

# Province-wide strike possible

by Susan Brandum

The president of the Ontario Public Service Employees Union (OPSEU) threatens a province-wide strike if the Ontario government continues with its policies of cutting back funding to the community colleges and making decisions about the colleges without consulting students and faculty.

Sean O'Flynn, speaking at a press conference in conjunction with Barb Taylor, chairperson of the Ontario Federation of Students

(OFS), announced a joint campaign to "fight government efforts to wreck the community college system."

"We're planning a campaign to ensure the college system is not drastically altered as we know it now, to ensure there will be adequate funding of the college system and to ensure that the Ministry of Colleges and Universities and the Council of Regents talk to the public about what is going on," said Taylor.

This action by the OFS and OPSEU was initiated by two documents. The first was a letter written on Dec. 14, 1981, from the Metro Toronto region college presidents to Bette Stephenson, Minister of Colleges and Universities. In it, Georgian College President Wayne Busch warns the press may report "several hundred people currently employed by the Metro Colleges (Centennial, George Brown, Georgian, Humber, Seneca and

Sheridan) face the real prospect of layoffs or termination in the next six months."

In order to reduce the estimated \$14.5 million total deficit of the six colleges, the presidents advise a reduction in class hours, the lengthening of the academic year and the rationalization of programs.

The second document also refers to a longer school year. The college growth study was prepared by a government task force

and was leaked to the press by the OFS.

O'Flynn warned a longer school year would have serious consequences. "It would have great impact on the kind of student who is able to afford to go to community college. It will no longer be an opportunity for people from the lower middle class and working class to attend community colleges. It would be a case of being able to afford college rather than being able to work during an extended vacation to pay for it. College will be very restricted."

If rationalization of programs takes place, Taylor said students will be unable to study in their home town.

Mark Rosenthal, an OFS researcher, said the report shows the quality of education in community colleges has diminished over the past five years, due mainly to underfunding and that the most striking problem is that of accessibility.

"The college system would have to expand by 20 to 25 per cent if all the people who wanted to get in and were qualified, could."

O'Flynn quoted from the report and said the task force requested "comprehensive input" from all colleges on two occasions, but "there was no input from two very important sources, the students and the faculty, and there were no students or staff representatives on the task force."

"We want the province to discuss the problems with student and staff representatives and arrive at resolutions in a way that will meet everybody's needs."

O'Flynn went on to say, "There is a great gap in credibility on the part of the government when they are talking of more jobs but cutting funds to community colleges...investment in education is a wise investment."

Taylor said the report is now before an internal committee which is examining the future of education in Ontario and Stephenson will make an announcement concerning this in March.

Following the conference last week, OPSEU members planned to meet to discuss a strategy. OFS members planned to discuss their actions at their annual conference at Humber College this past weekend.

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## Program available to assist faculty

by Donna Quartermain and Savka Banjac

Many teachers have been around for more than 10 years, but they may not know as much as you think they do.

To help teachers keep in touch with their profession, the Board of Governors introduced a faculty renewal program in 1979. Teachers are required to spend eight weeks in their field over a period of three years. Carl Erik-

sen, dean of applied arts, said most teachers take the program in May or June.

Gus King, dean of Human Studies, said the program is designed to get teachers out of the classroom, and encourage some changes now being offered to various divisions.

Vice President Academic, Tom Norton, is concerned with the small number of staff who are not keeping themselves current.

The major single strength of Humber College is the competence of the teaching staff, according to the Faculty Renewal Report presented at last Tuesday's program meeting.

According to the report, teaching competence can be evaluated by assessing teaching skills, knowledge of current trends and teaching techniques, and by studying the phenomenon known as "teacher fatigue"—the teacher's equivalent of battle fatigue.

The report stated one way to determine a teacher's competence is through his personality, sense of

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## LS1 centre needs help

by Deb Lang

Lakeshore 1's Student Union (SU) is looking for people to help run the new Student Centre during the summer months.

According to the Student Council Advisor, Pat Stocks, SU cannot afford to keep their present secretary, Shelia Horan, employed during this period.

"OCAP (Ontario Career Action Program) is paying my wages until the end of January. Then the Student Union picks up the tab. They can only afford to pay me until the end of April," said 17-year-old Horan.

Horan has been rehired for next September, when SU receives their new budget, but until then, someone is needed to supervise the offices.

"I'm trying desperately to help the Union. It's a very busy, very important area," Stocks said "(one) that I feel strongly about."

"I'll volunteer to cover for anyone who can't work certain days, as long as I get time off. What we really need is someone constantly there to watch the office, the games room and the quiet lounge, otherwise the rooms are open to vandalism," said Horan, who has been employed at the College for about three months.

Although the issue has not been formally discussed, suggestions have been made to shorten the working hours.

"It's only my idea," said Stocks, "but it's possible that shortening the hours would lift the pressure off many people,"



PHOTO BY DAVE SILBURT

**It's all ours now**—Mechanical drafting student David Nakashima plays pool in the games room, at the North campus Gordon Wragg Student Centre. The centre, now paid for, remains a monument to Humber's first president. See page 2.

## Lakeshore 1 cries Woolfe

by Caroline Soltys

Who's Afraid of Virginia Woolf? Not the Drama Society at the Lakeshore (LS) 1 campus.

This group of 10 students decided at their first meeting back in September, to make the commitment to tackle the famous Edward Albee play.

Who's Afraid of Virginia Woolf? won the Tony award for best play in 1962.

It was the director of the society and also a Teacher's Master at LS1, Joe Kertes, who thought of this particular play.

"It will require tremendous dramatic poise from the actors," says Kertes.

He also said this play was the most economically feasible to produce.

Being involved in a professional production is not a new experience for many of the cast

members. In fact, while an undergraduate, Kertes directed Our Town by Thornton Wilder.

Tracy Bisson a Business Administrative student got the ball rolling in the beginning by organizing the first meeting. She was involved in experimental theatre at Huron Park where she

performed in Child Psychology written solely by the cast.

Interested individuals are still needed to join the society.

"We need numerous people for backstage work," Bisson says.

Who's Afraid of Virginia Woolf?, by Lakeshore's Drama Society, plans to make their debut

the second week of April and will be open to everyone.

Says Bisson, "it's taken time, but everything is slowly falling together."

The next meeting is today at 3:30 p.m. in the auditorium, which is located beside the athletic centre.

## Christmath contest winners

by Susan Perry

While Christmas has been with us for two thousand years, Christmath has only been around a mere seven.

It's a yearly event organized by the Lakeshore 1 Math Department and while only Lakeshore 1, Lakeshore 2 and Keelestdale students have been eligible to sit for the hour-long test so far, plans are in the works to expand to the

North campus, according to Lakeshore Math Department Coordinator Alex Fironi.

137 students wrote the Dec. 16 test, and 40 were awarded cash prizes and certificates signed by Dean Richard Hook.

The first 10 won for achievement, but 10 of the remaining 30 names were drawn at random.

The contest is "part math, part fun," said chief organizer Terry Joy.

Winning first prize and \$50 this year were: Christine Boucher (Industrial Resource Centre, Lakeshore 2) and Eiko Kikuchi (Keelestdale), both receiving the President's Award; and Deborah Lynne Gabriel (Lakeshore 1) and John Riddell (Technology, Lakeshore 2), winning Dean Hook's Award.

A \$40 second prize, four \$30 third prizes and 31 prizes of \$20 each were also awarded.

# Music department hires well-known band conductor

by Susan Brandum

Howard Cable, the well-known musician and band conductor at the Royal York Hotel's Imperial Room, begins a new career today as leader of Humber's concert band, replacing Bramwell Smith.

"I'm very excited about it," said Cable. "I've heard a lot about Humber."

Cable, who frequently acts as a guest conductor across the country, is chief arranger for the Canadian Brass and musical director at the Banff Centre School of Fine Arts.

Normally unflappable Dean Carl Eriksen of Applied Arts was ecstatic about hiring Cable.

"I think this is a real scoop for Humber. We felt he would be the absolute best we could get in Canada."

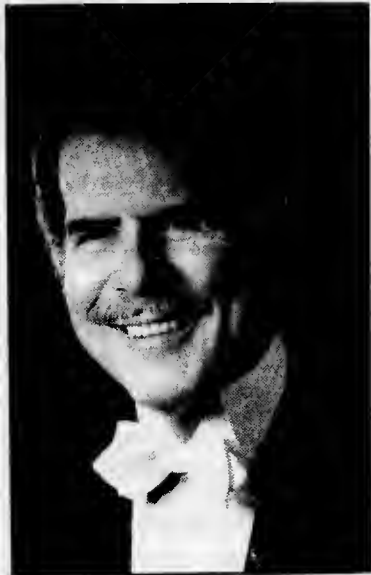
Other top-name musicians contacted also showed interest in taking the concert band.

Bobby Harriet, who plays in Cable's band, and Rob McConnell and Guido Basso, both of the Boss Brass, all said they would enjoy the responsibility.

Cable had an unsatisfactory experience in music education years ago when the quality of the students didn't meet his standards. But he's not worried about that at Humber.

"I'm expecting a high calibre student," he said.

In fact he has four former Humber music students in his band at the Imperial Room and both Ron Collier and Don



**Howard Cable**

Johnson, of the music faculty, used to work with him.

Cable already has plans for the concert band this year.

"I see no sense in using a musical group in a vacuum. I want to make it a performance group and get them on stage."

This may mean the concert band will be performing at high schools and resurrecting its Sunday afternoon concerts.

Although Cable's agreement with the college is only for this semester, if the arrangement works, Eriksen "would be delighted if Cable would pursue a full contract with us."

"Next year I hope to do some jazz ensembles," said Cable.

Although Cable's name may be more of a household word to parents of most college students than it is to students themselves, Cable said, "That's good because I want to make (the music students) aware of me by showing them what I can do. I want to get to know everyone."

# Teachers do some learning

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commitment, and interest in young people.

At Humber, this process includes an interview with colleagues, Co-ordinators, Chairmen, Deans and the Vice-President Academic.

The next step is a two-year Professional Development process that exposes teachers to different classroom techniques. At the end of the two years, the Chairmen and Dean evaluate the teachers.

The teachers are encouraged to use new teaching techniques and

better methods of communicating with students.

According to the report, if teachers don't continue to update themselves, especially in technology, they end up teaching the history of their area and not current practice.

## Mortgage is paid off by SAC

With high mortgage and interest rates, it's difficult for many to own a home and keep up with the economy, but ownership plays a different tune for the Students Association Council (SAC).

According to SAC Treasurer Frank Godfrey, SAC made the last payment for the Student Centre on Dec. 31, 1981.

The building has now been paid in full and SAC owns it, more or less, though the building stands on government property, he said.

Celebration often occurs with mortgage-burning parties, but for SAC it was a quiet affair. Godfrey said not many people knew about the final payment and there was "no special ceremony."

Teachers can update themselves through contract work in the industry, attend seminars, and make use of sabbatical leaves.

The report stated that different divisions have tackled faculty renewal in several ways. In technology, the effect of industry training in electronics and mechanics has been very powerful. Most of the technology faculty are involved in this type of work and must be up to date so they can provide technical updating seminars to firms such as IBM and Xerox.

Most of Humber's regular technology and business faculty also teach students in Continuing Education programs. These students are working in the industry and have a good knowledge of new industrial methods.

In the technology division, special upgrading sessions are always being held by teachers with specialized knowledge, for the benefit of teachers requiring new skills.

A Faculty Evaluation Committee is examining the criteria for an updated faculty evaluation system. The committee must decide if all teachers, regardless of the area of study, should be evaluated by the same criteria, and if not, how they should standardize it.

**You said it**  
This week, Coven asked Do you think Humber should show skin flicks?

**Frank Pavlovic,**  
General Arts and Sciences—

"Only if they're educational."

**Fraser Simpson,**  
2nd year Business Admin—

"Yes. It's spiritually uplifting."

**Gino Conte,**  
3rd-year Radio—

"No. They are boring, tasteless, and there's no art."

**Kelly Hunter,**  
2nd-year General Business—

"No. It was in bad taste. There were lesbians and stuff. I'd rather make my own movie."

**Lynn Maggio,**  
2nd-year General Business—

"Yes. I want to see Flesh Gordon. I want to see MALE flesh."



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by Marc Swanson

Students considering the use of Humber's placement office to help them find a summer job should start working on it now said Martha Casson, director of Placement Services.

"I wouldn't wait," she said. "A lot of employers like to sew things up early."

According to Casson, many students become involved in schoolwork and let the summer job searching slide.

"I would suggest students make out their applications before exams."

A summer job can be a career move as well as an opportunity to make money. One advantage, of using the placement office, is students can find a job relating to their field of studies since companies recruiting for full-time

## Job loss possibility if courses cancelled

by Wayne Karl

As many as 35 St. Lawrence College instructors will lose their jobs if the school's administration goes ahead with plans to cancel 28 programs, the Ontario Public Service Employees Union (OPSEU) learned last week.

Several courses will be dropped from each of the college's Kingston, Cornwall and Brockville campuses, affecting hundreds of students.

Ron Kelly, president of OPSEU Local 471 in Kingston claims not one faculty member was informed of the cancellations, adding he thought there was no apparent reason.

"It's absurd. I was shocked when I learned the St. Lawrence Board of Governors actually approved the suspension of the 28 courses rather than introduce a phase-out system.

"First they drop the bomb, then they don't justify it. These are courses, such as Child Care, which are in great demand and they've chosen to eliminate them."

Kelly said some faculty were handed involuntary transfers in early Dec. 1981 because their courses were being relocated.

"Some instructors were given \$500 to make the move from Kingston to Brockville, and these are people who have been teaching here for 15 years or so. The administration promised to lay off only five instructors—now this," he said.

Also on the administration's agenda, Kelly said, are plans to reduce weekly teaching hours of the unaffected courses from 27 to 22.

This reduction will result in the academic year extending into late May, detrimentally affecting student summer work and job placement.

But the overwhelming issue in connection with the course cancellations has to do with status of the St. Lawrence bank account.

Both Kelly and Wally Brooker, a spokesman for the Ontario Federation of Students, said the college has a surplus of \$2.1 million somewhere.

Both agree lack of money cannot be the reason for the courses being cancelled.

"St. Lawrence claims to have spent \$800,000 of that money, but

graduates are also looking for summer help.

"A lot of them tend to be the traditional recruiters," Casson said.

She explained Humber students have an advantage in the summer job-hunt, because "even a first-year student has hands-on experience, so they're useful to employers."

Both federal and provincial

governments hire large numbers of students for the summer, she said.

The Ontario government's Student Venture Capital Program will even lend students an interest-free \$1000 to start their own business for the summer.

Some positions, available through the placement office, are posted on the college television monitors.

## Typing course available

by Bruce Turner

A mini-course designed to train students on computer/word processing terminals began January 18 at Humber College.

The course teaches students basic keyboard techniques in four one-hour sessions. Instruction

will be automated, with 12 films—three per class.

By substituting the traditional teaching method with this approach, the students may reach proficiency in 12 hours less than the usual time, according to instructor Carol McCause.

She feels the course is indispensable.

"The student is very relaxed and there is consistency, which is very important."

Students interested in acquiring more than basic keyboard skills may take a follow-up course.

"There is a great demand for graduates entering the work force who are adept at computer word processing terminals," said Joan Girvan, Chairman of the Business Division.

The course is being taught in room 112 and instruction is offered on a first come, first served basis.

they give no explanation of where the money went," Kelly said.

"Therefore our conclusion is mismanagement—they lost the money one way or another. We hope to have the provincial Auditor-General conduct an investigation."

St. Lawrence College Kingston campus faculty and students are staging a mass rally this week.

## Plantscape course on the horizon

by Teresa Cosentini

Humber's Applied Arts division may have a new program next semester, called Interior Plantscaping, according to Art Coles, director of the Arboretum.

Formerly a night school class, Interior Plantscaping was found to have a demand that couldn't be met unless it was also introduced as a full-time program.

The highly specialized program will be available to second-year landscaping students.

Approximately 70 students, in the final stage before graduation, are presently enrolled in the night school classes.

"I've had at least one call a day

since the beginning of January from employers looking for employees with this special skill," Coles said.

He said offices are now making their working areas as attractive and comfortable as possible.

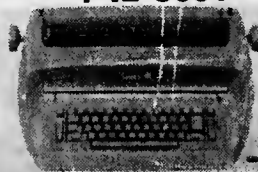
"Studies have shown that offices with plants have a higher production rate than those without.

"We spend about 90 per cent of our time indoors, therefore we need an area that is attractive."

Because of the high demand for people with skill in plantscaping, Coles is fairly certain the program will be available for next semester.

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These candidates will have one week to talk about the issues to you. These people will be working for you next year, and will be facing the issues that concern you, from government underfunding to course problems.

The candidates will be asking you to support them in the election Feb. 1 and 2, and throughout next year. The people who you elect will be your representatives to the administration, the government and to the various student groups in the province and country.

You will have an opportunity to hear these people Wednesday, Jan. 27 in the concourse. Prepare yourself for the election, listen to what they want to do with your Student Association.

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## Up in the air

Nominations closed last Friday for President of the Students Council Association.

Unfortunately, we're not sure just what that position is. Is it a full-time paying job or will it remain the same as it is now?

SAC recently approved in principle, a motion which would see the president working full-time and earning \$200 per week.

Since the issue is still being discussed, the role of the council president is clouded, giving rise to several questions.

How can SAC expect prospective nominees to seriously consider running for president when they don't even know what that position entails?

No one in their right mind applies for a job without knowing the consequences, that is, whether they must sacrifice next year's studies.

There are still more questions.

What if a president is elected who expects to take a year off his studies, and then the whole full-time paying scheme falls through?

The "what ifs" continue ad nauseum...

We recognize these are difficult times for SAC. Almost everyone within the organization is overworked. Yet it was their responsibility to clear the air and decide on a policy.

SAC should now put off changing the policy until next year so the next president will be fully aware, and hence fully prepared, for what is to come.

SAC should have made clear its intentions well before nominations were called. Since they failed to, we assume those who applied for the president's job either place great faith in the system, or are foolish.

We hope it's the latter.

## Buffoons

Once again, a noted few of CAPS diehard devotees have managed to behave irresponsibly. And in so doing, these belligerent buffoons have been a contributing factor in the Liquor License Review Board's decision to cut CAPS capacity by 115 people.

Although the report (based on a Nov. inspection) cited a regulation limiting the number of people allowed into a facility with a dance floor, it was only suggested that capacity changes be made. So why implement them?

Because CAPS employees are hoping they can control 387 students better than they've been handling 502.

Unfortunately, what the inspector witnessed in November was nothing new. She saw someone leaving the pub with a beer, pub employees chatting together, overconsumption of alcohol, and what she described as a "repugnant mess" at the end of the evening.

On top of all this, and as a direct result of pub employee's inability to control patrons as well as themselves, age of majority cards will be the only acceptable identification for entrance. But for those students over the age of 25 this may pose a problem: When the drinking age was 18 in 1975, age of majority cards were not yet available and did not become available for several years. By the time they were, many felt it was not necessary to apply considering their advanced age.

Well, lets just hope that the 115 people who are barred entry because of this include at least a few of the jerks who are responsible for it.

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Letters

## Students not crybabies

With regard to the editorial that appeared in the Jan. 18 Coven, I think the writer made a perfect ass of himself.

In order to write a good editor-

ial, I think the writer should know more than just the basics of the topic. This writer, however, knew very little.

Those "crybaby" Fanshawe

students say they tolerated inadequate course facilities for quite a period of time. They say they did in fact try to "forcefully negotiate," as you say, but to no effect. That, my son, is why they "so childishly" took over their dean's office and demanded changes be made.

Free publicity? You obviously don't remember the Humber Theatre Arts protest a while back. The circumstances were a little different mind you, but the main reason for the protest was very similar.

Students are simply not going to stand by and let their education slip through their fingers because of the provincial government. No matter what it takes to save any part of a program from the dragons, we students should take hold and fight.

Are you aware of the fact that Joe Gauci and staff sent a letter of support to the London school? Then how the hell can you comment on "hurting the image" of such regulatory bodies when your own school supports the action?

Suppose your journalism co-ordinator announces that funds available for your course must be cut by 40 per cent. That means taking away four of your VDT machines, supplying no photo chemicals, and various other chops that have detrimental effects. Would not you and your fellow students go to extremes to save yourselves if "forceful negotiation" didn't work?

Wayne Karl  
Journalism

### Coven thought

It seems Coven staff are not the only ones beset by typographical gremlins. A recent communique from Board of Governors chairman Ivy Glover said the Governors are "proud of Gordon (Wragg's) achievements in nurturing and developing Humber..." Of course, she meant "nurturing." She wouldn't have meant "neutering," would she? Nah.

## Speak Easy

by Don Redmond

*Occasionally in the course of history, an event occurs that the scribes feel has little relevance and thus it is never recorded.*

*Today, this column is dedicated to enlightening the Humber masses to something that they might've never known.*

*The journalism intramural hockey team, the Hosers, are history.*

*Last Wednesday, we hung up our dull blades (and even duller abilities) for the season, following a two-game total-point, 15-4 loss.*

*But we are not discouraged, hell no. In fact, we're pleased with ourselves.*

*At the beginning of the season, we could be beaten 15-4 in one game. This time, it took two.*

*Not only that but the other team was loaded with ringers (e.g. Hawk cuts, 8' 9" goons).*

*We did not resort to such desperate and sleazy methods.*

*Besides, Darryl Sittler wouldn't answer our phone calls. (We heard he wasn't busy that week).*

*So we decided to go out and get creamed without Darryl's help. I hope he can't sleep knowing he missed the opportunity to play with the one team in existence that he actually could have helped.*

*Besides Sittler's absence, we can't figure what was wrong with us.*

*Our goalie—the one who's bowlegged—played well. In fact, he admitted afterwards that he kept his eyes open almost half the game. That's twice as long as usual.*

*Our defencemen, who make a perfect non-edible substitute for swiss cheese, decked anyone who came near our blueline. Unfortunately, it's a non-contact league and bodychecks are a penalty. (We're the only team in the league with two benches—our regular one and the penalty box).*

*Our forwards dug into their corners with rare ferocity...even when the play was in our end. So what if they were out of the play? They've got heart.*

*Our only problem is the poor turnout for our team. But I have a solution.*

*Journalism has a large number of hefty females who must have some Russian blood in them somewhere. Anyone who's alive knows what those Ruskies are like on ice. Hell, they're screaming, ravaging, limb-tearing murder!*

*Although a co-ed hockey team might not do any better on the ice, the morale in the dressing room would certainly be high.*

*In the meantime, the Hosers are starting a petition stating that beer-drinking should replace hockey as Canada's national sport.*

*Let's see anyone try and heat us then!*



## High school confidential

# Victims of system

by Dave Silburt

The quality of education is very strained. It falters as the gentle rain from the Ministry of Education, and that Ministry is preparing to give Ontario high school students a liberal dose of "life skills" as part of a new curriculum guideline.

The guideline, due to be tested in 29 Ontario high schools starting in September, will make mandatory the study of life skills involving career planning, fitness, aging, food, nutrition and home maintenance, among others.

Critics of the idea say the high schools would be better off teaching students to read and write.

The view that many high school graduates are bereft of the most basic skills in reading, writing and arithmetic, is widespread.

"It's very, very true," says Austra Karka, Co-ordinator of the Language Development Centre and Math Development Centre. The centres offer remedial classes specifically to teach some Humber students skills they didn't learn in high school.

### "We find a large proportion who lack basic skills."

"We find a large proportion (of students) who lack the very basic skills," she says. Yet, she is reluctant to blame the high school system for the problem.

"I don't want to say the high schools are not preparing students."

But Desmond Morton, an instructor of history at the University of Toronto's Erindale College, doesn't mind saying it, and has done so in the pages of the Toronto Star.

In a recent column, Morton said an educational system which has difficulty teaching its students to read and write, will only be further undermined by the new stress on life skills.

Do all students come out of high school without proper English skills? "Some do; some don't," is Morton's curt response. But as a teacher, he believes he is spending far too much time correcting punctuation and grammar—rather than the subject at hand—and the inevitable result is a degradation of the quality of instruction.

"What we have in Ontario is educational inflation," says Morton.

The process begins early according to Morton, who says skills formerly taught in grade one are now taught in grade two or three.

The result? The process is carried on all through the long educational tunnel, and students emerge lacking in skills they would, in an earlier time, have been forced to acquire.



GAS student Paul Smith, from behind his stack of books at the LDC, is philosophical about studying high school subjects at Humber: "Those sent here shouldn't think of it as a stigma."

Creative and Communication Arts dean Larry Holmes shares Karka's reluctance to smear the blame on high schools.

"I guess they're doing their job as they see it," says Holmes. "But I think they have given the student insufficient guidance, insufficient direction."

According to Holmes, the high school curriculum which produced today's crop of college students is composed mainly of electives. And therein lie the seeds of the problem.

"It presents courses like a smorgasbord: There's a table, and you help yourself to this educational meal. And they help themselves to whatever involves the least effort."

But it is wrong, says Human Studies program co-ordinator Jim MacDonald, to infer from this that today's students are not bright. Says MacDonald: "Kids are very good, very bright. You can tell by the way they talk about literature. But they need to be taught more basic skills."

So why is the Ministry deciding to stress "life skills" such as wallpaper hanging or time management? At the focus of the question sits Dorothy McPhedran, the educational officer at the Ministry of Education who was largely responsible for writing the new draft guideline on life skills courses.

She has noted the editorial scorn heaped on her project ("I read newspapers," she says) but remains uncowed.

"It's not an either-or situation," she insists, saying the Ministry "still requires competency" in reading, writing and arithmetic.

But McPhedran says life skills represent a necessary addition. "Life skills management is intended to provide a person with the opportunity to learn the skills necessary to manage their own lives."

But is it appropriate to make such studies mandatory in a system which still produces graduates who are, by some standards, illiterate? McPhedran steps aside carefully, letting the question pass.

### "Students come and tell me, we never had to write."

"I think that in all areas of the curriculum we should be working toward bettering the quality of education," she says in measured tones.

"Students must still be competent in literacy and numeracy."

Indeed they should be, agree the college educators. And indeed, many are not.

Though not necessarily illiterate, a certain percentage of high school grads may be considered illiterate by some standards, explains Holmes, adding that CCA standards are necessarily high.

"We find ourselves spending a lot of time trying to make them literate."

To that end, Karka operates the Language Development Centre and the Math Development Centre, to give new students a place to turn before they get in over their heads.

"Students will come in and tell me, 'we never had to write in high school,'" says Karka, describing the plight of students suddenly immersed in the unforgiving reality of Humber College.

Karka, along with two other instructors in the Language Development Centre, provides the help Humber freshmen may need in English proficiency. Two other instructors provide needed help for students in the Math Development Centre.

But the centres are a treatment, not a cure. According to Part-Time Studies Co-ordinator Bill Bayes, the school system has an image problem, and should work to rebuild confidence in it.

"Schools are trying to do too much," he says. "They should teach the basics first, and then worry about life skills."

Life skills, traditionally taught at home by parents, will soon be taught—like it or not—in high schools by teachers.

Basic skills, supposedly taught in high school, are being taught at Humber College, by Karka and others—and business is booming.

Would it be unfair to say the high schools are not doing their jobs? Perhaps. Perhaps not.

Says Karka: "I think about that every day."



Students at the Math Development Centre write a test designed to show whether they need remedial classes in mathematics. The test will show them what areas they must concentrate on.

## Breaking language barriers

by Dave Silburt

In the restful quiet of the Language Development Centre in room E-345, a dark-eyed young man puts down his pencil, and listens for a contemplative moment to the sighing of the ventilation system.

"The only problem," says Nick Pappas, to his interviewer, "is the language. It's difficult."

Yet, talking to the first-year General Arts and Science (GAS) student, you get the distinct idea you couldn't do as well with Greek, in only one year, as he has done with English.

Pappas, 20, is typical of Humber students to whom English is a second language: He thinks the LDC can mean the difference between success and failure.

But Pappas and others like him—the Persian-speaking student, the Arabic-speaking student—are not the only ones working quietly amid the ruffle of pages and the soft *scribble* of pencils in the LDC.

The centre also hosts students to whom English is a first language—students who came out of high school and into a college which demands greater English proficiency than is required to earn a high school diploma.

Paul Smith is a first-year GAS student who knows exactly why he finds himself—along with other high school graduates—spending college time studying high school subjects. It's simply because the high school program is inadequate, he says. Subjects which should be mandatory are instead optional.

"It's not just English, but other subjects, too," says Smith from behind a considerable mound of books, at a desk in the LDC.

"You could go through high school without going through grade 12 math."

Smith, who attended high school in Sudbury, is no dummy. He is an alert young man who is quite willing to devote some of his own time at Humber to learn what high school didn't teach him.

Does he feel cheated by the high school system? Flashing a disarming smile, he stops short of damning the high school system. But his criticism is based on the knowledge of having been there.

"I know the mechanisms for writing an essay, but I need more polish...the teachers (in high school) didn't centre on the basics."

The teachers, according to Smith, are not at fault because stress on basics should originate higher up on the bureaucratic totem pole, at the Ministry of Education.

Whatever the cause for his need of the LDC, Smith regards the centre as a lifeline he is not ashamed to grab hold of. And he heartily recommends others use it for all it's worth.

"Those who are sent here should not think of it as a stigma."

# Student budgets can be stretched

by Carolyn Kirch

January is traditionally the month when resolutions, new diets and revised budgets catch up with us.

For college and university students, tight budgets and a shortage of money are a daily fact of life. The following collection of hints and tips may help you stretch those important dollars you spend on self-maintenance.

- Warped record? Place it between two sheets of glass and leave in the sun on a flat surface for a day or two. It will straighten right out.

- Don't buy expensive Saran wrap; save your bread bags. They'll do the same jobs and more.

- To fix a speaker rattle, take the speaker apart and you will probably find a crack in the cone. A dab of clear nail polish will mend it.

- Automatic dish-washer powder is absolutely the greatest for stubborn stains. White gym socks soaked overnight in a half cup of powder and water will come out looking like snow. A cup of this plus detergent in the washing machine will make

dingy, stained polyesters bright and clean. For extra stubborn stains, make a paste, rub in, then wash.

- Have a run in your pantyhose? Cut the leg off and match it up with another one-legged pair.

- Stretch your bath powder by mixing it half and half with inexpensive cornstarch.

- Always running out of shampoo? Get together with a friend and buy a gallon of concentrate (it will cost about \$25) from a Beauty Salon Supply House. Most will make up to 20 gallons of shampoo—enough for both of you for about two years.

- Marking pen dried up? Remove the bottom cap, add a few drops of warm water and shake.

- Revive dried-up mascara by placing the closed tube under running hot water for several minutes. The mascara will soften and be useable.

- Buy a gallon of all-purpose cleaning concentrate from any professional cleaning service. Not only will it make up 10 or 15 gallons of solution, but it will clean everything, from floors to bathrooms to windows.



PHOTO BY DAVE SILBURI

**They all look alike**—Humber gave visiting Ontario Federation of Students (OFS) members the same warm welcome accorded the Council of Regents during the holidays.

# Christians flock to LS

by Christine McLean

Are you interested in taking control of your own life?

Well, Lakeshore 1's Christian Fellowship Society may be what you're looking for.

According to one of the members, Marketing Student Curtis Bryce, "our fellowship is there and a lot of people on this Campus believe in a born-again experience."

"Just because you're in a garage doesn't mean you're a car," says

Bryce, explaining that all churchgoers are not necessarily good Christians.

Bryce believes personal evaluation and an acceptance of God are the only ways to attain true Christianity.

Christian fellowship members hope to fulfill two goals: To bring together all other Christians in the school, and to share their Christian beliefs with others.

Humber student Anthony Paloschuk, responsible for forming the

fellowship, says Christianity has put his life in perspective and "means having control of my life regardless of the circumstances".

Christianity, he says, involves a commitment to take responsibility for all of one's actions.

Paloschuk was also involved in The Christian Fellowship Society at George Brown College when he attended school there.

"It was very popular with a membership of 15 to 20 people," he said.

The first meeting of the semester was informal and friendly, with an open discussion of Christian faith and philosophy.

Five people shared their ideologies and read from the Bible.

The Christian Fellowship Society meets every Wednesday at 2:30 p.m. in room B305.

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# Hot spot tips for Humber students

by Gary Hogg

Many students at Humber like to enjoy a relaxing beer after a gruelling day of classes. That's why SAC sponsors CAPS, Humber's own pub, open four days a week.

Not all students, however, have timetables corresponding with the pub's sparse hours. Therefore, students might like to know about other watering holes located near the college.

The closest of the nearby hang-outs is Spats. From the college, it's just a short drive down High-

way 27, then turn right onto Rexdale Boulevard.

Spats offers nightly entertainment, and the cover charge for the rock oriented bands they book usually runs around \$3.

During the day, beer is \$1.50, and liquor is \$2.10. At night, the price rises to \$1.80 for a beer, and \$2.30 for a shot.

Spats is well known to many students for a nearby liquid lunch, and the nightly entertainment successfully draws more than a few Humberites.

If you're not into the Spats at-

mosphere and would prefer something a little quieter, the El Condor Restaurant and Tavern can be found two blocks north of the college on Highway 27.

The El Condor offers country and western entertainment, and beer can be had for \$1.35.

As for the male students at the college, if you and the boys want to go out for a beer and be entertained at the same time, the Monarch Tavern and its exotic dancers is only five minutes away on Albion Road, east of Highway 27.

The Monarch plays host to a fair

number of Humber students on a regular basis despite the rather high prices: Beer is sold for \$2.25 (domestic), and liquor goes for \$2.80.

Another good bar for nightly entertainment, the Queensbury Arms, takes a little longer to get to, but is well worth the trip.

The Queensbury Arms, with its Old English decor, plays host to many popular rock and roll bands every night of the week. There's no cover charge from Monday to Wednesday, and Thursday through Saturday it costs only \$2 to get in.

At the Queensbury, beer goes for \$1.80 a bottle, and liquor is \$2.35. Location: Just north of Eg-

lington, on Weston Road.

Of course, for that nice evening out, or an almost-nutritious lunch, both Frank Vetere's and Stash O'Neill's are just across the street from the Monarch Tavern on Albion Road. But remember, to drink there, you have to order something to eat. (Of course, no one says you have to eat it.)

Now that the Ontario government has allowed drinking establishments to open at 11 a.m., students who finish classes early in the day can start their socializing before noon.

And, for many, the 1 a.m. closing time at these bars certainly beats the six o'clock shut-down at CAPS.

## SAC is offering Sugarbush to schussing ski bums

by Audrey Green

The snow has arrived, winter is here again and for all devoted ski buffs, the Students Association Council (SAC) has an offer you may not want to refuse.

Students can spend reading week, Feb. 28 to March 6, schussing the slopes at Sugarbush in Vermont for \$199 U.S.

"The trip is really cheap," said Liz Parsonage, a second-year Technology student and organizer of the trip. "There's a great night life there," she added.

The cost includes accommodation for five days in a condominium, fully equipped with kitchen and fireplace, and a five-day ski lift ticket which can be used on two different mountains. Bus transportation to Vermont and back is also included.

"This is (SAC's) first try (at organizing a ski trip)," said

Sandra DiCresce, activities co-ordinator for SAC.

Sugarbush has two mountains, 73 trails and 13 ski lifts, including a gondola and triple chair lift.

According to Parsonage, the night life is also exciting because there are many restaur-

ants, bars and other activities available in the ski community.

"There's an additional charge, however, for the athletics centre," she said.

Proto Tours in Toronto will rent ski equipment for the entire trip for \$36.

## Payment forthcoming

By Audrey Green

The Students Association Council (SAC) Finance Committee last Monday approved payment for the 8,500 Humber handbooks (calendars) ordered for 1981.

A cheque will be sent to Ford Printing and Packaging Ltd. for \$9,405 to cover the handbooks' total cost.

But the company is also charging \$350 for overtime spent to assure on-time delivery.

According to SAC Treasurer Frank Godfrey, the handbooks arrived six or seven weeks late and SAC therefore won't pick up the

overtime tab. When the cheque is sent, a letter to that effect will accompany it, said Godfrey.

SAC also saved \$1,737 by not paying the nine per cent federal and seven per cent provincial sales tax. The tax is classified as an educational deduction for instructional material.

Godfrey said SAC had budgeted the total cost at \$8,000, but in fact under-budgeted by \$1,405. The extra money will be diverted from other areas of SAC.

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**Library suffering growing pains**

by Donna Quartermain

There may be insufficient space at Humber's North campus library, but there is no lack of books.

The library has a collection of 100,000 books, including 600 titles and periodicals—the second largest collection among community colleges, according to Senior Reference Librarian Cheryl Moore.

Moore says there is a problem with space, and Humber ranks

third lowest among community colleges in seating capacity, with almost 8,000 full-time students at North campus, the library has only 220 desks and chairs. Moore says the library needs some large study tables and a quiet room, but financial cutbacks are making it difficult to expand facilities.

"With the cutbacks, we have to be more careful in our selection of books and periodicals," said Moore.

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