, SAC is planning a New Year's get-away trip to Montreal. After a successful trip last year, tickets are expected to go fast. Tickets for the three-day excursion are \$125, including travel and hotel costs. A deposit is required by Oct. 22.

SAC is offering winter fans a trip to the ski hills. Two trips are planned for February, both five days in length. A trip to Mont. Ste-Anne, Que. will cost \$317, while tickets to Killington, Vermont sell for \$427. Both tickets include transportation and hotel costs.

If you wish to spend Reading Week in the sun, you might want to head to Fort Lauderdale, Fla. Tickets for the week long trip are \$309. Tickets will go on sale in two weeks.

If your not interested in travelling, but want to get away for a few hours, you may be interested in an upcoming event planned by SAC.

On Sun. Oct. 30, students can see the Detroit Lions play the New York Giants at the Pontiac Silverdome. The bus leaves Humber at 11 a.m. and returns at midnight. Tickets are also on sale in the SAC office for \$55.

Students are invited to contact the SAC office for further information on any of the events taking place.

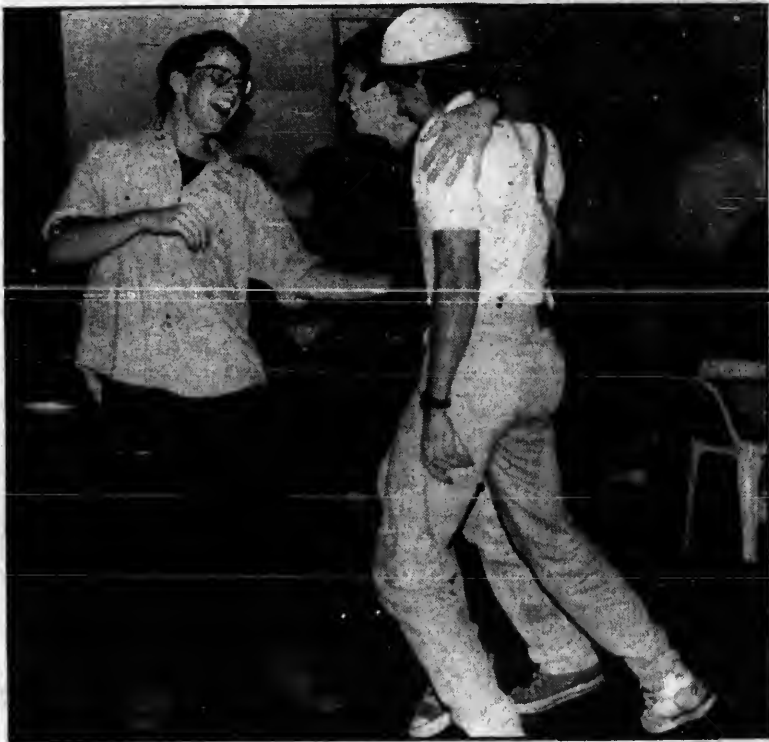


PHOTO BY VICKI WIRKKUNEN

**Dance up a storm** — The Oktoberfest celebration filled Caps to capacity last Thursday.

## Ads more exciting than actual film

by Mark Friesen

*Alien Nation* opened across Canada last Friday, promising theatre-goers an exciting, action-packed science fiction police story.

Unfortunately, the film only delivers the police story, and not a very original one at that. The whole story could have been accomplished without the alien presence at all, but that wouldn't have made us flock to the theatres.

Matthew Sykes is played by James Caan, who turns in an average performance, considering he has done much better. The story really doesn't give him or "Newcomer" Mandy Patinkin (the swordsman in *Princess Bride*) much to work with.

Basically, the aliens have landed in the Mohave desert three years ago, and have now learned our language (in three months — they're fast learners) and have blended into our society as best they can. Some have done better than others, as shown when Sykes is accosted by a street "slag", drunk on sour milk. Later, an award for public service is given to the film's bad guy, William Harcourt (Terence Stamp of *Young Guns*) for outstanding

"Newcomer" relations.

Harcourt is secretly producing a fantastic drug that the aliens had tried to forget. The drug was given to the genetically bred alien workers as their only form of pleasure in their past. This past is never really made very clear. Large doses of the drug (which is a highly addictive super stimulant) cause almost uncontrollable strength, but as with the rest of the film, we are left wondering what could really happen.

It takes little imagination to figure out the plot of this brain teaser when James Caan's partner is killed early in the film, and connections come to light linking Harcourt with the killing.

There are some humorous high points to the movie, which seem to be the only redeeming qualities in a film which looked so good in the commercial.

Overall, the film was rather flat. Even the alien make-up by Stan Winston Studios appeared to look rather dull.

For a moderately disappointing evening spend that hard-earned cash on *Alien Nation* the movie, but for a good time see *Alien Nation* the commercial. It's free, and much more satisfying.



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**From different worlds** — Mandy Patinkin (right) stars as alien police detective George, who teams up with earth native police detective Sykes, played by James Caan (left), in an average movie that promised more excitement than it delivered.

# A somewhat lighter look...

by Belinda Burnett

With all the serious news coverage on Ben Johnson, let's take a somewhat lighter look and put a smile back on those depressed faces.

The following should be read to the beat of a rap:

Here's a little rap about a guy named Ben,

The fastest runner in the history of man.

Ben set his sights on Olympic gold,

Then went and broke our hearts in Seoul.

It started when Johnson won the 100-metre run,

Set a record for the sport, Carl Lewis was stunned.

After the race the athletes were tested,

To see what kind of drug they might've ingested.

The tests came back and what a shock!

The story was out, "Big Ben's been caught!"

Questions were asked, Ben was nowhere to be found

The rumors were bad, Ben's let Canada down.

Banned from the Games, Ben returned back home,

His career was ruined, his chance was blown.

And just when his life seemed at the end,

Ben realized he still had friends.

The Canadian people, the fans, that's who,

Sent cards and letters with, "Ben, we love you".

The support was great, but the questions, WOW!

What's to become of Ben Johnson now!

# Ivan is terrible

by Lise Bonnema  
and Carol Anderson

The straps are tightly bound around his body. The execution cap is molded to his head. He is ready.

The lever is pulled sending 3,000 volts of electrical current through his entire body.

You'd think that would kill a mere mortal, wouldn't you? Not *The Destroyer*. It just gave him a buzz.

Can you believe that. We thought he was a goner for sure! You could have fried a whole carton of eggs on his body he was so hot.

*The Destroyer*, is directed by Robert Kirk, and produced by Peter Garry and Rex Hauck. What about a storyline?

Lise: I thought it was really ori-



ginal. Imagine, a movie combining the blood and guts of *Rambo*, the horror of *Hallowe'en*, parts

one, two, and three, and the immortality of Jason in *Friday the 13th*, parts one through six. Like I said, really original.

Carol: I thought Anthony Perkins (of *Psycho* fame), should have stayed in the mental institution. This was by far the worst piece of acting I've seen from him. Speaking of bad acting, ex-pro football player, Lyle Alzado, should stick to the football field.

His portrayal of Ivan (*The Destroyer*), was weak and lacking in conviction. If it weren't for the leading man good looks of David Harris, played by Clayton Rohner, the theatre would have been empty. As for Deborah Foreman, who played Susan Malone: *Get a real job Baby!*

So, to sum it all up, what we're both trying to say is the movie is a prime candidate for *The Not So Great Late Night Movie*. We give it a two thumbs down.

# Album Preview

## BREIT BROS.

BMG/RCA

by Peter Yan

The best of the fall records targeted for the college student market belongs to The Breit Bros.

Gary and Kevin Breit, two of the three brothers who make up the group, are Humber graduates. The Breit Bros. are the latest Canadian band to sign a major American record deal.

Backed by BMG/RCA America, the band's self-titled debut album is certain to receive airplay in the U.S. and Canada, and not necessarily just to meet Canadian content requirements.

A sampling of the four corners of the album, the first and last song of each side, indicates that The Breit Bros. are inventive musicians who combine various noises and sounds into unique songs. In other words, the band takes chances.

Midway through the first single, a straight ahead rocker called *Going Down*, the song stops dead in its tracks before being revived by a searing guitar solo and a tasteful drum-fill provided by Anton Fig, the drummer from David Letterman's Late Night Band.

On *Slow Train*, the first American single, the song begins with the banjo-like twang of the Dobro guitar and develops into the unlikely pop song of the year.

The intelligence of the music also extends into the words. On *Magdalene*, the lyrics capture the storyline of Martin Scorsese's latest film, *The Last Temptation of Christ* in four lines: *Magdalene the storm is gone/I'll be your only lover from now on/ On your feet sweet Magdalene/ Follow me and we can start again.*

The album's production is immaculate, while the actual recording combines the intimate sound of a demo tape with the clean sound of the CD. In fact, the album sounds 3-D on CD, as compared to the vinyl and tape versions.

The Breit Bros. clearly understand that silence is half of any musical note and do not overproduce, providing ample room for the songs to breathe. But William Wittman, the outside producer for *You'll Never Be Without Me*, buries the beautiful gospel tune beneath synthesizer overdubs.

This is just one mistake on an otherwise strong debut album.

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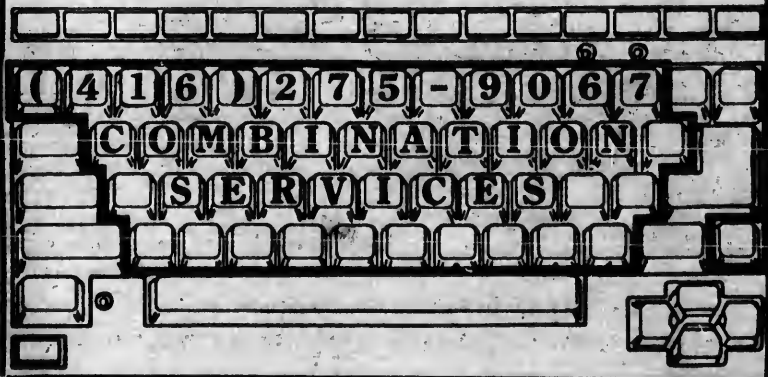
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# Big name interviews planned for HC100

by Lori Theoret

HC100, Humber's rock radio station, expects to be bringing some famous voices to Humber College radio.

Rob Fariana, music director, said he hopes to air interviews with Blue Rodeo, AC/DC, Cinderella, and Gene Simmons of KISS.

The first in the series of interviews was taped last Friday with the group Basic English. They are this year's Q107 Homegrown winner and the recipient of the 1987 Casby award for best unrecorded group. They recently appeared in Caps with Weddings, Parties, Anything and have a new single and video out titled *Images in Love*.

The interview will be broadcast at 11:30 a.m. tomorrow and can be heard in the bookstore concourse, Caps, L-section, and on 90.3 FM which can be picked up around the school and in the parking lots.



PHOTO BY SHARON SALLY

**Basic English** — The opening band at the first band pub of the year is the first of many big name interviews planned for the year at CH100.

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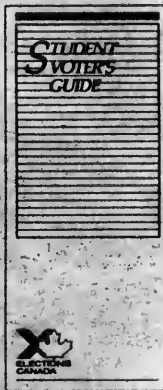
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# SPORTS REPORT

*World famous bobsledding team!*

## Humber student represents Jamaica

by Heath Thomlinson

The handshaking was over, the well wishing done. They took their positions.

"Ready," the driver called.

"Set." All four men were poised for the start, their concentration at a level which could not be penetrated.

"Go." One thrust forward, one back...they were off.

In order, they baled into their bobsled. First the driver, then the second, the third and the fourth. Jamaica 1 bobsledding team was on the track for their third run of the 1988 Winter Olympics in Calgary.

After successfully completing their first two runs, Jamaica 1 had firmly entrenched themselves in the middle of the pack of bobsledders from around the world. But trouble was right around the corner.

Hitting the side wall twice, the driver was struggling to control the sled. At 43.6 seconds of the run, coming out of the eighth curve, the sled was too high on the wall.

And then, a fraction of a second of deafening silence. It could only mean one thing, a bobsledders worst fear, the runners had left the track and the crash was inevitable.

Caswell Allen, a computer programming student at Humber College, is a member of the world renowned Jamaican Bobsled team. He was the third during the crash run in Calgary.

"To say the least, bobsledding is a very hair-raising experience," Allen said. "To be travelling at 120 kmh and crashing, is terrifying."

Fortunately for the entire team nobody was seriously injured, but things could have been much worse.

"The driver's head was dangling outside of the sled and hitting the ice," Allen said. "I tried to reach and pull him in, but I had to protect myself too."

Bewildered and suffering from several bumps and bruises, all four men were able to walk away from the incident.

The crash was the climax of a dream which began in September of 1987.

### crash sequences

According to Allen, 22, a native of Kingston, the idea to have Jamaica represented at the Winter Olympics began with Washington businessman, John Finch.

"He and a few friends were watching some Olympic previews on television and thought it would be a neat if Jamaica took part in the Winter Olympics," he said. "Up to that point, Jamaica had only participated in the Summer Games."

Allen said that Finch organized a meeting for those interested and a turnout of about 65 people were invited to watch a video on bobsledding.

"I'm going to be honest, I didn't know what bobsledding was at all," Allen admitted. "But then nobody cared, all we were concerned about was the Olympics."

Allen figured that the organizing committee was playing head games with those who turned out. The tape explained what a bobsled was and showed what the event looked like, but was primarily made up of crash sequences.

"There were about 65 people watching the film when it began," he said. "When the lights came back on, there were about 40 empty seats."

Following a series of tests which included sprinting (Allen's specialty), weightlifting, and pushing a makeshift bobsled on wheels. The top 10 finishers were chosen to continue.



**Jamaicans on ice?** — The pride of the Caribbean, Jamaica 1, prepares for their ill-fated run down Mount Allen.



PHOTO BY HEATH TOMLINSON

**Winning smile** — Humber computer programming student Caswell Allen represented Jamaica during last winter's Olympics, helping the country's now-famous bobsled team to a respectable 29th place finish. It was Jamaica's first entry in the Winter Games.

"The test was the standard test used by the U.S. Olympic team," Allen added. "What I'm saying is our 10 would have made the U.S. Bobsled team based on our performances."

Finishing sixth, Allen didn't qualify to be among the four chosen to train at Lake Placid, New York. However, there was a bit of controversy behind the selection of the four man team.

"Unfortunately there were two men who made the team, not necessarily on their athletic ability, but because of their aptitude,"

Allen said. "Because one was an engineer and the other was a helicopter pilot, it was felt that they would be more mechanically inclined to drive the bobsled."

As fate would have it, the engineer was sent back after several crashes and his replacement was none other than Caswell Allen.

With the addition of Allen the team stayed intact from that moment on. The squad consisted of driver Dudley Stokes, second Devon Harris, and the fourth Frederick Powell.

At that point, Allen came to Toronto to live with his mother and other members of his family already in Canada.

"It was convenient because I had to train in New York," he said.

Allen said that the month long training period at Lake Placid, 'gruelling.'

### no experience

"We were up at seven and in bed by 11," he said. "We spent five hours a day preparing the runners on the sled then made numerous runs."

Oddly enough, Allen was literally thrown into the fire. He said had no time to be scared because by the time he had finished his first run, it was time to load the sled on a truck to be taken up for another run.

"At the time of my arrival in Lake Placid, I had no basic experience in bobsledding," he said. "They just told me what to do, and I did it."

For their training purposes the Jamaican team had borrowed a U.S. sled, but when they arrived in Calgary they had to invest in their own sled. In order to do so, funds were needed.

According to Allen the Jamaican Bobsled sweatshirts, which went for \$20 U.S., were the hottest item at the games.

"We sold 12,000 in Lake Placid," he said. "In Calgary, we sold in excess of 30,000 shirts. All I can remember is the huge empty boxes which held the sweaters."

The money raised went toward the purchase of a bobsled from the Canadian Bobsledding Federation.

The sled was quickly given Jamaican colors and prepared for competition. Overall the team finished a respectable 29th out of 57 countries. Not bad for a group of athletes that didn't have a clue that the sport even existed six months earlier.

### World Cup

Today the Jamaican bobsled team is still competing. The team doesn't have to sell shirts to support themselves anymore they are now backed by several sponsors, the most notable, Air Jamaica, Sprung, and Appleton Rum. Together the sponsors provide for the cost of their training and competitive expenses.

Allen, who is also a member of the Mazda track team in Toronto, recently returned from a trip to Austria where the Jamaican Bobsled team easily qualified for the 1988 World Cup by finishing third in their zone.

Although he insists that the crash in Calgary had no effect on whether or not he would pursue bobsledding further, Allen hasn't decided one way or the other yet.

"I'll probably be at the 88 World Cup, but after that, I don't know."

# Varsity teams need support

by Heath Thomlinson

An urgent message has been sent from the Humber varsity teams and the Athletic Department: We need your support!

Coming off very successful campaigns last year, the varsity players would like to see more people in the stands at their games.

The men's basketball team finished second in Canada, the women's team captured the OCAA Division II crown, and both volleyball squads qualified for the playoffs, yet very few people turned out to cheer on the teams.

In order to rectify the poor attendance problems of last season, the Athletic department is attempting to join forces with the Food Services Division to try and get more students out to the games.

According to Jim Bialek, Director of Intramural Athletics, plans are in the works to initiate 'Hawk Days' in the Pipe.

These 'Hawk Days' would feature staff from the pipe wearing Hawk warmup tops and involve varsity players distributing pamphlets with information about the upcoming games.

Accompanying the pamphlet

would be a coupon for a free drink, to be validated only if the person shows up to the athletic event.

Also on tap for 'Hawk Days', which would be scheduled on Wednesdays, would be contests held during the event itself. Three people would be chosen at the half of a basketball game or between matches in volleyball to either shoot free throws or serve a volleyball for free lunch coupons provided by Food Services.

If the plans go through as scheduled it is hoped by all concerned that this added incentive will result in a few more fans at Basketball and Volleyball home games.



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**In your face** — Intramural volleyball is starting to heat up at the halfway point of the season.

## Intramural standings tighten up

by Kevin Paterson

The 1988-89 intramural sports program is well under way!

Co-ed softball has gotten off to a swinging start with three teams tied for first place. Radio Pine Raiders, H.T.L., and the Grave Diggers all have five points apiece. Fatal Blow resides in second place with four points, followed by The Team with three. The Lowly Pampers are all wet, as they have yet to record a point.

As the season comes to an end, it appears as though four teams have a strong shot at first place.

With half the schedule complete, co-ed volleyball has some exciting races developing in each division. Here's a look at the standings.

**Grey Division:** Staff A and the Rexdale Fortes are tied with six points apiece and have built a three point lead over the Suicidal Schizophrenics. This

is a tough one to call because both teams have played the same amount of games. But don't be surprised if the Schizophrenics sneak past both those teams.

**Red Division:** This is probably the most competitive division of them all. As of now, the Harveys are on top with nine points. But a fierce struggle is taking place for second place between the Fishers and the Gravediggers. Both teams have seven points apiece.

**Blue Division:** This is shaping up to be a tough struggle for the top three spots in the division. Team Tachacardia is leading the division with nine points, but they have a slim two point margin over Cheers. bopfa is in third place with five points.

**Black Division:** Harm 34 has practically ran away and hid in this division. It leads with nine points. That's a five-point lead over the Kulinary Killers.

For the second year in a row, the Intramural Program at Humber is involved in a co-op program with high school students from Scarlett Heights.

In the program, each high school student is given the opportunity to run a certain intramural event. These duties include writing newsletters, keeping track of divisional standings, and refereeing games.

At the end of each sport, the students receive a grade which is part of their physical education mark for the year.

Jim Bialek, the Director of Intramurals at Humber, feels this is an important program in which the college is involved.

"The students provide us with a lot of help," Bialek explained. "They provide the athletic department with extra staff which is needed in intramurals. Some of them also participate as well."

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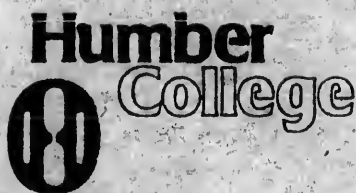
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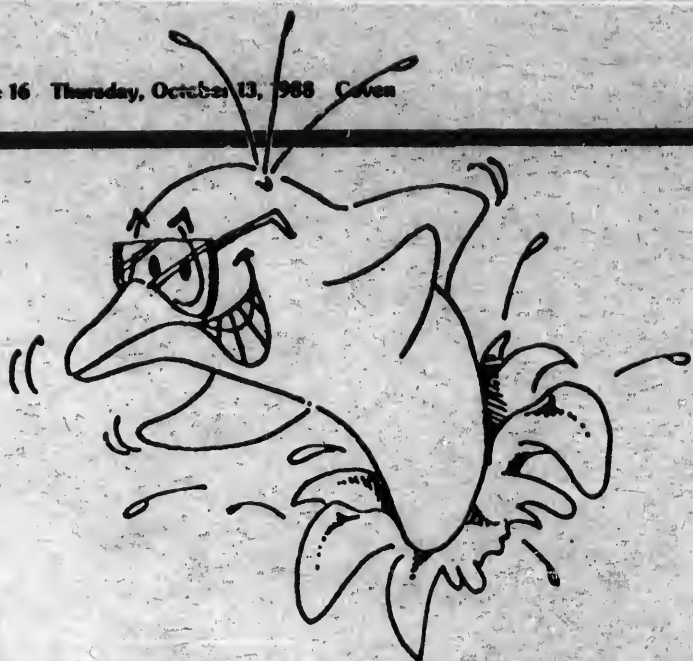
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