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Glenn Teneycke

JACKPOT!—A jubilant Jennifer Hilborn, chair of special events for the public relations week of fund-raising, hoists a cheque worth over \$725. Andrew Keffer's lucky 60/40 ticket was the winner.

"Zero" tolerance blasted at forum

by Cynthia Keeshan

Humber's new policy on dealing with harassment and discrimination is paving the "road to Hell," said one faculty member.

The Council of Regent's public forum Feb. 23 for the prevention of harassment and discrimination in Ontario colleges, turned from a discussion into a heated debate over academic freedom and freedom of speech.

Commenting on the Ontario government's new "zero tolerance" policy, human studies teacher Gary Noseworthy said, "I have no problems with the intent of this policy."

"My problem is with the sweeping ramifications of this policy and our inability to respond to it with regard to the concerns I have for our freedom of speech."

The debate continued when human resources representative, Sandra DiCresce, attempted to defend the policy.

Noseworthy asked why the policy could not simply state an adherence by the college to the Canadian Charter of Rights.

DiCresce responded: "It was not in the best interest of this college not to have this policy. Without it, every complaint would go to the Human Rights Commission," costing the college valuable time and money.

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Humber student charged with forgery

by Michelle Wamboldt

A Humber student has been charged with forgery and attempted fraud after a Jan. 21 incident on Humber's North campus, police said.

According to Detective Robert Sim of the Metro Police, the accused is alleged to have drafted a letter to the registrar's office in order to gain access to another student's tuition fees. The accused then allegedly filled out a withdrawal form and signed the other student's name, said Sim.

Registrar Martha Casson said the form was processed based on the forgery which was "a good facsimile" of the

signature on record.

No identification is requested when a student fills out a program withdrawal slip. The student's signature is all that is required, said Casson.

Casson said the office has no plans to change any of its procedures. She added she was unaware that any police action had been taken.

Erica Tessmer, who works in the registration office said the incident was the first of its kind.

When asked if a student could receive a cheque for tuition after posing as another student, Tessmer replied, "It could happen, yes."

Although the student has not been expelled, he has

received an initial suspension of 72 hours, confirmed Rick Bendera, director of student life. Additional discipline has been administered, but Bendera declined to elaborate.

"That discipline will not be shared with the media...I can assure you that there has been disciplinary action in place," Bendera said.

Gary Jeynes, director of inside services at Humber said: "That type of activity will not be tolerated in the college."

Jeynes said his role in this incident was to identify if fraud had taken place, to identify the suspect and deal with the victim.

"It's an unusual situation,"

said Jeynes. "It's the first one we've come across."

"As far as I am concerned, the issue has been resolved, so how the courts proceed, that's entirely up to themselves."

Carlos Gamazo, 21, has been charged with two counts of uttering a forged document and one count of attempted fraud under \$1,000. He was in court Feb. 17 but did not enter a plea. Police said he will return to court March 16 to set a trial date.

Uttering a forged document carries a maximum sentence of 14 years. Attempted fraud under \$1,000 has a six-month maximum penalty.

of the Week
"Many a freshman helps the college of his choice by becoming a dropout."

—Author unknown

ACA rolling the dice, says staff

by Steven Argintaru

Applied and Creative Arts technical support staff said Humber's administration is "gambling" with the quality of some of its programs by reorganizing their department.

The seven technicians said they are already short-staffed and that their new job assignments may prevent them from providing the same quality of service to students in the radio, film and TV, photography and journalism programs.

They say the reorganization, which rewrote job descriptions of some technicians and moved others to different areas of the ACA division, may eventually force the College to close those programs.

But Jerry Chomyn, technical services manager, said he is "optimistic" service will improve as a result of the reorganization.

"Management talked to the people who use the support staff ... to find out if there is another way to do this,"

Chomyn said. The reorganization was "based on what the users said they needed and wanted.

"Our first consideration is the students. We will not do anything to compromise the students," he said.

ACA dean Carl Eriksen also disagreed with the technicians' assessment of the reorganization.

"People who may be negatively impacted by any change ... it doesn't surprise me that they would come to a different conclusion," Eriksen said. People must "recognize in today's climate, you have to increase efficiency. The challenge now is to think about more innovative approaches and to provide better levels of service at a lower cost.

"We've looked at some of these jobs that were created 15 to 20 years ago and they're no longer needed," he said.

Under terms of the support staff union's collective bargaining agreement, the technicians can be moved into jobs that pay the same or as close

to their previous salaries as possible in order to improve efficiency in the department.

The four technicians who have already received notice of their reassignment say they have been demoted, although Humber College President Robert Gordon has frozen their pay rates until March 1996. However, the technicians say their salaries could still drop before then by other means, such as reduced working hours.

Kurt Ellis, a technologist in film and TV, said he will be doing more work in his new job as a maintenance technician, even though he has dropped one pay classification.

"They are manipulating the words (in the revised job description) to their advantage," said the 13-year Humber veteran. Ellis said he will be paid less money, even though his job will now encompass a greater area.

The technicians said the purpose of the reorganization is not to improve efficiency,

but rather to downgrade their positions to save money.

"At no time did anyone, a superior, give a direction to save a certain amount of dollars in reorganization," said Chomyn. "It never-even came up in casual conversation." The manager of technical services said that when he wrote the technicians' new job descriptions, he "had no idea whether the pay would be lower or higher." That decision, he said, is left to the human resources department.

Hyacinth James, the human resources consultant in charge of the technicians' reorganization, said only that the College is "using the collective bargaining agreement to facilitate the reassignment." She refused to comment further until the reorganization process is finalized later this month.

"It's not pleasing," said photography technician Joe Medal. "We are being put into jobs we are not familiar with."

Medal, a Humber graduate, said he is being "demoted" to

a distribution technician in photography after working in maintenance and operations in the same department for seven years. Medal said in some cases, employees are moving into unfamiliar jobs where they are less qualified than their predecessors.

"I can assure you that the people being moved into the new positions have the qualifications on paper," Chomyn said. "They know the basics to get the job done."

He added that the technicians will be given a "reasonable familiarization period" to settle into their new positions.

The technicians have said that the support staff union has already filed grievances on their behalf, with more to come. Judy Morson, president of the Humber College local, could not be reached for comment.

Medal says the technicians have also been given the option to be laid off "but no one has taken it. At this point in the economy, you'd be crazy."

Games put on ice

Cancellation of carnival's events blamed on the lack of snow

by Christina McLean

Most people would have preferred that last week's winter storm didn't happen at all, but for the students at Humber College's Lakeshore campus the snow came one day too late.

Last week was Lakeshore's Winter Madness Week. With no snow on the ground at the beginning of the week, all of the outdoor activities had to be cancelled.

The activities planned by the Students' Association

Council (SAC) included a tug-of-war, three-legged ski races and other outdoor games.

The only events that went on as planned were the ice sculpting contest, which had to be held indoors and a ski boarding demonstration.

The one bright spot of the week was on Friday when students were treated to a viewing of the Olympic hockey semi-final game between Canada and Finland.

Lakeshore SAC President Dan Gibbs said he hoped to put the games on this week.

Lost and found finding business slow

by Kathryn Bailey

Humber's lost and found isn't doing much business this year.

That's a good sign, according to Nancy Pinson of security, who is in charge of the lost and found.

"I don't think we have as much in this year," she said. "I think people are keeping track of their stuff more, or something."

According to Pinson, not many students or staff members are aware that the lost and found exists, which may account for items not being recovered.

"I think we're hidden away ... (and) some people can't be bothered trying to find us," Pinson said.

Others, she noted, have difficulty finding the office and are surprised when they finally discover it.

Although Pinson said that staff and students seem to be quite honest in returning items, she said textbooks and wallets go missing quite frequently — for obvious reasons.

"Books are expensive, and they go missing quite a bit," she said. "Some people will just take the cash out and throw out the wallet."

On the other hand, Pinson said she has seen wallets come in with hundreds of dollars in them, and occasionally she has seen endorsed cheques. This usually occurs at the beginning of the year when students pay their

tuition. Although the more expensive items are quickly recovered, Pinson noted that about two-thirds of things that come in are left over at the end of the year. If the items are of value, such as wallets, purses, and textbooks, security tries to track down the owners.

Unidentified items like clothing are donated to Goodwill. And leftover textbooks are given to the student council. The lost and found is located in room K141. The office has listed hours, but Pinson said they are open 24 hours a day.

"If you come in at 11 p.m. and you've lost your wallet or something, just go to security and they will open the office for you," she said.

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SAC debates proposed fee increases

Student lobby group wants more money to publicize its cause

by Glenn Teneycke

The student council is involved in a debate over whether a student lobby group is worth the increased membership fees it is proposing.

The Ontario Community College Student Parliamentary Association (OCCSPA) after meeting in Sault Ste. Marie decided to increase fees. The only question is by how much.

As it stands OCCSPA is considering charging its members a flat rate of 45 cents a student. Colleges currently pay OCCSPA 20 cents for their first 3,000 students and 10 cents for each student thereafter.

OCCSPA said the fee increases are necessary in order to implement their five-year strategic plan. The plan is designed to prevent the provincial government from drastically cutting funding to post-secondary institutions.

OCCSPA general manager Heather Russell said most of the members support the fee increase.

"We originally asked for a rate of 40 cents per student,

but other members suggested we raise the fee to 45 cents," said Russell.

According to SAC treasurer Melissa White, Humber's share could rise to almost \$5,000, up from \$1,200. White said that while she supports OCCSPA, she considers the proposed fee unfair.

"Being a large college, we would be paying four times what we are now. It's not acceptable to me," said White.

White said that OCCSPA should consider increasing fees within the current two-tier system. One proposal at the OCCSPA conference suggested that schools be charged 45 cents for the first 3,000 students and 29 cents for every student over that.

"I'd definitely be in agreement with that," said White.

SAC vice-president Nino D'Avolio said that if Humber is to pay a higher fee than smaller colleges it should have more than the one vote given to each member.

"If the smaller colleges feel that the larger colleges must share the larger burden then I feel some of the colleges,

including ourselves, will want greater representation since we have the majority of students," said D'Avolio.

SAC President Lesia Bailey however, disagreed and said that Humber should not necessarily have more voting power because it pays higher fees.

"I don't think money should buy representation," she said. "One voice should equal one vote."

According to Russell, OCCSPA has no intention of changing the voting system.

"As far as increasing the number of votes per college, I can tell you that it's not going to happen," said the OCCSPA general manager.

Martha Toth, a technology representative on student council agreed and said OCCSPA works for the general student population and should not cater to the larger schools.

"OCCSPA has been doing a good job of representing all students," said Toth. "Every Humber student has the same right to voice their opinions and concerns to OCCSPA as a student in any other college."

OCCSPA was formed in 1975 by a group of students who believed the federal student lobby group, the Canadian Federation of Students (CFS), ignored college issues in favor of university concerns. Although OCCSPA accepts the fact that they can do little to prevent tuition hikes, they feel that fee increases should be introduced gradually.

Despite the proposed increases, Bailey said that OCCSPA has done a lot to save students money. The SAC president credits OCCSPA for preventing the provincial government from drastically increasing tuition fees.

"As a lobbying agent, OCCSPA can do a better job than any individual college," said Bailey. "If you are having a problem within your region, you would have better representation with OCCSPA behind you."

Martha Toth said that OCCSPA's increases are justified.

"I think the increases are really worthwhile seeing all that OCCSPA is trying to do for students," said Toth.

"Basically the reason they have the increases is because they are trying to get themselves established."

Heather Russell said OCCSPA intends to use the increased revenue to hire co-op students to take care of office administration and do research for the lobby group.

Another way OCCSPA plans to use the money is for much needed publicity. Heather Russell said that the organization does not have the money it needs to let students know what it is doing for them.

Most students are unaware that as college students they are already members of OCCSPA. The recent ad placed in college papers was all the advertising OCCSPA could afford.

"We want the students to know who we are," said Russell. "The only way that happens is with increased public relations."

OCCSPA members will have an opportunity to address concerns about the fee increases at the finance committee meeting to be held in Toronto on March 19.

Sexual harassment policy under fire from some Humber faculty members

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Noseworthy dismissed her argument. "There is legislation already in place to deal with harassment. Why can't we leave it at that? If we institutionalize this policy, there are no constitutional rights guaranteed to any of us. This policy goes beyond the law."

According to the new framework, "harassment and discrimination as defined by the policy will not be tolerated by any college in its employment, educational, or business dealings." It is the definition of these issues of harassment that some faculty members find objectionable.

The policy defines a negative environment as "the comment or conduct ... of a significant nature or degree... which 'poisons' the work or study environment".

"The wording... concerns me," human studies instructor Wayson Choy said, "because it subjects faculty members to individual interpretations... possibly wild, frivolous interpretations."

"How will we define frivolous complaints? Under this policy, as far as I can tell, no complaint is trivial. These terms are so vague that there's room here for everybody to get offended."

Another source of con-

tention was the perceived lack of definition of punishable offenses. Faculty members blasted the "subjective nature" of what is deemed offensive.

"This document is so ill-defined as to how charges will be laid, and what is offensive," said human studies faculty member, Steve Harrington.

"It's a dilemma we're going to have to face. I could be creating a hostile environment for teaching Freud," said philosophy instructor John Elias. "I don't find it offensive, but chances are someone does."

The teachers are also concerned with the accompanying pamphlet which is intended to simplify the complexities of the policy.

According to the pamphlet, entitled *If You Have a Human Rights Complaint ... What Every Student and Employee Should Know*, "any person who is in a position to confer, grant, or deny a benefit, service or advancement may be guilty of harassment on the basis of a single incident."

"The wording of this pamphlet alone is so vague, that a person who feels wronged may become fixated on persecution under the guise that it is (their) right," said Choy.

"In terms of how someone might perceive their rights... they become distorted by this pamphlet."

Some faculty members find the document an excessive use of force by the college.

"This policy is like attempting to kill a flea with an elephant gun. In my opinion, it goes beyond the law," said Noseworthy.

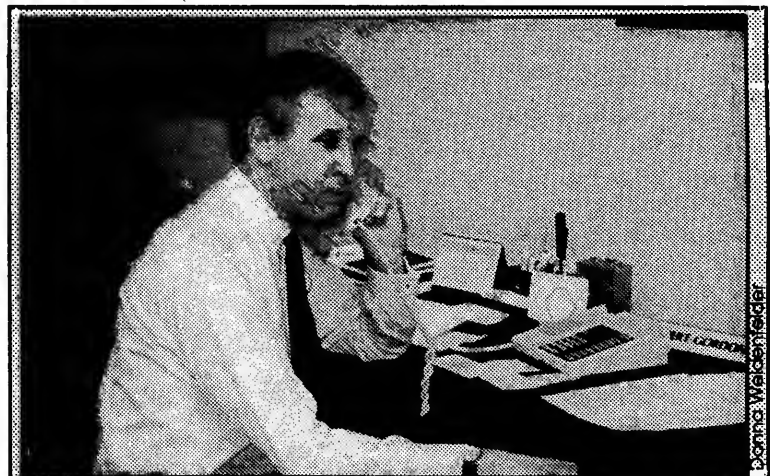
"This document is supposed to reflect a human rights code, but we already have a Human Rights Code... and it has the protection of legal precedents and legal procedures that this policy does not."

Noseworthy said his concerns with "zero tolerance" and the vagueness of the harassment policy were not only for faculty, but also extended to students.

"There are two concerns that I am aware of where students were (expelled)," said Noseworthy. "They were expelled with no proof of wrong doing. In fact, one of the cases was thrown out of court one year after the fact. But there was no redress. There is no redress built into this policy to vexate frivolous complaints."

At the conclusion of the forum, concerned faculty and Sandra DiCresce agreed to meet later at a tentative date to renegotiate the framework of the new policy.

The policy is to be brought to the Board of Governors by March 18.



GORDON—Looking for a balance in new policy
Gordon and Bailey support new changes to 'zero tolerance' policy

by Donna Weidenfelder

Students' Association Council President Lesia Bailey believes there's still more that can be done to address the growing concern on harassment.

"The Human Rights Code is either not working or it's being ignored," she said. "The government has to implement a policy to change it."

Changes to Humber's "zero tolerance" policy on harassment has gained a 'thumbs-up' from Bailey.

"I don't think the government has gone far enough. I think the government is moving into a positive position in the sense they are moving forward," she said.

In a forum on Feb. 24 for the prevention of harassment and discrimination in Ontario colleges, the question of academic freedom and freedom of speech drew mixed reaction from some Humber faculty members.

They questioned the vague-

ness of the policies, saying it was leaving room for anyone to call an action 'harassment'.

"I don't think that it has to do with academic freedom or zero tolerance," Bailey said. "I don't think anybody has the right to abuse, assault or embarrass anyone in the learning environment or working environment."

Humber College President Robert Gordon, said there needs to be a balance between what is considered offensive and what is not.

"I'm looking for freedom of action within the classroom but within the boundaries of common sense and considering what's acceptable for women these days," he said.

Bailey said there will always be somebody opposing an issue, but harassment in the educational environment is something that needs to be addressed now.

"There's always going to be people who want to stop something, no matter how good of an idea it is," she said.

Summer jobs: the time to look is now

by Lesley Allen

With just over two months of school left, many of the prime summer jobs have already been snatched up, and students who procrastinated in finding a job could be disappointed.

"The ideal summer job would be to work at something in your industry. If you can find industry related employment, that is going to be the secret of your success, on your resume and ultimately getting your full time employment position," said Karen Fast, Co-op/placement officer with the Career Service Centre.

Unfortunately, with both university and college students vying for many of the same jobs, industry related or any employment will be tough. To help you be one up on your competition, Fast offers some useful tips and advice.

Fast said, "Students typically wait too long," when looking for employment. Instead of looking in a months time, students should have started back in October since some company's deadlines for summer positions end then.

While students will be able to find jobs when they begin looking in March, Fast said, "The senior positions are gobbled up earlier," and students

should not expect to pick from the best jobs since they will be gone.

Fast said one way to find jobs is to come into the centre where a bulletin board was started before Christmas with a list of summer jobs available. Binders with recent job information are also available.

"We started our summer job binders in about early January and we have started to really put jobs into those binders now," Fast said.

Fast suggested students should come in to look at the bulletin boards and job binders everyday since they are continually updated.

Some of the jobs students can find in the binders are sports leadership counsellors, recreation leaders, customs officer, travel information counsellor, entertainment performers at Canada's Wonderland and bilingual students for information officers.

The Centre is just one resource available to help students find jobs. There are also employment agencies and the Canada Employment Centre and the Canada Employment Centre for Students.

Juanita Youndt of the E.J. Peel Placement service said they usually hear from students around the end of March or early April.

"Presently we will probably take resumes, determine sum-

mer or fulltime work and basically put the resume on file."

Youndt said due to the poor economy, they only managed to place about 10 per cent of students who applied at the placement service.

Francesca Thomas of the Manpower Temporary Services said, "I would say we managed to place about 65 per cent of students who came in to us."

Thomas said they use students year after year provided the work is available, and students who apply at the Manpower service have to register.

"They have to register after April. They put in an application, then they come in for an interview. They give us a copy of their resume, then they are tested on management skills and go through orientation," Thomas said.

Thomas said they only take students who are experienced in the work they are applying for, such as secretarial, data entry or computer operators. Since companies come to them looking to hire employees ready for work, Thomas said Manpower will not train students for jobs.

For years, the Canada Employment Centres found in cities and towns across the country have helped students find jobs.

Cindy Doucet, a counsellor at the centre in Georgetown

said, "The first thing students need to do is get a good resume, or even two or three depending on the jobs your applying for."

Doucet also recommends researching cover letters and find out what the employer does so if you do get an interview, then you know all about the company and are one up on your competition.

Doucet said, "Let your family and friends know your looking for a job since only 20 per cent of jobs are advertised and the rest is through word of mouth."

If you do manage to get an interview, Doucet recommends you dress appropriately for the job.

"If you manage to find office work, then don't go to the interview wearing jeans and a t-shirt. Be conservative, neat and clean."

Doucet said students are also welcome to use the automated job bank which gives a listing of jobs posted across Metro. There are not a lot of listings now, but Doucet said it should increase in the next few weeks.

Doucet said students are encouraged to take advantage of the resume and cover letter books available in the employment offices to help them increase their hiring potential.

But simply looking for jobs

and applying for the position desired will not guarantee you a job.

Fast recommends every student should prepare a resume and be ready to send a copy to the employer, even if you are only filling out an application form.

"The resume is invaluable. It is the first thing employers ask for, and it is a very personable document. The employer is getting a first impression of you long before they see you. They can tell just from the amount of work and effort that you put into your resume if they want to consider you or not," Fast said.

It is not just what you include in your resume which will determine your likelihood of getting a job, it is also the overall design of the resume.

"The first thing is the paper, print quality and layout. The employers tell me they do a 15 second scan. If the first impression is not excellent, then it goes in a second choice pile," said Fast.

For students who need help in preparing a resume, the centre offers free pamphlets on everything from tips on creating a good first impression to how to write a resume. Fast said counsellors will also help students to prepare their own resume for future employment.

Intersection a traffic hazard

Hwy 27 and Humber College Blvd. causes major confusion

by Sharon Allen

There have been 11 traffic accidents at the intersection of Highway 27 and Humber College Blvd. since the City of Toronto installed a left-turn light in November of last year.

Brian Hackett, a Community Services Officer with the Ontario Provincial Police said that the light was installed in an effort to cut down on the number of accidents at this location. In 1989, there were only 11 accidents here. In 1992, there were a total of 30 accidents at this particular intersection.

Hackett said that half of the recent accidents have been caused by drivers following too close.

Some motorists are also going through this intersection and ignoring the left-turn signal. If they disobey the signal and are stopped by police, they are issued a \$90 fine and three points are automatically deducted from their license whether or not they

cause an accident," he said.

Roger De Gannes, a Traffic Analyst with the Ministry of Transportation said that not all drivers go by the rules.

"Motorists travelling north on Highway 27 and turning left onto Humber College Blvd. are now only allowed to do so when the light indicates a green arrow. Prior to the left-turn light being installed, traffic was allowed to enter the intersection on a green light when the southbound traffic was clear," he said.

John Major, a second-year business student said that the left-turn signal light slows traffic and only causes confusion for everyone, especially around rush hour.

"It takes longer now to get onto Humber College Blvd. whereas, before the left-turn light was put in, you could go when the southbound traffic was clear. I've waited up to 10 minutes at this light," he said.



Sharon Allen

HWY 27 & HUMBER COLLEGE BLVD —
Area a hazard for drivers and pedestrians.

Greg Fisher, a second-year technology student said he often turns east onto Humber College Blvd. in an effort to avoid waiting at this light.

"I go east onto Humber College Blvd. and make a U turn so that I can get into the school faster. I know that what I'm doing is illegal, but it beats waiting forever at that light," he said.

De Gannes said that a lot of traffic flows through this area because of the school, hospital and mall.

"Motorists have to realize that this intersection will always be a busy one and they will need even more patience than before," he said.

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CLASSIC HITS FROM YESTERDAY AND TODAY

A peek into the future for Humber students

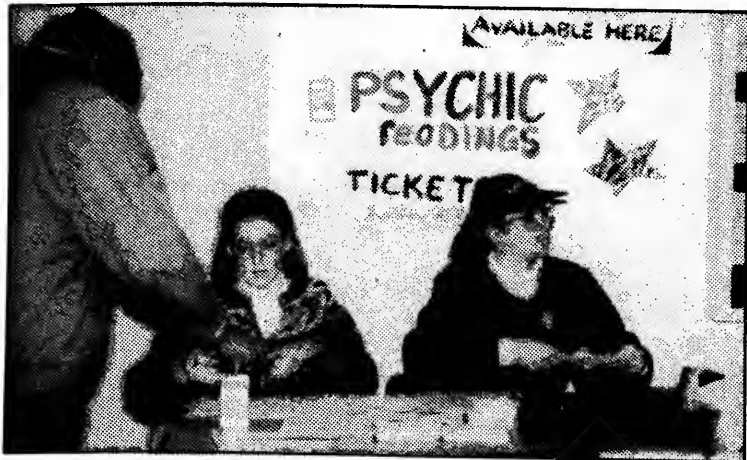
by Andrea Maxwell

Witches and warlocks they are not — fortune tellers, well perhaps. But as psychic, Galan Ross (he prefers to go by simply Galan) says, fortune tellers are more of an ear to bend for someone who just wants to talk.

"As I've always said, it's the cheapest form of psycho-therapy. For most people, seeing a psychic once a month should be sufficient (to keep their life in order)."

About 70 students participated in the psychic fair put on by the public relations students, said PR student, Jennifer Hilborn. The fair, which was held in the community room at Humber's North campus, is part of the drive to raise money for the Toronto Children's Breakfast Club.

In all \$715 was collected from the fair which included psychic readings and a dream interpretation lecture in the evening of Feb. 24. The total money raised fell a bit short of the \$1,000 goal.



HUMBER STUDENTS COLLECT — Psychic reflects love letters in the tea..

Humber: a paler shade of green

by Catherine A. Brown

About 11,000 students attend Humber College full time, but only about one per cent have shown interest in Humber's Environment Club.

The low turnout at two Environment Club meetings since January, the last of which was a week ago, does not worry club organizers. The plan, according to Christine Eaton, Educational Programmer at Humber residence, is simply to downscale club projects.

Eaton, who has since January assumed the role of coordinating club activities, admits that no records were kept by previous club organizers, making it hard for her to know who and how many students participated in the past.

Eaton said her ads and posters might not have been specific enough to encourage new people to come to the meetings. She said she could only guess that the poor turnout may have been due to low interest in last year's club activities. But Christine Fraser, program coordinator of Humber Arboretum, says this was not the case.

Club activities have "been going for two years," said Fraser, who has cooperated with the club since then. "If we have 11 people that are really

PR student Sue Muckleston said, "Half of the money raised from the \$20 psychic readings goes to the charity and the other half goes to the (five) readers."

Psychic fairs have been held at Humber in the past, but as fair organizer Deborah Brooks said, "I was interested in it myself (psychic readings) and I thought other people would be as well, but I wanted to make it larger than previous years."

People go to psychic readers for many reasons. They want to know if the relationship will last and if there is a future for them in the career they are headed for. They may have questions concerning their health or that of a family member.

Regardless of the reason, most people have an idea that there is a problem in their life that needs to be rectified.

Christina Plotti, a first year Travel and Tourism student, was told by Galan that she was in the wrong course of study. She said, "I knew it already. I got an idea of what I already

saw as being true (from the reading)."

Galan, originally from Connecticut, has been performing psychic readings for 14 years. He currently lives in Toronto and works out of Aneta's Tea Room on Yonge Street, two to three days a

week. His first sign of any sort of psychic ability occurred as a child when he had dreams that came true.

Galan says, "Everyone is psychic to some extent. It's just a matter of training that ability. Galan says his accuracy rate is as high as 90 per

cent. He recalled a female client who came back to see him two weeks after a reading. She didn't believe that her boyfriend was going to break up with her as Galan had said. It turned out that he left her for another woman he had been seeing behind her back.

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keen, they can bring other people on board," she said, adding that "Eleven keen people can do a lot more than even 50 that are just semi-interested."

"The have to start somewhere," she said.

Eaton remains optimistic that the club can be revitalized with help of new members, new programs and events that are being planned for the club.

Indeed, many ideas were exchanged in the meetings, including measuring and comparing energy consumption of the two residence buildings, to see which building can conserve the most, tree planting, and a general clean-up of the college grounds in the spring.

Eaton also plans to enlist the cooperation of Etobicoke Recycles to improve students' knowledge of recycling, through talks and displays at the school, and by supplying more recycling bins.

Another member said waste paper could be recycled by the club itself, by turning it into crafts and stationary that could be sold within the college. And proceeds from such sales could be donated to an organization such as Greenpeace.

Prospective members can contact Christine Eaton, at "Rez Central", in the residence building, at 675-3393.

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Earth needs our concern

Don't walk into the SAC office and try to join the Environment Club—it doesn't exist anymore.

A club needs at least 15 people to hold official status at Humber and the Environment Club has roughly 11 members.

What is happening? Doesn't anyone care?

Is it possible that a college with a population of over 10,000 full-time students cannot maintain an environment club? High schools field more kids for environment meetings than this. But supposedly a college is where those noisy high school kids mature into young adults and take on worldly responsibilities. Not!

There are many little problems around the college. For instance there are Sanyo labs that house printers made during the dark ages. These printers have come from the pre-environmentally friendly period and consequently waste a blank page of computer paper every time somebody prints a copy. Yet no one has taken serious offense to it. Maybe it's that people aren't serious about it anymore.

Perhaps being environment-friendly was only a fad gone out of style faster than the return of bell-bottoms.

The last official project the club had was gathering signatures in an effort to save two-thirds of a B.C. forest. That's when a large 350-year-old stump was brought in by truck to promote awareness to the cause.

It's unnecessary to look all the way to B.C. to find companies killing forests. In the area behind Humber College developers are fast to cut down trees and replace them with buildings. In one place, where a forest once thrived, a developer has put up one of those classic man-made parks. You know those lovely boring parks with a couple of skinny trees lined up in a row, centred with a cheap playground. But no, it's not worthwhile to alter the original slightly so that people could enjoy a natural setting.

And don't we need all the trees we can preserve to battle pollution that emits from the thousands of factories in Ontario?

If we don't care for the environment, who will? Certainly companies who promote environmentally-friendlier products will not try to get these products if we don't push it.

Imagine if we all would pitch in to promote environmental issues, even if we all did it at our own level, the college level, and cut environment damage by the college. Vision Humber!

Bill 120 or bust!

As the temperatures drop to below freezing and the wind howls through the night, the fortunate youth of our city are tucked under goose-down comforters and crisp Wabasso sheets.

Meanwhile in a cardboard shelter lined with newspaper, a 19 year old, wearing an old army coat, filthy jeans and sneakers, lies curled in the fetal position on the cold bank of the Humber river. This could be anyone of us if a solution to Toronto's housing problem is not found soon.

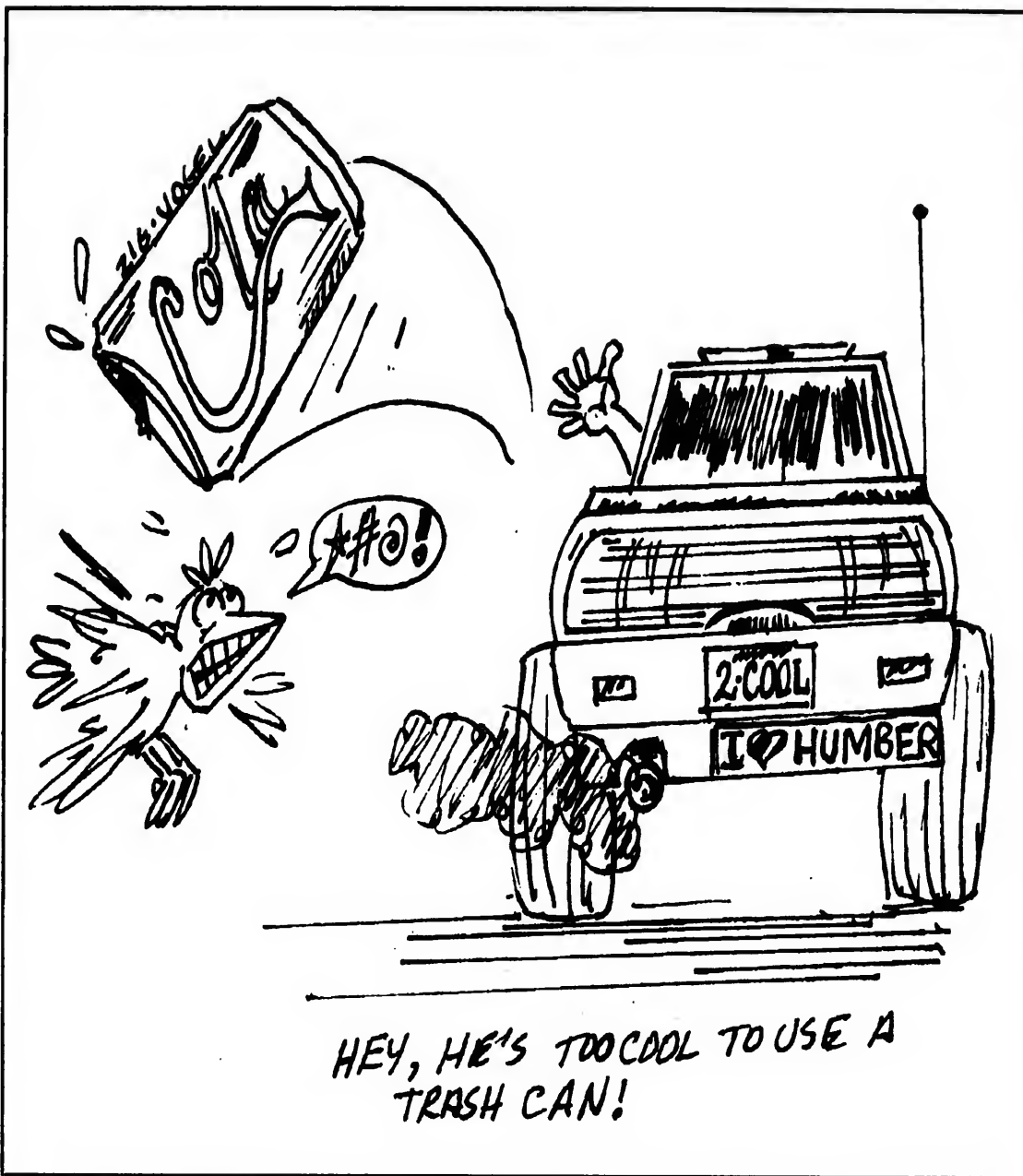
A hearing of the Committee on General Government to amend the Planning Act which would legalize basement apartments, heard there are 50,000 'illegal' basement apartments throughout Metro.

According to a recent study, the zoning and local by-laws which restrict apartments in houses have the effect of discriminating against some of the most disadvantaged groups in the community, including students and people living well below the poverty level.

In some cases landlords have been known to intimidate their tenants with the fact their apartments are 'illegal,' charging exorbitant rent. Very often there are no smoke alarms, only one entrance and very small windows. Should a fire break out, the tenant would be trapped.

Everyone has a right to affordable housing with proper safety and decent living standards regulated. Legalizing basement apartments would provide more choices for students on a tight budget and, in turn, give them the right to complain if certain standards are not met.

The opposition to Bill 120 by landlords and the municipalities is that the income from basement apartments is not declared by the landlord, and the municipalities don't want to pay for new zoning and other services. But something must be done. Bill 120 will provide tenant protection and a housing option for those who depend on such regulations. This bill should be supported, because everyone has the right to safe, affordable housing, and to live in dignity.



Letters to the Editor...

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FEEDBACK

"The OPP in Richmond Hill. They're the only ones who've ever actually searched my car."

—Daniel D., Radio Broadcasting

"I haven't had too many encounters with any. They're strict around Ottawa because of underage drinking and driving. They're really bad around prom time and graduation."

—Barbara MacIntyre, Design

"Probably downtown Toronto around Queen Street. Because it has halfway houses, a mixture of drugs and a diverse variety of gangs, not to mention the mixture of cultures."

—Kris Semeniuk, Systems Analyst

"Hanover. The way the system was set up the cop's kids could do whatever they wanted to."

—Clare Smyth, Film and TV

"I could say Brampton from my own experience. They just don't seem to give any warnings. It's just (snap) a ticket, and there you go!"

—Brad Overall, Graphic Design

"Downtown Toronto! The new, faster police car on the freeway catches everybody!"

—Melanie Closs, Graphic Design

"Probably downtown Toronto. Metro police definitely and the RCMP, because of the environment they're in."

—Kevin Johnson, Advertising

Which area has the worst police?

by Shellee McGruthers



OUR VOICE

Middle East bloodbath deserves closer look

by Nadia H. Shousher

Despite what the Western press would have us believe, last Friday's massacre of Palestinian worshippers is not merely the act of a deranged individual on an ideological rampage.

It represents a history and an environment of violence between Israelis and Palestinians, as well as the failure of recent "peace" initiatives in the region.

When American doctor-turned Israeli gunslinger Baruch Goldstein opened fire, that day, shooting hundreds of Muslim men in the back as they prayed, several issues came to light that have been virtually ignored by the media.

First, why haven't any reports questioned the presence of Goldstein in the area? According to international law, settlements are illegal in occupied territory. Kiryat Arba, Goldstein's home away from home, is one of several Jewish settlements in the West Bank and the Gaza Strip. These settlements have been increasing

in size and number since 1967, but the global community has consistently turned a blind eye to this violation of international law.

Second, why didn't the press question why Goldstein was armed to the teeth? Israel's standard justification for the militancy of the settlements has been a perceived threat to settlers by Palestinians living under occupation. But when the settlements are surrounded by barbed wire, located on hill-tops overlooking Palestinian shanty towns and refugee camps, and protected by armed guards, the threat rings a little hollow.

The UN has a litany of resolutions that condemn Israel's lengthy occupation, Israeli settlements, the Israeli government's "Iron Fist" manner of handling the Palestinian uprising. Israel's mass expulsion/arrest/imprisonment/torture and other human rights violations. The UN has been doing so since 1948.

Why, then, have the resolu-

tions not been enforced? Why has the world silenced its voice on this issue?

Finally, Goldstein was an active member of a "nationalist" (read:racist) organization that advocates violence to expel the Palestinian population from its own homeland. The Toronto Star, in its report on Goldstein's funeral, said "Speakers eulogized Goldstein as a hero, a righteous and holy man who acted on behalf of all Jews."

Anyone who was horrified by Friday's bloodbath in a holy place must surely recoil at this statement, but the press made little editorial comment on it. Had the gunman been Palestinian the media would have gone to town with it, relying on the loaded language that so often describes Arabs as terrorists, extremists and militant.

The Star later quoted the Rabbi who performed Goldstein's service: "One million Arabs are not worth a single Jewish fingernail." This provocative and hateful statement smacks of racism, and is

a very common view within the pro-Israeli rejectionist camp, but is virtually ignored by the rest of the world and its media.

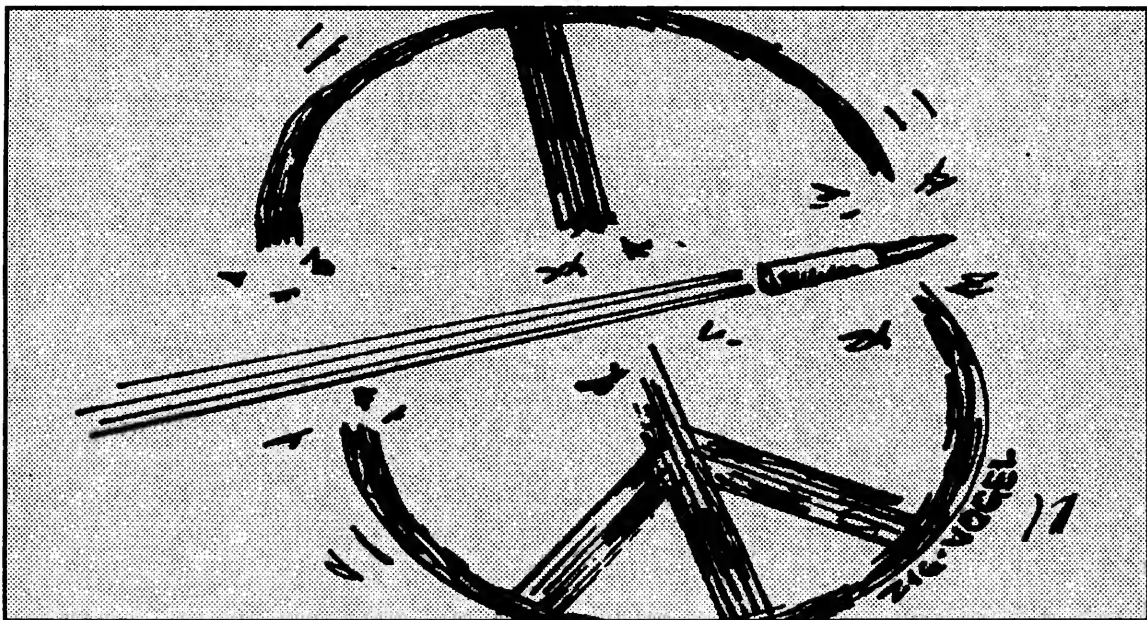
Yet, as history has shown, let anyone dare criticize Israeli policy and they are swiftly accused of being anti-Semitic, insensitive and against the peace process.

What peace? I ask again, what peace? Israel is not interested in sincere peace. It hands out token crumbs to the Palestinians, then complains loudly that they still rattle their chains. And the promises Israel made after the massacre occurred are nothing but attempts at damage control for its image that has been badly tarnished. Israel is releasing

hundreds of Palestinian prisoners, yes, but most of those prisoners should never have been arrested in the first place. Israel says it will slightly disarm the settlers, but they have no right to even be there and certainly no right to bear arms when other civilians are forbidden to do so.

Israel apologized to the world, to the participants of the peace talks, and to its own people for the bloody scandal. Yet the real victims — the dead and the wounded, and their families — have been conveniently tossed aside and forgotten.

Sure, there may eventually be peace in the Middle East, but at what price?



Shoot-outs should be hooked from hockey

by Doug Lucas

So Michael Eisner, owner of the National Hockey League's (NHL) Anaheim Mighty Ducks, wants to have shoot-outs in professional hockey games after the overtime period?

Maybe he changed his mind after watching the Canadian and Swedish Olympic teams play some of the best hockey of the year (70 minutes including a 10-minute overtime), and then have the game decided with all the pressure on the two teams' goaltenders.

That is ridiculous!

How about ending National Basketball Association (NBA) games with free-throws after more than an hour of running up and down the floor? Or have The Professional Golf Association (PGA) breaking ties by having a driving contest? How would golfers feel if they were tied with John Daley? Or have Major League Baseball breaking ties after nine innings by having a home-run contest? The Detroit Tigers would love it with such sluggers as Cecil Fielder, Eric Davis, Mickey Tettleton and Travis Fryman.

Or Kim Campbell and Jean Chretien could have broken a tie in voting on the Federal election by arm-wrestling.

The point is, it really isn't fair to either team to play any kind of sport and have the decision decided by a small part of the game, where some teams might not specialize.

Even in the NHL if the Board of Governors allowed shoot-outs, some of the top teams in the league, like the Toronto Maple Leafs and Montreal Canadiens, are defensive minded and only have a couple of select players they would want in a shoot-out. Then you have teams like the Detroit Red Wings or the Pittsburgh Penguins, who would love to have shoot-outs as 75 per cent of their teams are offensive players.

Could you imagine the Leafs' five picks for a shoot-out: Doug Gilmour, Dave Andreychuk, Wendel Clark are the three that come automatically to mind. Then you could throw the rest in a hat including goalie Felix Potvin and come up with about the same chance for a goal.

The Canadian Olympic team, with as much heart as any hockey team, played a great come-from-behind game to go ahead 2-1 in the third period. The Swedes took advantage of a power play with less than two minutes left to tie it up and send the gold medal game into overtime.

After 10 minutes of very tentative hockey in which both teams were waiting for the perfect goal or break which never came, and two weeks of hard playing to even qualify for the medal round, it is decided by a stinking shoot-out.

Sure it was exciting and lots of people were on the edge of their seats (myself included) cheering or cringing on every play. But think of last year's NHL playoffs in which Doug Gilmour scored in double overtime and the Montreal Canadiens, on their way to winning the Stanley Cup, won an incredible 10 games in overtime. That was more exciting to me than a shootout. Could you imagine if those games had been ended by shoot-outs after a 10 minute overtime?

There is too much pressure put on the goalies, with his whole team's destiny riding on his shoulders. The rest of the team is left-out watching as spectators from the side-lines.

But after all the work by both teams, it should not be decided this way. They should continue on with sudden-death overtime and let the teams' play decide the game.

It is a team sport, isn't it?

Fringe group doesn't represent Israeli opinion

by Sean B. Pasternak

Due to the actions of one lunatic, Israel now faces extreme isolation, and peace in the Middle East is that much further away.

On Friday, February 5 Baruch Goldstein, an Israeli settler, burst into a mosque in the occupied West Bank and shot Muslim worshippers as they knelt in prayer. Initial reports said Goldstein killed at least 48 Palestinians and wounded more than 100 others, before killing himself. Others reported he was beaten to death.

When word spread of the massacre, Palestinian demonstrators took to the streets in outrage and many more were killed or injured by Israeli soldiers.

Both Israeli and Palestinian analysts viewed the massacre as an impediment to the peace process. Already Syria, Jordan, and Lebanon have pulled out of peace talks with Israel, and it looks as if the PLO will not be on good terms with the nation now for some time to come.

But are the wrong people being punished for this?

This whole horrible incident, after all, was

induced by a lone, crazed, gunman. While Goldstein does have his share of supporters, Kach is only a small extremist group. It is by no means an accurate reflection of the Israeli people, and should not be seen as such.

To its credit, the Israeli cabinet has made several gestures to bring the PLO back to the bargaining table.

By releasing hundreds of Palestinian prisoners and cracking down on the Kach movement, they have shown that they are interested in putting a stop to the violence, not adding fuel to the fire.

Even in the face of riots and much backlash from the Arab community, Israel has acted quite maturely by realizing these are merely reactions, not blatant attempts to continue the violence.

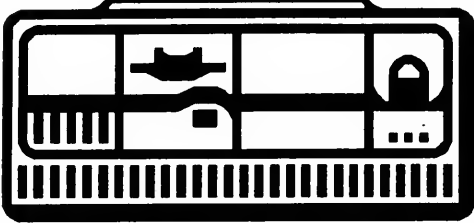
After all, the common goal among these nations is peace. They would not have worked so hard for so long just to hit a standstill, when something like this erupts.

While the awful actions of Goldstein can never be condoned, he must be remembered as the exception, not the rule. To punish anyone else for his actions would simply be unfair.



THE WORLD

Looking back at tomorrow



by Cindy Vautour

The New College Encyclopaedia, published by Galahad Books, defines the word computer as "an electronic device that receives and processes usually complex information according to given sets of instruction, and provides required results, in microseconds."

"Yeah, I'd say that's pretty accurate," said Mike Quinn, manager of media relations at IBM Canada. "Accurate enough for the sixties when computers took up the space of half a room," he added with a laugh. "They don't really update those things do they?"

Computers have come a long way since the sixties and an even longer way since 1911, when IBM was founded in Endicott, New York.

According to IDC (IBM's Correspondence Division), the company was originally called the "Computing-Tabulating-Recording Company", formed by a company merger. The name was changed to IBM in 1924. IBM is the acronym for International Business Machines Corporation, and its first president was the U.S. Industrialist John Watson.

"IBM Canada was established in 1917. IBM is responsible for inventions like the adding machine, calculators, the electronic typewriter with golfball printer, weight scales, electronic typewriters with memory, automatic ticket and reservation machines and UPC scanners you see in supermarkets today — to name a few," said Quinn.

But IBM's biggest develop-

ment in its 77 year history, claims IDC, was the introduction of the IBM PC in April 1981. By 1983, IBM had installed 1 million PCs into homes.

"It was simply called the Personal Computer. It ran on 'The microchip fits on the tip of your finger. It holds the same amount of memory found inside the first PC.'"

— Mike Quinn, IBM

PC DOS. You could say that compared to the PC computers IBM manufactures today, the 1981 PC is a dinosaur." (Kinda like the Sanyo labs at Humber, maybe?)

"I'm sure that a lot of schools and colleges probably still have this PC around," chuckled Quinn.

It was the development of the microchip in the early seventies and the evolution of it

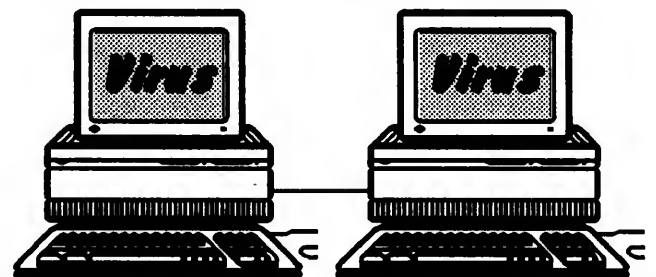
in the eighties that cleared the path for smaller and faster computers available today, Quinn said.

"The microchip fit on the tip of your finger. It holds the same amount of memory found inside the first PC," said Quinn. "I don't have a picture of the '81 PC handy right now, but if it helps, the processor was fairly large and the screen was black with green type."

Now, 70 years since it got its new name, can IBM still be considered "The leader in personal and business computers?"

"I don't know about being the leader, but we have been the leader of the pack in most cases," said Quinn. "It's really up to the consumer to decide if IBM personal computers work for them. Not us."

Program pilfering pirates peddle hazardous wares



by Gail Balfour

Computer viruses are just one of many risks a person takes when downloading software illegally.

At an information technology seminar on computer crimes at Humber, the Etobicoke Crime Prevention Association (ECPA) focussed on creating awareness of the prevalence and seriousness of software theft.

Theft of computer software costs Canadian businesses, consumers and the government between one-quarter to one-half a billion dollars annually, according to James Courtney, general manager of Quarterdeck Office Systems and member of the Canadian Alliance Against Software Theft (CAAST).

Courtney, one of six speakers, said computer crimes cost everyone.

"Misuse of software leads to higher costs, provides the wrong perception of size and needs of market, reduces employee productivity and increases the risk of computer viruses," he said. "One way to reduce virus risk is to buy legitimate software."

When people obtain computer programs illegally, they do not always have the manuals, and cannot access computer support systems offered by the software companies for legitimate users.

According to Courtney, some people "soft-lift" computer programs illegally by down-



Softlifting is theft — Donald Cameron says softlifting is widespread and problematic.

loading off pirate bulletin board systems (BBS). When this is done, people often acquire computer viruses along with the programs — viruses that can wipe out everything in the computer's memory.

"The risk has increased and is only going to increase more," said Courtney. He explained that CAAST has been conducting raids of pirate BBSs across Canada the past year.

In 1992, Vancouver Business College became CAAST's first target when hundreds of illegal software programs were seized in a raid. The college's administration agreed to discard the pirate programs and buy them legitimately. Although no criminal

charges were laid, a crime of this nature could cost up to \$1 million in fines and five years in prison.

Since that time, many charges across Canada have been laid as a result of CAAST investigations. In the spring of 1993, a Belleville company pleaded guilty to four of 62 charges of software misappropriation. That summer, dealers in Ottawa were charged and convicted of soft-lifting. In November of 1993, CAAST conducted a search and seizure of illegal software at First End User company, which has recently settled out of court.

"BBSs are no longer safe if they are doing pirating," Courtney stressed. "We will

find out about them."

As of Jan. 1 of this year, stores are no longer authorized to rent software to consumers. Software rental is now viewed as theft. Many people don't realize that software can't be bought at all, said Courtney. Software is owned by the company that created it — consumers only buy the license to use it.

He added one of the biggest problems is people don't take software theft seriously. "Changing our mentality is the key here," he explained. "We must learn to recognize piracy as theft in the same way as if someone steals your car or breaks into your house — it's theft in the same vein."

Up until now, hackers have treated soft-lifting as a low-risk means of acquiring free software.

According to police, some BBS users are still treating the crime casually and many advertise the availability of stolen programs openly, despite an increase in charges laid.

"Very few people take precautions, and it makes my job very easy," said Tom James, member of the computer crime investigation unit for the RCMP in Milton. Some aspects of computer theft — such as

copyright infringement and fraud are part of the federal police force's jurisdiction.

James described many raids the police have done at residences of pirate BBS operators.

Another aspect of theft involving computers is copyright infringement.

According to Donald Cameron, information technology attorney and president of ECPA, most original work done by a computer programmer is still largely unprotected by the law.

"Copyrights really only protect the form of information — the arrangement of words, not the idea contained within it. We're looking at taking a problem and stuffing it into a legal cubby-hole," he explained. "The best thing that's happened lately is that now, as of Jan. 1, databases are protected by copyright," Cameron said. "This is some comfort, but we still have a long way to go."

Cameron advised programmers to draw up a legal contract with their companies, clearly stating ownership of the software, to prevent problems later on.

"The best form of prevention is education," he said. "The law always lags behind reality."

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OF COMPUTERS

Ghosts in the machine

by Cindy Vautour

On-line he's 6' 2", 29, with dirty blond hair and blue eyes. He lives alone in the Beaches, and has a orange tabby cat named Howie. His name? Today it was Serenity, yesterday it was Peace.

Off-line, his name is Paul. He does not live in the Beaches, but in North York. He is 19 - not 29, and his sister is his room-mate.

However, the orange tabby cat Howie does exist.

Paul is a regular subscriber to the computer Bulletin Board System (BBS), "OptiComm". It's a BBS that he says

serves as a way to meet new people without having to leave his home.

Each evening, around 6 p.m., Paul switches on the modem for his IBM P/S 1 and dials "OptiComm's" familiar digits of 416-966-2475. The cost? Although many bulletin boards operating within Metro are free to use,

OptiComm has a yearly membership fee of \$50.

"I've been a member for almost two years. It's mostly for chit-chat ... to correspond with other people. I also like it because I can copy other users' software, like a game or something," Paul said.

The March issue of "The Computer Paper" published its BBS list. You can pick up a copy for free in boxes outside of subway stations or in various computer shops.

According to Brian Austin of Apple Canada, a BBS is accessed by a modem and

any computer — whether its IBM/IBM-compatible, Commodore or Apple can hook up to a BBS line.

"The modem is like a telephone that links computers together and allows them to communicate with one another. It is attached to your processor, or is built into your computer," said Austin.

Operating on the same line as your home telephone, a modem dials the number you

key in and calls the computer you wish to be connected to, such as the computer of the Sysop (System Operator). A Sysop is a BBS operator and owner of a BBS line.

Some boards ask that you come up with an alias or nickname and that you register yourself as a caller even though it may be free. Every BBS operates differently. You're usually given instructions the first time you call," said Austin.

Added Paul, "There are quite a lot of interesting ones out there."

But beware of viruses, Austin warned. Viruses are damaging commands pre-programmed into software, games, BBSs, or can be a program unto itself, consisting of malicious sayings that are designed to wreak havoc on, and virtually destroy the hard drives they were copied onto.

Austin warned, "If your computer isn't equipped with a virus scan, you could catch a virus from a BBS, costing hundreds of dollars of damage to your system."

Ronald Brown of Bell Canada corporate security said toll fraud, a multi-million dollar underground industry, often stems from the illegal use of company voice mail and PBX phone systems (systems where you have to dial "9" to get out). According to Brown,

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Back to the basics

... which you couldn't comprehend if you tried!



by Cindy Vautour

Before you head out to buy a personal computer, you should familiarize yourself with some of the terms that computer sales reps might toss around.

It would also help to know how your computer works inside.

If you feel inferior when people use terms like ROM, RAM, and DOS, or thought that CPU was a courier company — not to worry, said Bryan Austin of Apple Canada.

"It's really simple to clarify," he said, promising that all can be explained, even kilobytes and megabytes.

"CPU is an acronym for Central Processing Unit and this is the computer's brain. Other functions work like the five senses of the body, sending messages to the CPU," Austin said.

There are two types of Disk Operating System(s), according to Karen Nealon of IBM Canada. "Personal Computer (PC) DOS and Microsoft (MS) DOS. All (IBM-compatible) computers run on some kind of DOS. Most IBM computers run on MS-DOS because the majority of IBM software (programs), are manufactured by the Microsoft Software Corporation," Nealon said.

"DOS is a language that allows its users to communicate with their computer. It also runs computer software. For example, if you wanted to run Microsoft Windows on your IBM, you would type 'WIN'," she said.

But according to Austin, "You don't really have to know how to communicate in DOS now-a-days to run your computer. Commands have been simplified to the point where with Apple computers, users don't have to type in a command to run programs. It's 'point and click' and away you go."

But how does a computer know when to "point and click"?

"When you turn on your computer, different things are happening quickly and almost simultaneously. Information is being processed and stored ... but how it reaches the screen and how a computer reads and collects this information is where RAM and ROM come in," said Austin.

"ROM" stands for Read Only Memory. "It is in this memory where basic computer operations are stored permanently and they can't be

erased. For example when you turn on your 'skuhzee' ..." explained Austin.

Turn on what?

"...SCSI (pronounced skuhzee). The Small Computer System Interface or processor. It's the box that has a switch in the back and a disc drive in the front and the monitor, keyboard, printer, etc. are connected to it. Other companies like Compaq, call it a Tower Case; usually they're those big verticle boxes that sit vnext to IBM/IBM-compatible computers. And some people mistakenly call it a hard drive. Apples use skuhzees. This is where the RAM, ROM and CPU are stored and it also houses the hard drive," he realed.

And a hard drive is...?

"Where application programs are stored temporarily. It's an internal floppy disk only with a lot more memory. If you were to install the application program, ClarisWorks onto your Apple, you'd put its floppy install disks into the disk drive where ClarisWorks is copied and saved onto the hard drive. Hard drives eliminate the need of having to put disks into the computer every time you want to use software programs."

And RAM?

"Random Access Memory is memory you see but it's not permanent, which is why any essays or graphics you do have to be saved onto the hard drive or onto an external floppy disk," said Austin.

Whew! Dare we ask about kilobytes (KB) and megabytes (MB)?

"Familiar with the binary code?" Austin asked. It's okay to say 'no' he said.

"Inside the computer is a series of on/off switches. These switches are called bits. Eight bits make a byte, 1024 bytes is 1 KB and 1024 KB is 1 MB. Megabytes and kilobytes tell you how much memory you have available for use on your computer," Austin explained.

"Having a lot of RAM available allows for several windows to be open simultaneously on the screen, or it allows you to go into another (program) to do something without quitting the one you're already in," he said.

You should at least know what a window is — it's the boxed area around a menu, command or application.

Now that you're computer literate, maybe this new found info might help you in a job one day. (Not!) Like Austin said, "People today have been spoiled by the advanced 'turn on and go' technology of today's personal computers."

What you really need to know is: Where was Bryan Austin while we were all writing our grade 12 "Computers: An Intro" exam?

Beware: the devil dialler

by Gail Dalfour

Toll fraud is fast becoming the up-and-coming crime of the '90s as well as a financial nightmare for many business people.

It is the unauthorized use of telecommunication systems,



including company voice mail.

"Think of this like leaving the front door of your business open 24 hours a day," explained information technology attorney Donald Cameron.

Ronald Brown of Bell Canada corporate security said toll fraud, a multi-million dollar underground industry, often stems from the illegal use of company voice mail and PBX phone systems (systems where you have to dial "9" to get out). According to Brown,

computer "hackers and phreakers", as well as organized crime, are just some of the people committing fraud.

One of the worst aspects of this crime is known as "third party billing".

Sometimes this is achieved when an access code to a company voice mail is broken using a sequential dialler on a computer. This program, sometimes known as a "devil dialler", it can dial thousands of codes in a matter of seconds. The access code is broken when a dialled code matches up with the access code number.

The hacker then has com-

plete access to the voice mail box of choice and can sell calls overseas to people, charging it to the voice mail box (the third party), making 100 per cent profit. This is usually done without the knowledge of the company involved — until they get their phone bill that is. The company or name the voice mail is registered under is completely liable for all charges accumulated.

"Hackers just love voice mail," said Mike Eschli, Bell Canada representative.

A Toronto case in October of 1992 saw a 15-year-old hacker tie up the 911 line for almost 20 minutes. He

engaged the use of a Viginian company's line and 70 of his friends' lines.

When the source of the call was finally traced, the company's phone bill was almost \$50,000.

Brown said a four-digit access code takes less than seven seconds to break and explained that one means of protection is to have longer access codes.

"Control your accessibility. The crook will always look for the path of least resistance," he said. "The key is to remove the opportunity and to know your system — know where its weaknesses are."

LIFESTYLES

Hair today ... gone tomorrow

by Gail Balfour

A group of Toronto stylists cut hair for 24 hours straight and raised \$1000 to help fund the new Ronald McDonald House on Gerrard Street.

The Art of Hair on Yonge Street near Eglinton was the site of the 24-hour "cut-a-thon" from 4 p.m. on Saturday, Feb. 12 to 4 p.m. on Feb. 13. The whole amount for a haircut, a bargain at only \$20 each, went to the charity.

According to Art of Hair owner Gina Chirico, their usual price for a haircut ranges between \$35 and \$50.

"We felt we wanted to do something for this community," said Chirico. "There are so many kids around here — we wanted to do something for them."

There were nine stylists involved in the cut-a-thon and, although some left early, the few that remained into the 24th hour admitted how tired they were.

"We started feeling it a few hours ago," said stylist Jana Stezka. "Most of us here have been up at least 24 hours."

Stezka revealed her secret for staying alert during the slow time in the middle of the night.

"A lot of coffee," she explained. "We also played charades, cards — anything to stay awake. We weren't sure what to expect, but we were surprised," she continued. "We actually had people coming in at 4:30 in the morning to get their hair cut."

Jennifer Thompson, program co-ordinator for Ronald McDonald House was thankful to employees at the Art of Hair style shop. "It required a big effort on their behalf," she said. "We are grateful for any and all help."

The two Ronald McDonald Houses in Toronto, one on Dundas and the new location at 36 Gerrard Street, are both owned and operated by Children's Oncology Care Ontario Incorporated.

These are just two of more than 150 Ronald McDonald Houses worldwide since

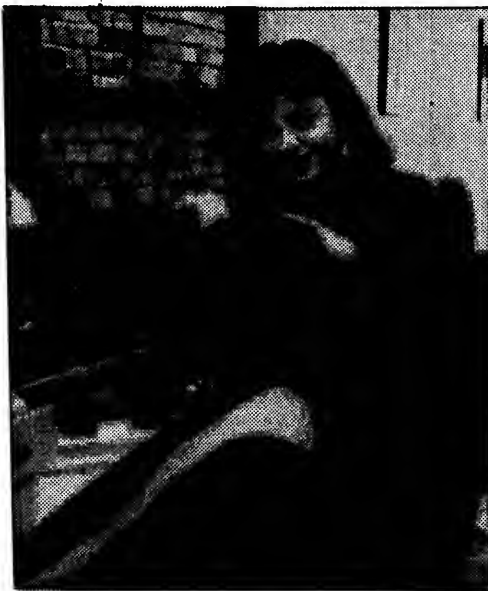
the first was established in Philadelphia in 1973.

They are used as a home away from home for out-of-town families from all over the world, whose children are undergoing treatment for cancer and cancer-related diseases in downtown Toronto.

"We are in the middle of a capital campaign right now to pay for the new house," said Thompson. "We have a goal of \$7 million — right now we've raised just over \$5 million. We hope to wrap up the campaign in the spring."

The first Canadian location at 356 Dundas St. W. was established in April 1991, and the new Gerrard Street house opened Jan. 1 of this year. Both Toronto houses are usually filled to capacity — 41 rooms in all.

"Times are tough and fundraising is difficult," Thompson said. "We're depending on the public a great deal."



WHERE'S RON? — Gina Chirico cuts Chris John's hair in a benefit for the Ronald McDonald House.

Fasting: A pillar of Islam

by Nisiana Scorrane

Ramadan, the month-long Islamic tradition of fasting, is a way to learn self-control and to create a brotherhood among Muslims said the president of the Muslims Student Association.

Kaiser Nawaz, 23, said Ramadan is a religious tradition that prohibits Muslims from eating, drinking or having sexual contact with their spouses from dawn to sunset. After sunset, they are allowed to eat and drink what they want.

"It teaches you self-control over basic desires like drinking, food and sex," Nawaz said.

Nawaz, an accounting student, said Ramadan creates unity among Muslims because all the Muslims are fasting at the same time. "We all experience the same thing."

Abdull-Atis Rkieh, public relations officer for Humber's Muslim Student Association, said Ramadan is practiced for a variety of reasons. The main reason is because God said they must fast.

"God said to pray and we do," Rkieh said. "In the same way, we fast because God said 'fast'."

Rkieh, a 24-year-old computer engineering student, said Ramadan is the fourth pillar in "the five pillars of Islam." These are traditions and practices the Muslims honor all year round. Rkieh said the first pillar is "to bear witness to only one God and to accept Mohammed as the last prophet."

The second is to pray five times a day. The third is to give two and a half per cent of your annual income to the poor or a charity.

The fourth pillar, fasting, is honored for one month every year. Nawaz said the fifth is a pilgrimage the city of Mecca to pray. He said the pilgrimage should be done at least once in a lifetime if "you're financially able and physically fit."

Ramadan begins during the new moon. This year the Muslims began fasting three weeks ago on a Friday or Saturday said Rkieh.

"It depends on when you see the birth of the moon," he said.

The fasting lasts for one lunar month or until the next new moon, usually 29 to 30 days.

Rkieh said during fasting Muslims are encouraged to work on strength of character. "Our characters should be even better than they are on regular days," he said.

Nawaz said Eie, a feast or celebration, is planned to celebrate the end of Ramadan where the Muslims visit friends and family to pray and give gifts. "It's like your Christmas."

Rkieh said children are not required to fast until they hit puberty. As children, some do fast as practice for when they are older but it is not a necessity. Nawaz said this practice as a child makes it easier to fast once you get older.

Nawaz said there are those who are excused from fasting, "when it's harmful to your health or if you need the nourishment." This includes Muslims who are traveling long distances, women who are pregnant or menstruating, the ill and the elderly.

The missed days of fasting must be made up by fasting in the next year or by feeding the poor — three days for every day missed or by donations to charity.

Work abroad program offers a different kind of SWAP meet

Foreign work and travel gives students long lasting life experiences

by Nicole Middelkamp

As many as 2,000 students from Canada will experience other cultures through the Student Work Abroad Programme (SWAP) this year.

SWAP is Canada's largest international exchange program and offers opportunities for students to work in 11 different countries. Students from these countries then have a chance to come and work in Canada.

Some of the countries involved are Britain, Germany, France, Japan, Australia, Ireland and Finland.

Each program begins at a different time but students must apply eight weeks in advance. SWAP is not a placement agency and does not find jobs for students.

Dan Boisert, a University of Toronto student, is heading off to Great Britain in May and said he's not worried about not finding a job.

"I knew someone who went over there with the SWAP program and she had three job offers in the first day. They have a good program to help you find a job."

Boisert, who is graduating this year, said, "I figured I'd go and see

some different places before I have to go out and find a job in my field. I'm going to be there for four months.

"I hope to mature and learn about a different country. I chose the U.K. because there are less cultural differences to adjust too."

Yvette Erdos-Levine of the Travel Cuts travel agency agreed that it sounds risky but said the hiring rate is excellent. "Students don't know for sure if they can get a job, but 80 per cent of the students we send over get some kind of employment."

The wages are generally the same as in Canada. Erdos-Levine said that the wages in England are around \$260

Canadian per week and accommodations cost \$80 to \$100 per week.

While SWAP is a work program, SWAP's director, David Smith, warns that it is not a money making venture.

"No one should plan to use SWAP as a means to save money for the next academic year. A student will earn enough to look after their basic needs while abroad — food and accommodations."

Smith said students should use

SWAP to experience the cultures of other countries.

"It's much easier to appreciate the culture of a country when you work there instead of just travelling through as a tourist."

Students must apply at the SWAP office, located in the Travel Cuts College Street location. Students pay a registration fee, different for each program, and SWAP arranges a student work permit or visa for the country they have chosen.

Students must buy their airline ticket from Travel Cuts and when they arrive at their destination, the program provides two nights of accommodation for them.

The SWAP offices in each country have lists of jobs and accommodations and information sessions about the country. After the three days, students can decide if they want to remain in the program.

The types of jobs available to students are usually the same as summer jobs offered in Canada; restaurant, hotel and retail work.

Erdos-Levine said there are different opportunities in Japan. "Japan is one country where they look for students with a college or university degree. The jobs offered there are often teaching English classes in schools or to employees. This is the program that a student would probably be able to save some money in."



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Funeral services appeals to friends who want to help

by **Ralph Tasgal**

It doesn't exactly rank up there as one of the most desirable professions in the world. There is little prestige, long hours, and a sometimes gruesome working environment. Compound this with a reputation for being short on scruples and having a suspect character, why would anyone ever want to be a funeral director?

This is a question, perhaps best put to some of the people who applied for Humber's funeral services program this year. There were 600 of them.

"They come in all shapes, sizes, colors and sexes," Funeral Services program coordinator Don Foster proclaims proudly of his students.

"For the most part, they have a pretty well-developed sense of humor," he says, as he points to a sign above his desk reading, "Do not disturb, funeralization in progress."

"By and large, we like to think we are pretty normal."

Foster notes that the stereotype of the morose, shadowy mortician is the stuff of movies, not reality. He admits that occasionally he does get a student who fits this image, and that frankly, he wishes they would do something else.

Humber's Funeral Services course, started by Foster 26 years ago, is one of the most comprehensive of its kind in all of Canada. A peculiar career choice, some might think, but in recent years it has also become one of Humber's most popular courses. Last year alone, applications were up 50 per cent over four years ago.

The high demand for this

program can be at least partly attributed to the stability of the funeral home industry; it is one of an ever dwindling number of businesses still untouched by the recession. It is a career where layoffs are rare and security is formidable. The greatest lure, however, just might be the program's success rate: 100 per cent in the last two years. Not even The Harvard School of Business can do better than that.

Funeral service was not the first choice, nor a life-long ambition, for most in the course. It is a decision that is often made reluctantly. Sometimes, as was the case with first-year student Lou Casagrande, it is the result of having another job miscarry. "It's a service that's going to be needed in some way shape or form, regardless of the state of the economy," explains Casagrande, who first wanted to be a fire fighter, but changed his mind when one of the fire halls closed in his home town of Sarnia.

Casagrande is quick to disabuse those who are of the notion that people get into this business for financial reasons. It was not his motive, he says, pointing out that "any career has people who are only in it for the money."

Jennifer Foulds graduated from Centennial College with a diploma in Business Administration before coming to Humber's Funeral Services program. Unable to find a job in her field, Foulds was at least partly attracted to the course at Humber because of the stability.

"There are only so many jobs out there, certainly there

will always be a need for funeral homes."

There is an air of mystery that envelops the funeral profession. Just ask them what they actually do with the body and watch how quickly their eyes turn cold and shut you out of their world. It is a subject which they adamantly refuse to discuss — not with someone who is not one of them, anyway. There are no improprieties in the "preparation room," they say, it's just a matter of respect to the deceased and to the family.

Students in Funeral Services are an unusual breed in a sense. Almost without exception, they are caring people who are deeply sensitive to the sufferings of others. They are imbued with a desire to be needed and to be of service. And even though the secret bonds they share make for a closed circle — one which few outsiders ever get a chance to see through — their reputation for strangeness is largely undeserved.

First-year student David Lawrence is all too aware of the scorn that is often levelled at people in this business. Adopted at the age of 10 into a family that owned a funeral home, it wasn't an easy transition for him.

He was the butt of much snickering in the halls in high school, being known as the "funeral home kid." Getting a date was near impossible, he says chuckling. He didn't laugh then.

It was this early exposure to the business that has led Lawrence to Humber this year. Having lost his natural parents, he is committed to providing the people he serves

with the most kindness he can for very personal reasons.

"It is important that these families be treated well, because my family was gone."

Lawrence's tremendous caring is illustrated by the time a few years back, when he was helping out in his family's funeral home at Yonge and Eglinton. One of their clients, an elderly woman, was profoundly touched by Lawrence's compassion and she became attached to him. Lawrence still does her grocery shopping and any other errands she needs done. He doesn't get paid for it, nor does he want to. "Whatever she needs, I'm there," he says.

"It's too important to help people," Lawrence explains of his reasons for choosing this career. "There is nothing better than when you help a family in a difficult time."

Lawrence's sentiments are echoed by his classmate, Julia Kelly, who came from Windsor to study Funeral Services at Humber.

"It takes a really special person to do this," says Kelly. "It is most gratifying when a family comes up to me and says, 'thank-you.'"

And though sad to think about, many of us will one day be comforted by these students, and we will thank them too.



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Beans, beans...musical fruit

by **Melanie Demczuk**

Beans beans, they're good for the heart...the more you eat...well we all know how the rhyme goes, but the truth is, beans really are good for you.

Beans, peas and lentils are known as legumes and are being re-discovered as nutritious, inexpensive, versatile and healthy, according to the City of Etobicoke's Health Department.

Although beans have been given a rather smelly reputation in North America, legumes are an excellent source of protein. Combined with rice and other grains, legumes can take the place of meat in Canada's Food Guide.

Legumes are also low in fat and high in fibre and can make for a quick and nutritious meal. "With school and a part-time job, I don't always have time to sit down and eat a complete meal, but I can always throw beans in a pot with some other vegetables and I feel like I've eaten a meal," said first year general arts and science student Whitney Grey.

Dr. Alex Chin says that beans are often recommended in every diet due to their high protein content. "If a patient comes in questioning their diet, one of the first things I suggest is beans," said Chin. "They're affordable and taste great," he added.

So why do beans have such a bad rap? The rhyme suggests that beans create gas, which is in fact true. The gas is caused by the breakdown of fibre and the beans' sugar by bacteria in the large intestine. But Dr. Chin said that the gas decreases as you get used to eating

beans. "Once your system gets used to the legumes, the gas disappears," he said.

The uses for beans are endless. They can be thrown in salad or cooked in a sauce. The most common use for beans is in a soup. Cooked lentils can be added to chicken or vegetable stock with rice or barley. A new use for beans is in a spread. Add plain yogurt, mayonnaise, chopped onion and herbs with any bean and use as a sandwich spread or a dip.

More recipes can be found in the Heart and Stroke Foundation's Light Hearted cookbook and "Bean Cuisine" by Nana Tupper Chapman. So the truth is out...beans really are good for you. So remember to eat beans with every meal.

BASIC LENTIL SOUP

Combine:
1/2 lb. lentils (2 cups)
6 cups water
Simmer 30 minutes or until tender.

Add:
2 carrots, diced
1/2 cup sliced green onions
1 clove of garlic, crushed
1-1/2 cups tomato juice
1/2 cup minced parsley
1/2 teaspoon dried oregano
1 teaspoon salt
dash of pepper

Bring to a boil, reduce heat and simmer just until the carrots and lentils are tender. Season to taste and serve.
(Makes 6 servings.)





Media pirate frees the air

You too can be a radio guerilla, says critic from the Land of the Rising Sun

by Daniel Kielly

The democratization of the Canadian airwaves has begun, says Tetsuo Kogawa. The radio critic recently arrived in Canada "to investigate pirate radio and explore the possibilities pirate radio would have on Canadian community and culture".

Pirate media is media unregulated by any government.

The Canadian Radio-television and Telecommunications Commission (CRTC) is the group in Canada that decides whether or not an application to broadcast over national airwaves will be allowed, and assigns the frequency if permission is granted.

It is illegal to broadcast without a permit, but not impossible, according to Kogawa.

He talked at Toronto's Inter/Access studio at 96 Spadina Ave. late last month.

Thirty to 40 people sat or stood crammed into the small room to hear Kogawa speak on the differences in radio culture in Canada and Japan.

This lecture balanced the practical with the theoretical.

Kogawa spoke about his own pirate radio station in Tokyo, which has 38 regular members.

The operation is set up in his apartment, said Kogawa, where members bring their own music or a recorded tape of their show to put on the air. They talk about politics and music.

"It is unorganized radio. If a person hears something interesting, they will come over to the station and join in," said Kogawa.

According to Kogawa, the airwaves of Tokyo were unregulated until companies began to build transmitters to sell to citizens.

This caused a flood in radio broadcasts and the government had to crack down by bringing in laws similar to those in Canada.

"There are only 10 to 11 illegal stations in Japan at the moment," said Kogawa.

Kogawa talked patiently, wire cutters and soldering iron in hand, as he assembled a crude transmitter.

His ability to build this from scrap got him held up at the American border. Kogawa smiled, relating the story of the customs officials who searched his luggage.

"They were very smart and found

the E-mail print out of my schedule in one to two minutes," he said. The schedule outlined his plans to broadcast illegally from a transmitter on Feb. 18.

"Do you have the transmitter now?" he was asked. Since he was unable to produce it, they went as far as to ask him to perform the show he would be doing in Toronto.

Kogawa finally won them over by telling them he was an ambassador in an "international exchange of radio ideas."

Kogawa has come to Toronto to plant the seed of an idea.

"I would like to democratize the technology of the transmitter," he said. "The way Canadian radio is organized now, specialists and governments monopolize the technology."

Kogawa's ingredients were an audio-in wire, a tuning coil, a voltmeter, a copper-insulated rectangular plate the size of a bookmark, epoxy, a soldering gun, a 12-volt battery and metal wire, all of which he found in an afternoon's shopping on Queen Street.

The rectangular plate served as the base for the very crude transmitter, which he finished in a little under 40 minutes. Then a 12-volt battery was

hooked to the instrument and using the tuning coil he found an available space on the FM band.

With an audio-in wire attached to a walkman he played a mouth harp over the temporary radio station.

Due to the speed of assembly and without an antenna the transmitter only had a range of about 40 feet.

Kogawa was up for bigger and better things. With an antennae and a transmitter of the same size but with more care taken in its assembly he went on the air again.

This time the range was about four city blocks, and he over-rode a classical music station lower down on the FM band.

"This is the radio station 88.7, a very temporary radio station," Kogawa said, signing on.

These walking distance radio stations provide a medium to break down politics and ideas on a neighborhood level, said Kogawa. They could also inform communities about local events and news.

"Narrow radio should be made legal in Canada," he said. "There shouldn't be one station with 1,000 watts, but 1,000 stations with one watt."



Sean B. Pasternak

Beat It —Toronto's top talent whoops it up. HEAD's up for the little drummer boys

by Sean B. Pasternak

The beat went on in the Student Centre last weekend, as some of the city's top drummers put their skills on display.

The event was a "drumming symposium" presented by Humber's Educational Advancement for Drummer's Society (HEADS). It featured more than 15 hours of ways for up and coming drummers to improve their skills.

Among the special guests were Phil Michael (whose studio credits include Gowan and Zappacosta), Mark Kelso (who has worked with The Supremes, Jeff Healey) and latin percussionist Rick Lazar (who has formed bands such as Montuno Police and Coconut Grove).

"This is like a dream come true," said HEADS treasurer Rob Sylvester, who helped plan the event.

"We wanted to do this to raise some funds for our percussion department, but also

to have some fun and learn a lot from these great drummers."

Several door prizes were given away to clinic participants. They were donated from sponsors as Sabian cymbals, Just Drums, and Cosmo Music. According to HEADS president and SAC member Denis Roy, the sponsors were very helpful in the creation of the clinic.

"We got lots of people to donate things, and it really lends credibility to the club," he said.

Last semester, SAC was unable to give funding to the club. However, the club has been fully sanctioned and funded since January, enabling HEADS to promote events which raise funds for the music department library.

The topics covered at the symposium were the history of the drum kit, commitment in studio drumming and the differences between the several styles of latin music.

Weaving soul into your art

by Daniel Kielly

University of Regina teacher and Native artist Bob Boyer was once asked why he did women's art.

He asked them, in return, why they continued to study men's art.

Boyer makes textiles: knit or woven material.

Artists like Boyer are trying to get their work recognized as a viable art form.

Oil paint on flannel blankets is the medium Boyer uses for his exhibited textiles.

Using motifs of Traditional Plains Indian beadwork and hide painting, Boyer stays true to the modernist geometric painting style.

Boyer is a self-proclaimed anti-intellectual, wary of artistic interpretation.

"It seems that to be an artist you have to be full of angst, tortured and pulling your hair out," said Boyer recently at a show at The Museum for Textiles. "There's no angst in my work. I do it for fun."

His work is described as a "comment on the history of the First Nations and European contact" by museum curators.

The listening crowd laughed when Boyer remarked that "the curators found this angst in my work, so I guess it's art now."

He said there would be no need to include this false angst that seems to make art

marketable, if original Native craft was recognized for its artistic quality.

"Native art is not by nature a violent art form, but honors what the Creator has given us," said Boyer.

Brooklyn-based artist Laura Baird said textiles fit the artistic bill "because of the patience and dedication put into each piece."

Baird has only done one piece of art, but the piece, "Jonestown Carpet," is a 4-by-6 foot stitched carpet reproduction of a 1978 aerial photograph of the Jonestown massacre. There are one hundred stitches per square inch and all of it has been stitched at least three or four times.

In 1981 she contacted the photographer who took the pictures of the mass suicide of Jimmy Jones and his followers, and obtained some of the pictures. Baird mapped out the piece in the course of an hour on the back of the envelope.

In 1991, after moving seven times to accommodate the size of the piece and working in restaurants for funding, she finished the project. The work put her health at risk and she developed arthritis.

"The painkillers provided me with a lot of the patience I needed to do the carpet," she said.

The third artist to speak at the show was Naoko Furue. Her artwork is a red silk cloth made from the old linings of women's kimonos, which she

found for sale in old antique shops in Japan.

The beauty of the piece comes from the pleating, gathering and traditional hand-stitching that pieced the bits of cloth together.

Furue said textiles are treated differently in Canada than in Japan.

"It is very different from the practice and perfection mentality of the Japanese," she said.

Furue once attended a Toronto trade fair where Japanese artists were dying cloth. To create a perfect color, you must dye for a certain duration. It is an art form in itself. The fair was disrupted and hurried as Canadian participants "wanted to get their money's worth," Furue said.

"The textile is a path to wisdom and to a person's recovery of their sense of touch," said Furue. "The length of time it takes must involve the dreams, hopes, aspirations and memories of the person."

Textiles are defined as a decorative art form that is serviceable. The Exhibition's position is that "textile production in some way is a response to conventions within the medium that reflect ideas of history, gender and cultural or sexual identity".

Winona Ryder Bites the bullet

by Sean Garrett

"We can so easily slip back from what we have struggled to attain, abruptly, into a life we never wanted; can find that we are trapped, as in a dream, and die there, without ever waking up."

-Rainer Maria Rilke

Remember the '80s? Ah yes... but now you'll be shortly graduating from school.

Chin up to the world of downsizing firms and more quickly falling expectations.

That's the theme of *Reality Bites*.

Alternately embarrassing, pretentious and smart, *Bites* dissects the lives of four college kids who've graduated into the under-employed poor.

Dissection's the word of choice. If this was a real evisceration, the frog would be twitching even as its innards were strung out.

Filmed a bit amateurishly to lend it that too-cool realistic look, *Bites* stars Winona Ryder as Lelaina, and is aimed at the younger audience.

Few baby boomers attended this film the night I went.

Who can blame them?

No boomer is portrayed as remotely sentient in *Bites*, a misrepresentation that also hobbled Ryder's *Heathers*, though that scathingly smart parody.

There is no character in either film like, for example, the dad in *Say Anything*.

Pity.

Twenty-three-year-old *Bites* screenwriter Helen Childress

and director Ben Stiller, score, though, in their portrayal of a middle-class demographic, albeit a dwindling, white demographic.

Here's an age-group an apocalyptic society seems to want more for its consumption than its brains.

When Lelaina, a college valedictorian, tells her mom she has been turned down for any job with an iota's chance of advancement, the post-grad is told to downsize credentials and embrace the fast food sector.

"Don't worry, lil' sugar booger," says Mom. "You can always apply to Burgerama. Why, only yesterday, I saw on the news they had this little retarded boy handling the till."

"But Mom... I'm not retarded," says Lelaina, doubt creeping into her voice.

Ha, ha. Hilarious camp. Just remember to slash along and not across the wrists.

How do these polyester post-modernists survive this existential hell?

When they are not quitting their McJobs like there was no tomorrow, they smoke, recite Heidegger, and smoke some more.

They, joke, too. They're like the medics in *M.A.S.H.*, who play cruel practical jokes because it is the only thing in the war that provides a real emotional release; ban the gone mad.

Prowling the bounds of their demographic ghetto, these born scavengers' only hopes are to be serendipitous potholes on the information super-highway.

I shan't describe *Bites'* plot, which peters out.

Not that *Bites* necessarily needs a plot. If it's comprised of several meaningful, unrelated vignettes in a vacuum, it's mere art imitating life.

What's left is a relationship between a *femme* (Ryder) and a consumeristic executive who Sold His Soul to the Man (Stiller).

Poetry-spouting prick Troy (Ethan Hawke) expands the coupling into a dysfunctional love triangle.

Troy, a "master of time suckage", has been fired from 12 jobs for transgressions like Snickers-scarfing and asking if employees' necks are subsidized.

Afraid he will die slowly on an assembly line with cancer in his balls like his conformist dad, Troy hopes society will treat him like more the rebel than he is, truly.

In real life, the woman would drop this prick like roadsplat, but this is a feature film meant to last longer than 19 minutes.

Bids on who gets the girl?

Speaking of which, lastly, there's Winona, whose elastic eyebrows articulate better than words, even when the rest of her 103 lb. frame is tucked into a corset.

Winona, whose only awful performance to date was as a wisecracking, bubblegum-Bronx in a little-seen art film called *Night on Earth*, where she... oh, never mind. God, she stunk, but she has really matured since her "My bullshit teenage angst has a body count" *Heathers* days.

Is Ryder good in *Reality Bites*?

The unwritten golden rule of acting is that it's more difficult to play a comedic role than a dramatic role. She's good.

This film toward the end resembles *Gen X Lite*. It doesn't provide any answers to

its characters' crises.

Maybe that's the point.

"The only thing you need to be when you're 23 is yourself," says Troy. With apologies to Rilke, that is what may divide those who puncture the dream and those who may die before they wake up.



Courtesy photo

REALITY BITES AND THEN YOU DIE—Winona Ryder's a college grad who can't even land a job dishing fries

Tori Amos exorcises her childhood

by Kimberly Mitchell

Tori Amos, the girl with the fire-red hair known for her emotive vocals and her sexual writhing at the piano, has released her second LP, *Under the Pink*.

Under the Pink has a more varied sound than her last effort, but it still contains her complex lyrical style.

Singer-songwriter Amos sings with evocative vocals, while playing intricate piano melodies.

Her words conjure up worlds of sexual unease. Her songwriting is introspective and spiritual, with songs about sexual guilt and religious confusion.

Amos, a minister's daughter, reveals her feelings of oppression as a result of her rigid Christian upbringing. Her lyrics seem to be an attempt to liberate herself from this.

In *Ice* she says, "I think the Good Book is missing some pages/ gonna lay down/ And when my hand touches myself/ I can finally rest my head/ and when they say take of his body/ I think I'll take from mine instead."

Amos, 30, was always rebelling against her father and his strict religious beliefs while growing up in the U.S.

She now lives in London with her boyfriend and says her songwriting is a personal healing for her.

While Amos' gold-selling 1992 *Little Earthquakes* deals with her sexual guilt and her questioning of religion, *Under the Pink* is a progression about moving forward and breaking

the victim perspective.

This can be heard in the lyrics on the second single, *God*— "God, sometimes you just don't come through/ Do you need a woman looking after you?"

Although Amos' sound has been compared to the likes of Kate Bush and Sarah

MacLachlan, her vocals are rawer and much more provocative.

The more adventurous sound of this compilation has expanded her cult fan-base

and found its way into radio rotation.

Amos will be playing a sold-out show at Convocation Hall, at the University of Toronto, March 26.



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SPORTS

Sports Trivia Question: Who is the only all-star player in the N.H.L. that has all five vowels in his last name?

Last Week's Answer: Tara Petrachenko with 258 points for a 18.4 per game average.

Men's soccer Hawks sock it to them

by Jason Carroll

The unheard of happened as the men's indoor soccer team won their fourth straight tournament title this year.

They lost a game.

The Hawks repeated as the Humber tournament champs but saw their 17 game win streak come to a close in the process. They dropped a 2-0 decision to the Centennial Colts in an early morning match-up, but the loss may have shaken up the previously undefeated Hawks.

"It woke us up," said Steve Spizzirri, one of two Hawk tournament all-stars. "It would have been nice to have a perfect season but we're more focussed on the Ontario's."

The Hawks rebounded from the early loss and started a new streak, winning their final three games to keep the title at Humber.

The Hawks had a chance to redeem themselves in the finals, as they met the Colts for the title and made easy work of them the second time around.

Humber scored quickly for a 1-0 lead, and then Lorenzo Redwood gave a high pass to Phil Caporrella, the other Hawk all-star, who juggled the

ball and kicked it in mid-air for his second goal of the tournament.

Humber controlled the tempo of the game and maintained the pressure inside the Colts' zone. The Hawks allowed the Colts their only chance at a goal when Spizzirri was forced to serve a two-minute penalty.

A scrum around the Hawk net left the right side open for a Colt with the ball in front. The shot headed for the top right corner but goalie Adam Morandini made a diving save to keep his shutout intact.

In the dying minutes of the game, the Colts' frustrations became obvious when they started to become more physical, knocking any Humber player down.

Spizzirri was knocked down in front of the net waiting for a pass from Caporrella in the corner. Spizzirri remained on the floor as the play continued into the Hawks' zone but the referee didn't listen to the crowd yelling that there was a player down.

Morandini's clearing pass to the other end bounced off the wall where Spizzirri was still down. The ball bounced out in front, where Spizzirri got to his feet in time to head the ball in.

However he was knocked to the floor again after the celebration.

"They beat us the first game but we outplayed them in the second game and they got frustrated," said coach Germain Sanchez. "Our team showed a lot of heart and pride today."

In the third game of the tournament, the Hawks continued their domination of the St. Lawrence Vikings of Kingston. During the St. Lawrence tournament in January, the Hawks man-handled the Vikings 5-1 and embarrassed them again on Sunday in a 5-0 romp.

The Vikings' goalie took the brunt of the Hawks' attack, taking shots to the face and the ribs.

Spizzirri connected with Capporella and Rob Petrowicz on identical tip-in goals in front of the net for a 2-0 lead.

Kirby Mitchell banked a shot off the wall behind the Vikings net that rebounded out front, causing a scramble that saw the sprawling net-minder on the receiving end of two kicks to the ribs.

As the play moved down court, the goalie was still clutching his mid-section in obvious pain. Mike Maglio

started a rush towards the Viking net and centered a pass to Emilio Dentraiques who potted his first goal of the tournament past the injured goalie.

The Hawks put the final nail in the coffin on a goal from Spizzirri with less than five seconds left.

Sanchez says he is happy with the team's effort and has noticed a trend developing in the tournaments.

"We seem to start out like that at all tournaments. We start low and they reserve their strength for the finals. They play to qualify because it

is very difficult to play at a high level every game," said Sanchez. "Steve scored the goals we needed. Even though he's a small guy, he shows lots of heart and hard work. Mike Maglio played quite well throughout the tournament also."

The Hawks' next tournament is the regional finals in Kitchener at Conestoga College during the March Break.

"We're more prepared than last season. We choked on a few chances we had but now we're more experienced together," said Spizzirri.

Hawk Happenings

- The Humber Men's-doubles badminton team won a silver medal at the OCAA championships in Kingston, last Friday. The team of Ron Ward and Bill Chircoski ended their season by going undefeated in five matches of the round robin, but were defeated by the George Brown College team in the championship game.
- Volleyball player Eugene Selva wins "Athlete of the Week," after being selected as an all-star at the OCAA championship.
- The Humber Hawks men's basketball team demolished George Brown Huskies 98-77 last Thursday with Steve McGregor (23 points) and Richard Saunders (21) leading the way. On Tuesday, the Hawks beat the Cambrian Golden Shield 95-78 in a quarter-final game. They are on their way to the OCAA championships at Alonquin College this weekend.

Holy smoked: 104-53!!

by Alan McDonald

Wow! Did anybody get the number of that train? If so, you might want to inform the George Brown Huskies basketball team who were hit dead on and left to suffer in its tracks, last Thursday.

Humber's women's basketball team powered their way past the Huskies by a score of 104-53 in what turned out to be their strongest offensive effort of the year. The game was the Hawks' last of the season and lifted their record to 8-4, third place in their division behind Fanshawe and Seneca.

"We definitely came out smokin' tonight," said Hawk's coach Jim Henderson. "Our offense was at its best."

Tara Petrachenko was also at her best and led the team in points. She scored the team's first 10 points and 18 of the first 27. Her shooting was accurate all night long and she finished the game with a personal season-high of 26.

It wouldn't be surprising if George Brown players saw a number 32 (Petrachenko's) on the back of that train.

Then again, number 23 Corinne Smith didn't have a

bad game either. Playing solid at both ends of the court, Smith ended up with 18 points and was a predominant reason for the difference on the scoreboard. She was also named "Hawks Player of the Game" for her efforts.

"It was good out there tonight," said Smith. "I was happy with my own game and the whole team looks to be on track."

The win, was once again, a total team effort by the Hawks. Well-balanced scoring and unselfish play have become familiar characteristics of this team. There were no glaring weak-spots apart from a few long breakout passes that were completed by the Huskies which led to easy layups. Coach Henderson said he didn't want to nit-pick but he couldn't overlook the defensive lapses.

"You don't want to get too critical when you win by 50 points, but those passes shouldn't be successful," said Henderson. "If it happens once, that should be the end of it. I guess it had a lot to do with our comfortable lead."

The game was practically over early in the second half, when the Hawks started to

pull away. Tightening up their defense to finally stop the long pass, they held the Huskies to a mere 19 points in the second half. Along with grabbing most of the rebounds, at both ends, the Hawks put up 51 points of their own.

"The result didn't surprise me at all," said Henderson, who pointed out that the Huskies were at the bottom of the standings. "George Brown had nothing to really play for apart from this being their last game of the year."

Julie Irving and Wendy Aldebert were all over the Huskies throughout the night, making the Huskies' last game a long and painful one. Irving showed reluctance in her shooting and displayed more passing skills than usual, while Aldebert was the finisher of some picture-perfect layups.

Christine Weber chipped in and showed her shooting accuracy by sinking more than a few difficult long shots.

"I would've liked to see Julie shoot more," said Henderson of the valuable rookie. "She's a great passer, but we love her to shoot."

With 104 points lit up on the scoreboard it's apparent the rest of the Hawks were

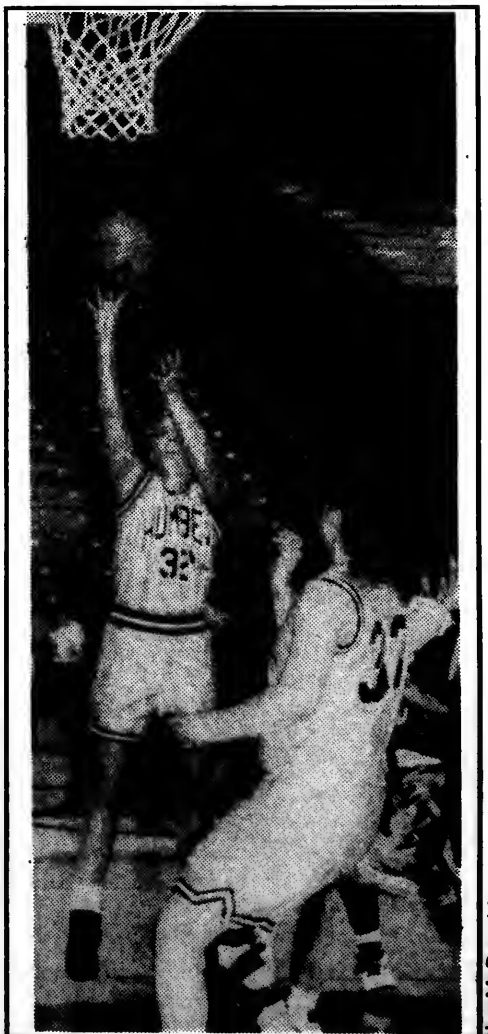
doing enough shooting to let Irving concentrate on passing. It was the Hawks' fifth win in a row which sends them to the playoffs in a confident frame of mind.

"We're ready for the playoffs now," said Smith. "Every game we're getting stronger."

Henderson says he'll stick to the game-plan for the playoffs that has worked for the Hawks during the latter half of the season. Their press-defence has been successful since being installed about six games ago.

"I don't see any need for changes, especially after a result like this," he said. "I might throw a few things in to confuse the other teams but that's to be expected at this time of year."

The Hawks will be practising all week before heading out to Fanshawe for the quarter-finals on Friday and the semi-final and championship games on Saturday.



— TARA PETRACHENKO —

Hi-ho silver, away

by Kelvin Connelly

The Humber College men's volleyball team nearly pulled off a miracle at last weekend's OCAA volleyball championship but fell short with a loss to Sheridan in Saturday's gold medal match.

The Hawks, who finished fourth in OCAA league standings, are a young team that had not before been tested in championship play.

"There was some concern going into the tournament. At the beginning of the season we were making a lot of mental mistakes but we seemed to have progressed," said Steve Corbin, the Hawks head coach.

And progress they did, beating a pumped Seneca team in three games and taking Ontario's number-one-ranked team, Sheridan, to five games in Friday's qualifying match.

Seneca, who had beaten the Hawks in their last meeting during league play, used their bench for a qualifying game against Sheridan in order to save their best players for the Humber game. This strategy backfired as the Hawks easily took the match 15-7, 16-14, 15-7, eliminating Seneca.

The close loss to Sheridan in Friday's second qualifying round left the Hawks confident for their semi-final game against Loyalist.

"We felt great about the loss, it gave us confidence that we could play at their level," said Hawks' star Eugene Selva. The Sheridan Bruins are the number two-ranked team in Canada, have won four consecutive OCAA championships, and lost only five games all season. The Hawks were the first team to take the Bruins to five games this year.

Sheridan did, however, lose Ryan McNeil, an all-star player to a sprained ankle early in the match and this seemed to open the doors for Humber. After losing the first game 4-15, the Hawks took the next two, 15-3, 15-9, but lost the

final two 7-15, 13-15.

Coach Corbin called the loss a stepping stone and said his team would use it as a lesson for how to beat Sheridan in the finals.

First the Hawks had to get past the Loyalist Lancers, a team with which they had developed a rivalry. The Lancers kept the Hawks from the playoffs last year and some bad blood between the teams remained. A strong game by Humber's Wayne Wilkins lifted the Hawks past Loyalist, 15-13, 16-17, 15-12, 16-14 and into the finals.

"We were focussed and ready to play. We owed it to them and now they have to give us some respect," said Wilkins.

One match against a weakened Sheridan team now stood between the Hawks and an OCAA championship. Corbin admitted before the game he was happy and surprised his team had made it this far but said they were hungry to go further.

Sheridan took an 11-3 lead in the first game but the Hawks stormed back within one point at 11-10. The Bruins then rattled off four points to Humber's one, for a 15-11 win.

Game two was a see-saw affair with the teams trading point for point until the Bruins pulled away after some great saves against Selva's spikes for a 15-12 victory.

Sheridan had the match well in hand after taking the first two games but the Hawks battled back in game three. A kill by Selva at 16-16 gave the Hawks their only win of the match.

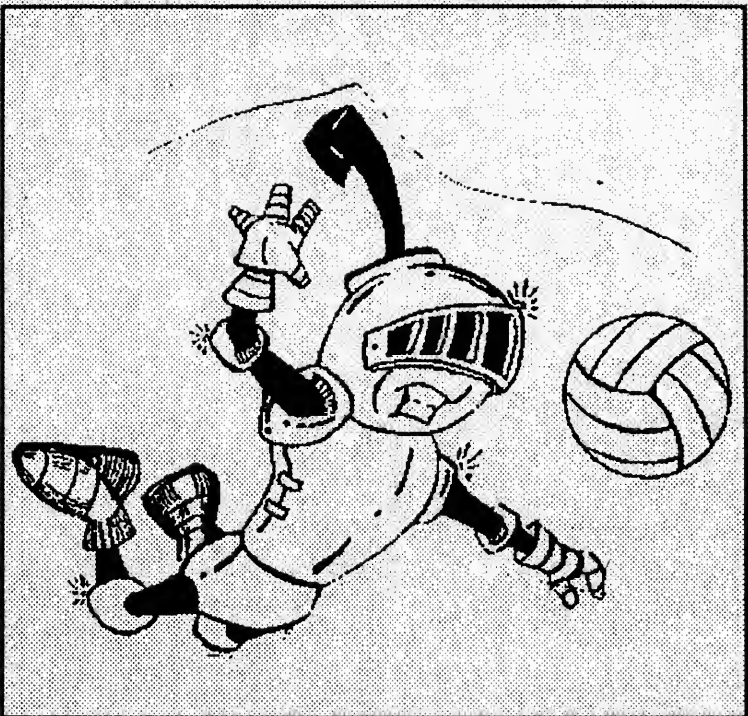
But the game seemed to drain the players. The Hawks could not keep up the momentum and were slaughtered in the fourth game by a 15-3 final score.

The loss was painful for Hawks' players. One player yelled at Corbin about failed strategy while others stood around dazedly, talking in subdued tones.

"We shot for the cosmos but fell just short," reflected Corbin.

According to Doug Fox, however, the future is bright for men's volleyball at Humber.

"The core will be back next year. We knew we were talented but usually with a group of freshmen it takes a couple of years. We should be tremendous next year," said Fox.



SPIKED — The OCAA volleyball championship logo.

Women's indoor soccer team: Humber tourney champions

by Jason Carroll

After the men's team beat the Centennial Colts, the women's soccer team did their part to make the Colts feel like unwelcomed guests.

The Hawks' women's soccer team were not gracious hosts as they downed the Colts in the championship game of the weekend tournament and a sweep for Humber's two teams.

The Hawks recorded their second straight tournament title with a tightly fought 2-1 victory on Sunday over Centennial.

The first goal was the result of being in the right place at the right time.

Debbie Ferguson's kick

rebounded off the wall to Rose Sorrentino who was stationed in front of the net. The ball hit Sorrentino in the chest and found the net for a 1-0 lead.

The Colts responded with the tying goal in almost the same fashion. This time however, it was a matter of the Hawks being in the wrong place at the wrong time. The Colts' forward missed the net but ricocheted out front to the Hawks goalie who was positioned perfectly to cut down the angle of the shot. The ball hit her in the back and before she had a chance to react, it was in the net.

The goal must have gotten under the Hawks' collective skin, because on the next drive, the Hawks scored the

winner. After a shot on net knocked the goalie down, Ferguson kicked it in for the win and the championship.

The second straight title has left coach Karen Smith impressed with the teams play.

"We should have gone 3-0. I felt we played a better defensive game than offensive, compared to the other tournament. All in all, we played well as a team," said Smith. "Everyone cheered each other on. When they had a goal scored against them, they didn't get down. They kept plugging."

The Hawks added two players to the tournament all-star team. Kim Ramsey, who played the entire game, and Ferguson were each elected to the team.

Lady v-ball season ends on a sour note at OCAA's

by Kelvin Connelly

The Humber College Lady Hawks finished a disappointing fourth in last weekend's OCAA volleyball championships by losing Saturday's bronze medal match to St. Clair in five games.

The Hawks came to the championships with high hopes for a medal after finishing third in the OCAA league. A loss to second-ranked Durham in Friday's qualifying game forced the Hawks into a tough semi-final game against top-ranked Seneca.

"We didn't expect to lose to Durham. We knew how to beat them but we didn't play to our potential," said Hawks coach, Dave Hood.

"We lost to Durham twice during the year but both times we gave them a challenge," said Nicole Nightingale, a Hawks' starter.

The team seemed flat-footed against Durham; balls were dropping, and there was a lack of coverage.

The Hawks' poor tournament coverage continued Saturday against Seneca in a blow-out 1-15, 1-15, 6-15 match, despite strong performances by Danielle Brown, and Suzanne Sharp, two of the team's star players.

"It's a letdown being knocked out of the finals, but our goal is still to win the next game and take home a bronze medal," said Sharp after the game.

Humber's next opponents, St. Clair were two-time regular season victims to Humber. The Hawks were ahead of the Saints by four points in the OCAA final standings.

The Hawks lost the first game 11-15 after taking an early 6-1 lead. They won the second game easily 15-5 despite a hand injury which knocked Nightingale out of the contest. After losing a closely fought third game and easily winning the fourth, the Hawks seemed on the verge of a

bronze medal. Humber OCAA all-stars, Albina Michelle, Suzanne Sharp, and Erica Wiersma were in fine form, making excellent digs and power shots.

The fifth and deciding game saw the Hawks rebound from an early 0-4 deficit to tie the game 7-7. But Humber's momentum was stopped after St. Clair called a time-out. The Saints stormed back to a 15-9 victory.

Coach Dave Hood said the loss was especially disappointing because many of his star players will be graduating next year.

"This was a last kick of the can for this team. Next year will be a building year for us with new players in many key positions," said Hood.

Albina Michelle, one player who will not be returning, said she thought the team was trying too hard to make their last championship together a winning one.

"We waited a long time for this chance but we were just not working together as a team," said Michelle.

Hood admits many of his players may have had a tough time adjusting after being eliminated from the gold medal round.

"I focus on creating success and a minimum of silver was our goal. Once we were out of the first round, and the possibility for gold and a trip to the nationals was gone, it was hard to focus," said Hood.

Humber athletic director Doug Fox is unsure about the quality of the women's volleyball team over the next few years.

"We do our best to recruit great players but with the large number of Ontario colleges and universities competing, it's hard to predict the future once this talented core of players are gone. On the other hand look how well the men have done this year with a young team," said Fox.

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Weirdness from the wire

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Bombing birds

CHICAGO (Reuters) — Canadian geese have been making life a little difficult for people south of the border.

Golfers, homeowners and people walking in the park are complaining about having to watch where they step because of large Canadian geese droppings that have been piling up around golf courses, parks and the shorelines of rivers and lakes in the U.S. midwest area.

"These birds are very much a nuisance—golfers just hate them because they graze on the greens and on the fairways, and leave their droppings," said Dean Kelly of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. "Condominium dwellers and people who live near beaches and small lakes have crap all over their lawns."

Burglary up in smoke

RIO (Reuters) — Paranoid delusions led four burglars into giving themselves up to the authorities last week in an attempted burglary that went awry.

The four burglars who were apparently high on drugs were busy ransacking a house near Rio in search of a non-existent stash of gold, weapons and dollars when they spotted two police officers outside, mistaking them for members of a drug gang.

Fearing they were going to be lynched, the burglars phoned emergency services and asked to be arrested, but not before one last drink—a whole bottle of Cointreau Tigne.

Cow-sitting

CRAIGHURST (CP) — Six renegade cows have taken up residence in a Craighurst ambulance station after being hit by an ambulance last Thursday.

According to provincial police, the cows were wandering along a highway near Craighurst when they were hit by an ambulance, and sustained some minor injuries.

The ambulance crew then rounded up the cows and led them to the station.

"They just basically got behind them and herded them up the ramp," a police spokesman told CP.

The cows will be staying at the ambulance station until their owner claims them.

Too sleepy for sex

OSHAWA (CP) — Paul Gilliam loves the night shift, but it doesn't do much for his sex life.

He is among 700 autoworkers working the overnight shift at General Motors truck plant, the first round-the-clock truck or car assembly in North America.

The steady night shifts, which starts Sunday at 11:30 p.m. to Friday at 7 a.m., doesn't allow for much romance, according to Gilliam.

"It sure does affect your sex life and I know a lot of other workers would agree with me," Gilliam said.

His wife works at a restaurant during the week, so the couple looks forward to the times they can be together.

"It makes the time we do spend together a lot more special," he said.

Few have gone back to the rotating shifts at the truck plant. If they do leave, there is a waiting list of 100 people to take their place.

"I find it more relaxing and I think we build better trucks," said Gilliam.

Overnight assemblers earn around \$21 per hour, plus a premium of 10 per cent.