

\$260,000 dormant

OSAP monies unclaimed

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Cheaper TTC possibility

It could cost you less to travel on the TTC if SAC has its way. To ensure their voice will be heard, the council is joining together with six other colleges and universities in the Metro area to lobby for cheaper fares. Find out the details on page 2.

Computers today

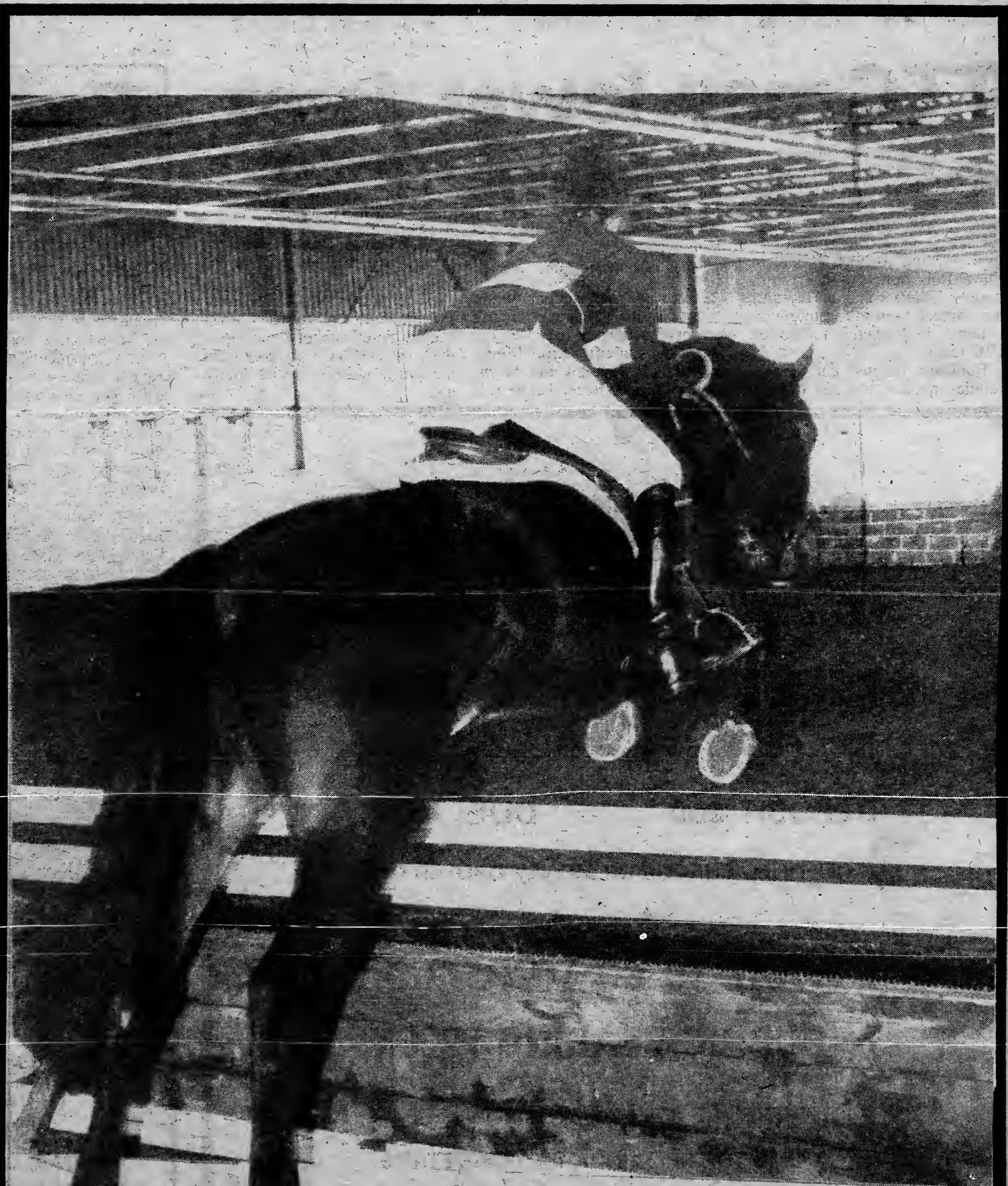
As society becomes more dependent on computers for our everyday needs, we are learning there are some negative side effects involved. Turn to page 5 for a report on this issue prepared by Coven reporter John Wedlake.

Costumes at Caps

Last Thursday night gave students the opportunity to dress up in their favorite costumes and enjoy a little pre-Halloween celebration. While prizes and costumes ensured a good time for all, the band Close Quarters provided the entertainment. Read about the event on page 7.

Catch-up ball

The Humber Hawk's men's basketball team won their second come-from-behind victory in Sudbury last weekend, but they still rank fifth in their division. Turn to page 8 and find out the details of the match.



Up and over — One of the many riders from the 16 teams which came to the college last Saturday to compete in the Humber College Intercollegiate Horse Show. Humber's intercollegiate horse team finished first by collecting 34 points during the day. See page 8 for story.

JULES STEPHEN XAVIER

Student loans, grants await pickup

by Mike Krawec

More than \$260,000 in student loans and grant cheques are unclaimed in Financial Aids. As well, students with previous OSAP loans who haven't picked up their cheques will have their interest-free status revoked at the end of this month.

Former Financial Aids Officer Mary McCarthy is helping out at Financial Aids and she said there are more than \$200,000 in Canada Student Loan Certificates and more than \$60,000 in grant cheques that have not been picked up.

McCarthy said some of the loans have been there since the beginning of school and students may not be aware their money has arrived.

"They should check because it's a lot of money and they can only hold the grants for, I think six weeks and then they're supposed to send the cheques back to the government," she said.

She said they try to reach students, but if the cheques are cancelled students do not have to re-apply. New cheques would be issued and that would take at least six weeks.

Students who have previous loans from last semester or last year will see their interest-free status expire at the end of November.

"They (students) must either take a new certificate to the bank or an interest-free status form. It has to be in the bank by the end of November or else the bank has the right to start charging the interest," McCarthy said.

Students must obtain Schedule 2 forms for the Canada Student Loan and a Schedule R form for the Ontario Student Loan to ensure their interest-free status.

Any student who has negotiated a loan and has a loan at the bank, but has not paid it back or submitted a certificate, can face a notice from the bank to pay up. Once the interest-free status is lost, the bank would start charging interest if the student was unable to repay the loan.

McCarthy said even if a student receives a loan in January, the bank can charge the interest for December. She said it is the student's responsibility and Humber can do nothing if this happens.

If a student has a previous loan and then receives a new one and takes it to the bank, that would

maintain his interest-free status.

If the student has not collected or requested a loan then the outstanding loan becomes due at the bank six months after the academic year ends.

"As far as the bank knows the student finished school in May. So they start calculating six months from that time and then they send him a notice that the loan is due," she said.

There has been a 50 per cent increase in the number of applications "so it's made that much more work in that its taken them a little longer to be processed so that is also causing a delay."

TTC may lower fares

by Anne Ortwein

Cheaper public transportation may become a reality for Humber students if SAC can convince the TTC it will benefit from lower rates.

According to SAC President Steve Robinson, six other community colleges and universities have agreed to band together with Humber in lobbying for lower TTC rates.

Robinson pointed out the inequities in the system and added a

reduced fare is available to high school and public school students who may be better off financially than those in colleges.

The majority of Humber students who ride the TTC support the idea of reduced fares.

However, one student would rather pay the 85 cents each trip and have better service. Medical secretary student Karen Merry said the long line-ups and the infrequent service forced her to wait

one hour to catch the bus last week.

When it was time to use her transfer, it had expired.

"I had to pay another 85 cents," she said.

According to SAC chairman of the planning committee Darrin Caron, more Humber College students use the TTC than those from any other college in the Metro area.

Party spirits die as students study

by Esthelle Le Clair

Keeping Humber's 10,000 full-time and 17,500 part-time students involved in college activities outside their programs is not an easy task for SAC.

SAC President Steve Robinson said several reasons explain the difficulty. One reason is students' lack of money to take part in extra-curricular activities. Students today tend to be marks-oriented and employment-oriented.

"Students are very career-oriented now, which makes sense. That is why they come to school—to get a job," he said.

Robinson said students spend the majority of their time in their division and don't give a great deal of thought to things going on around the school.

"Students come in one door at 9 a.m. and, quite often, go out the same door at 4 p.m.," he said.

Robinson explained because the college is so large, it is difficult to

get messages across to all the students. Although SAC uses the monitors and message boards throughout the school, many students still don't participate in, or know about, many of SAC's activities and programs.

Another problem is created by the lack of a "common hour". Some colleges set aside one hour each day when all students are out of class and activities can be planned during that time.

Due to the large number of students at Humber and the staggered course loads, this isn't feasible. If an event is planned during period six, SAC cannot attract students who have a class during that time, Robinson explained.

The president said he thought making the SAC representatives more accessible would help increase contact between SAC and the students. He had hoped the new rep's offices would be ready by now but they are waiting for the locks to be installed for security.

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Humber turns healthy

by Mirella Lacchese

Twenty years ago, a course was introduced in most Ontario high schools called Home Economics.

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Depending on the high school, the cafeterias did not stock up on many healthy foods. Students could get away with eating potatoes chips and french fries at their mid-day meal.

However, as the years went by, modern day technology transformed small and crowded cafeterias into pleasant eateries.

The four basic food groups started appearing on daily menus. Hot food and salad bars began to sell rapidly.

Home Economics teachers stopped complaining.

Has the change in high school

eateries also happened in community colleges? Humber College is trying hard to make it so.

John Mason, director of Food Services, over-see's a successful food operation that caters to 10,000 students a day.

"We strive to keep the quality and value of our food consistent," he says.

"The quality of food increases dramatically if prepared on site. Food, once it's prepared, gets older, not better."

Mason carries out his beliefs. In previous years, the department catered to the Lakeshore campus and Queensway campus but now they make their own food. He believes the food looks better if it's made right there and encourages daily food specials to help boost sales.

"The better we do, the more sale dollars we can re-spend on improving the quality of food. It's Humber's philosophy to keep prices low and volume high."

Suggestion boxes are placed

around the campus to open the lines of communication with the students, but they aren't often used. The complaints are also minimal, Mason says. He believes his staff are doing a good job.

Angelo Portante, second-year Hospitality student, said he has had better meals. Even though he takes time to eat lunch, it's not always at the campus. "I might bring my lunch or sometimes, I leave the campus to eat out. I eat junk foods too, and that might be my lunch for the day." Portante, who works in the Humber Room, said he has seen better prepared food and tastier meals. He's not really complaining though.

"The Humberger is better than some places I've eaten at," he said.

A second-year General Business student said she takes time to eat lunch but is not satisfied with the variety of foods offered. She said, "some foods are nutritious and some aren't, but I wouldn't eat junk food as a substitute."

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Fortune unclaimed

For all those students who complain about not having enough money to get them through a tough academic school year, the onus is on you! The government and Humber's administration have provided money for students and apparently they're not picking it up. They are to blame!

There is more than \$260,000 in unclaimed student loans and grant cheques collecting dust down in Financial Aids. The government grants college and university students an interest-free status to students who qualify for OSAP loans. This privilege is being abused by these students who, for some reason, can't muster the energy to walk down to the Financial Aids office.

Former Financial Aids Officer Mary McCarthy said there is more than \$200,000 in Canada Student Loan Certificates and more than \$60,000 in grant cheques waiting to be claimed by students. Many of these have been there since school began in September. A substantial sum of money, it can only remain at the office for about six weeks before it must be returned to the government. If this happens, the cheques are cancelled, new ones are issued and this process would take another six weeks.

Students must take responsibility in their own financial matters

McCarthy warns if students do not take a new certificate to the bank by the end of November, their interest-free status may be in jeopardy. If the bank does not receive this, it has the right to start charging interest.

McCarthy said part of the problem is the increase in the number of student applications for loans. She said there has been a 50 per cent increase which increases the amount of work involved and thus processing of loans is also being delayed.

Red tape and student apathy. That is what it comes down to. The increased number of applications and the unclaimed ones piling up in the office are reasons for the delay in processing the requests. The students whose names are on these loans and grants have no reason to gripe and it is they who are causing this back-log.

This money lying dormant on some desk in the Financial Aids office is one of the criticisms of OSAP are unfounded. If students are in dire need of financial assistance and apply for OSAP, then they should be responsible enough to handle these matters.

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Commentary

by Mark Pavilons

Chalk another one up for the Federal Government! Our potentates in Ottawa recently suspended the tax exemption status for donations to Operation Dismantle, a lobbying peace group based in Ottawa.

Members of this organization believe this action by the government is in retaliation for their defeat in court on the cruise missile issue. The peace group won a decisive victory in their battle against the cruise. They argued convincingly, that the implementation of the cruise violates our

constitutional right to security.

It also violates the disarmament agreements between the superpowers in that it is not a verifiable weapon. Both sides constantly monitor each other's nuclear capabilities (missile sites etc.) to determine strength and create a stalemate. The cruise is not verifiable due to its relatively small size and extremely flexible implementation.

This group has also succeeded in forcing our Prime Minister in placing the cruise issue on his personal agenda, thus forcing further discussion on the matter. The case

against the cruise and its testing in Canada is a strong one.

The government has been lying about the testing from conception. The cruise is a first-strike weapon, not a defensive one as previously believed. The terrain in northern Alberta is supposed to reflect the conditions over which the cruise will fly to reach its Soviet targets. This is not true. The missiles are based in and will be launched from industrial Europe. The terrain their guidance systems will follow will consist of factory districts, villages, highways etc., and not wilderness.

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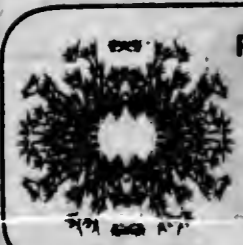
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Scary fun for young and old

from a little rabbit...



Hallowe'en comes but once a year and it has once again left its impression on Humber. This modernized celebration has created several interesting traditions in our society. Each year, people, young and old alike, don scary and creative costumes as part of this celebration.

Children often pose as monsters and other creatures of the night in an attempt to frighten others and coax them out of a lot of candy. The children seem to have the most fun at this horrifically happy time of year and the sight of a child clad in feathers or fur would bring a smile to anyone's face.

The merriment is not restricted to the children only as many adults slip into dark and mysterious garments and often show their true selves. It's truly fascinating how this one special day turns adults into monsters, pieces of fruit, and strange little animals.

Humber celebrated Hallowe'en in its own way last week with a special pub. First-year Theatre Arts student Beth Fellows (right) showed an adult version of the bewitching hour by portraying an impressive theatre mime. Her Pantomime routine proved to be a hit with the festive Humber crowd.

One child (left) thought it would be interesting to be a rabbit for a day. The expression on his face clearly shows that he has captured the Hallowe'em spirit. The child was one of many children at Humber's Day Care Centre who paraded around the halls last week in a variety of cute and scary costumes.



...to a theatrical mime

Society's new toy: Computers are an unmistakable reality of the twentieth century, proving to be a mixed blessing as our dependence on it grows

by John Wedlake

Bit, buffer, byte, flag, and modem. If all this is foreign language to you, you can consider yourself illiterate. At least by future standards. This is the language of the computer.

Computers are quickly becoming an integral part of every day living. Banks, airlines and government services, all rely on them to do a major portion of their work. The office of tomorrow is taking shape today.

Donna Williamson, a former Humber College employee, is producing a book entitled, 'Your Future In Office Work'. The year-long project is being funded by Canada Employment and Immigration.

Linda Casewell and Alison Bailey are contributing to the book which focuses on how the new technology will affect office workers, in particular women. It deals with the positive and negative aspects of office automation.

Williamson explained one of the most controversial aspects of

the new technology is monitoring or electronic supervision.

"It is the lower level jobs that quite often have monitoring built in," she said.

Employers can monitor an individual's performance by calling up the information on a screen. Speed, errors, and breaks are recorded by the computer.

Williamson said in Europe, legislation prevents individual monitoring. Employers can only monitor groups of employees.

In Canada, this type of legislation does not exist. At Air Canada, passenger agents operating Video Display Terminals (VDTs), are monitored by two systems.

One system records the time you start work, what breaks you take, incoming and outgoing calls and how much time you spend off-screen. The other system records money.

A daily quota is calculated and operators are presented with a productivity report at the end of their shift.

Another major problem is job loss resulting from the new

technology. Williamson said it is very difficult to prove because of high unemployment in Canada at the moment.

"Because of the downturn in the economy nobody can say how much of it is due to the new technology," she said.

Susan Meurer, a typesetter who operates a VDT, said workers can prevent job loss through bargaining contracts. "The major problem associated with the new technology is unemployment," she said.

Meurer is also concerned with safety. She helps produce a newsletter published by the VDT Committee of the Labor Council of Metropolitan Toronto. The newsletter provides information and data regarding the safety of VDT's.

"I feel that the complaints I hear, and the fact that my own health has deteriorated, is conclusive enough for me to believe there is a problem," says Meurer.

The major concern is that radiation emitted by the machines may cause health problems, especially

during pregnancy. In 1980, the union representing employees at the Toronto Star, expressed concern regarding the effects of working with VDT's after four classified employees gave birth to babies with birth defects. A company study determined there was no connection between the operation of the machines and the defective births. Every terminal in operation was checked by ministry officials for possible radiation emissions; none was found. Meurer said many of the studies are inconclusive.

"We're talking about a body (government) who has a vested interest in computers. They're not going to admit there's a problem unless their backs are against the wall and a gun to their temples," she said.

Meurer adds that if there is a radiation problem, then males are also faced with the same dilemma.

"We know of cases where men who have worked on VDT's, their wives have had miscarriages or have difficulty getting pregnant," she said.

Don Stevens, an electronic technician at Humber College said he hasn't been able to prove or disprove problems of radiation. Stevens works in the Coven office, where VDT's have been in operation for three years.

"I don't get any ill affects from them," he said. Other health problems include eye strain, backaches and increased stress.

De-skilling is another concern the book deals with. De-skilling

results when the computer exercises the skill, standardizes the quality and makes the decisions the worker used to make. Williamson said that once the computer is programmed, you can train anyone to operate it.

"It doesn't take much intelligence or creativity," she said.

Meurer said de-skilling the technology basically breaks the jobs down into such small components that they become small and repetitive skills.

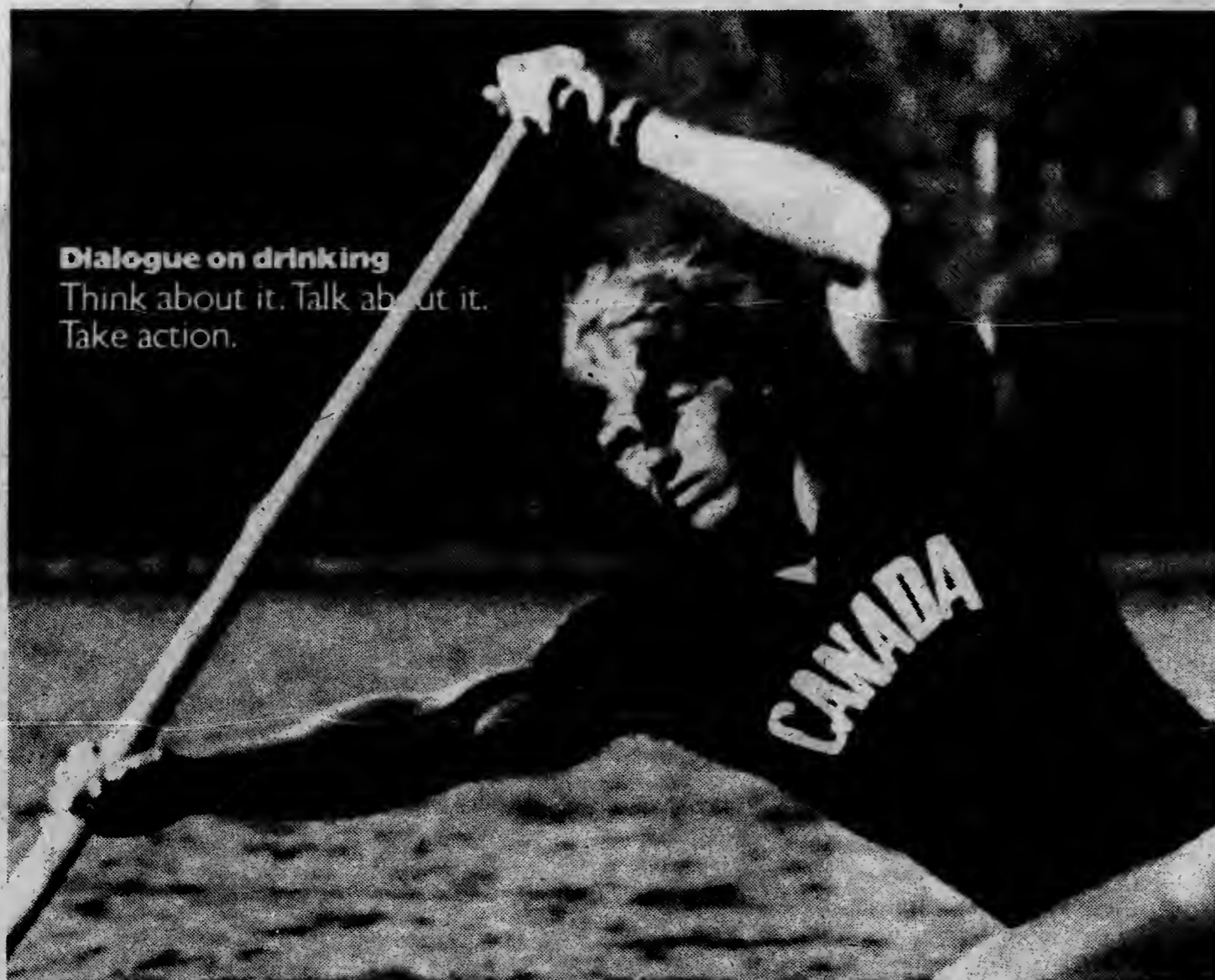
"Your taking away their pride in the work and their identification with the work they do," she said.

Meurer was quick to point out that although she is concerned with some of the negative aspects of automation, she is pro-computer. She said working people should fare in the benefits of the new technology.

The final version of the book will come out at the end of February. For the time being the group is running two day seminars to explore the changes brought about by office automation.

Williamson foresees a big change in the business world within the next ten years. Meurer said it's a question of us as a society defining how we want to use this technology to better the lives of all people.

"I think that unless we start fighting back and deciding we all want to reap the benefits of the new technology, I think it's (future) going to be very bleak," she said.



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A Smart Bird — This bluejay stopped in Humber's arboretum Tuesday to enjoy the sun and mild weather. He, like all smart birds, made the most of the mild temperatures which are unlikely to last. This fine fowl seems to know the photographer is watching him, but he continues to feast getting in shape for the winter ahead.

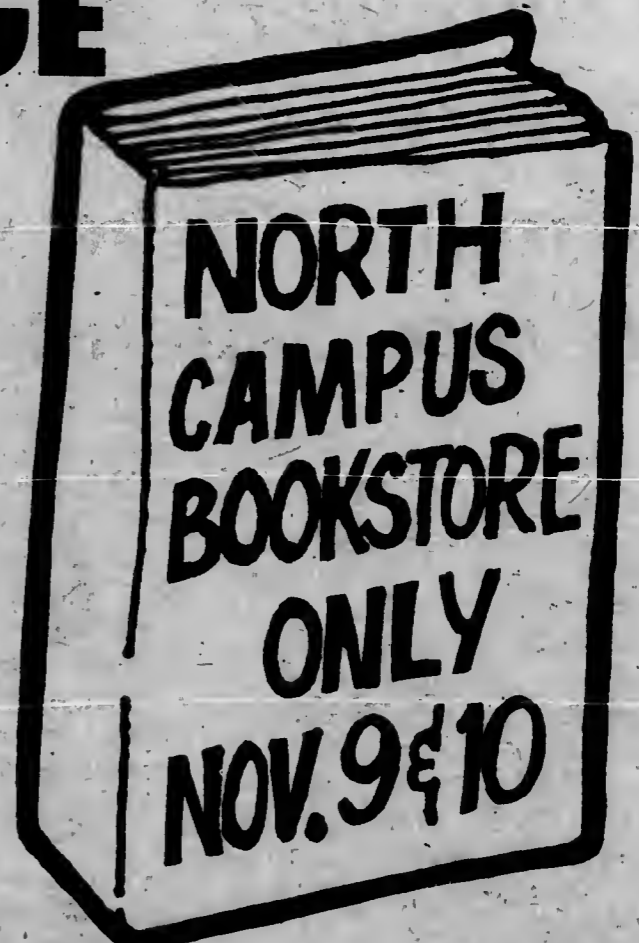


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Koryk wins \$100 prize as a sheep

by Andrea J. Weiner

Pub-goers had a double treat last Thursday night. The band Close Quarters was the first and a costume prize was the second.

Pub patrons danced to the best while vying for SAC's \$100 best costume prize. The winner was dressed as a sheep.

While Humber student Wendy Koryk sheepishly went up to collect her cheque, other students paraded around in their costumes.

Patrons wearing humorous costumes of various styles added spice to the evening. Kermit the Frog was present and so was the elephant man, to mention just a few of the good ideas displayed by the students.

According to bassist for Close Quarters Don Lougheed, the audience was pretty wild.

"We had to start our set earlier, they almost dragged us out forcing us to begin at nine," Lougheed said. The band played to a near capacity crowd.

Close Quarters has been jamming together since February, frequenting bars in Hamilton and Kingston.

"We try to stay clear of Toronto until we have a real product, then we'll hit them with a blast," Lougheed said.



Costume parade — Dancing with the balloons is Karen Kennedy, a second year Floriculture student accompanied by Bob Kwapis, Electronics Technology student dressed as the Sheik.

Even though they've avoided bars in the area, the group is not unfamiliar with the "school scene". They have played at McMaster University, Centennial College and George Brown College.

The band just recently released a new record, a single featuring the songs 'Sans Harbour' on one side and 'Lonely Lovesick Blues' on the other. A second release is in the works, lead guitarist Jamie Margarit said.

"Colleges want to hear dance music, tunes they already know," Lougheed said.

The band promotes each member's adept talent on their respective instrument and their ability to sing. According to Lougheed, the band has no lead vocalist.

"We all take turns at singing. Steve (Steve Billings, drums) is great at Police and John (John McAdam, guitar) does Men at Work," he said. "Any song where a female is involved Irene (Irene Syzmanski, keyboards) does excellently."

Humber students gave Close Quarters the thumbs up sign. They are worth their weight in quarters.

flash flicks

Allen's comedy is clever

by David Suehiro

Written by and starring Woody Allen, 'Zeig' is nothing less than brilliant. The comedy lasts only 85 minutes but this is ample time for Allen to display his genius.

The idea of a chameleon man as a subject for the film is delightfully warped.

The movie is sprinkled with Woody Allen wit producing a first-rate tongue-in-cheek comedy. A prime example appears when Allen plays a psychiatrist. He says that he must go teach a class in masturbation and if late, they'll start without him.

No slap-stick car crashes or silly plots confuse the movie. There is a single, humorous plot about the ultimate conformist, a man capable of physically changing his appearance to suit the people surrounding him.

Woody Allen, adopts the characteristics of races ranging from Chinese to Greek. Each change is made believable by the excellent skills of the make-up personnel.

The production techniques alone are enough reason to go see Zeig. The authenticity of this documentary when Allen superimposes his image on film footage of the 1920s is astounding. The illusion is created when Woody Allen appears in authentic film footage of Adolph Hitler and the Pope.

Zeig is highly recommended for Woody Allen fans and is a must for anyone who enjoys a witty comedy.

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Equine students rein in competition

by Jules Stephen Xavier

Going into the final two rounds of the Humber College Intercollegiate Horse Show, Skidmore, St. Lawrence and Humber were battling for top honors at the Equine Centre last Saturday.

In the end, Humber's intercollegiate horse team finished first with 34 points. St. Lawrence University, of Canton, N.Y., was second with 33 points, and Skidmore College, of Saratoga, N.Y., took third spot with 32 points.

In the second-to-last round, Humber took the lead for good

when rider Cindy Methot rode Jaspis to a first-place finish ahead of St. Lawrence rider Melissa Sargeant. St. Lawrence had a one point lead, over Humber, at the time.

Humber hosted the 16-team, two-part event that consisted of fence jumping, walk-trot-canter and flat events. More than 130 riders took part.

A unique aspect to the competition was the draw method used for assigning horses to riders. Riders drew their horses names from a hat prior to competing.

Because the visiting teams

don't bring their own horses to the competition, Humber's Shaun McVicars, 21, said his team had a slight advantage. They see the horses every day.

"That's the challenge," he said. "You have to make the best of it (competing)."

Humber did just that. During the walk-trot-canter and flat events held during the morning, Humber riders Caitlin Davies, Louann Sanders and Cathy Murray placed first and teammate Merri-Sue Bender placed second and posted their team to a slim two-point lead over Skidmore.

Skidmore and St. Lawrence rebounded in the fence jumping event during the afternoon but fell short because of Humber's consistency. Methot's first, combined with teammates Lorna McKay and Davies second-place finishes, thwarted the comeback bids by Skidmore and St. Lawrence.

"Consistency is the most important characteristic of a rider," said McVicars. "From week to week it changes (who does well). It is not necessarily the best rider who wins but how you perform that given day."

McVicars didn't have one of his

better days. He finished with two fifths and was the first to say he "had a bad day."

Humber also qualified two riders, Davies and McVicars, for the regional championships which St. Lawrence University will host later this year.

High point rider was Alfred University rider Jennifer Tubor, who finished the day with two firsts.

Humber's team is comprised of second-year Equine Studies students, who are coached by Robin Howard.

Big block secures victory

by Sam Scivo

Lightning always strikes twice.

The Humber Hawks men's basketball team posted their second come-from-behind victory over the weekend in Sudbury, edging Cambrian Golden Shields 67-65.

A stellar defensive move by Hawk forward Bill Polman with less than 20 seconds remaining on the clock prevented Cambrian from sending the game into overtime. Polman blocked a shot deep inside the Hawks zone to thwart Cambrian's thoughts of prolonging the game.

The Hawks have played catch-up ball in all three regular season games — winning all but one match by five points or less.

The Hawks, 2-1, currently sit in fifth spot in the Tier One division behind league-leading Conestoga College.

The Hawks are playing heads-up ball, especially during the final 20 minutes of their games.

"We've been a good second-half team thus far," said Fox. "I'm expecting the team to do well. I'd be disappointed if they weren't playing the way they are."

Despite the Hawks' slow start in the opening halves of each game, Fox is optimistic about the team's overall performance.

"It's a good sign that we're able to bounce back in the second half. We're correcting ourselves and are able to adjust to a new system later in the game."

The Hawks have a slow and deliberate style of play where ball control is an essential part of their game.

"We're a ball control team more so than a fast-break team," said Pangos.

The squad's defensive play has begun to gell, compensating for their slow-moving offence.

"Our zone defence is our bread and butter right now," said Pangos. "We're rebounding very well both defensively and offensively."

Hawks play a collapsing zone defence which forces opposing squads to shoot from outside the key. The system has worked but both coaches are stressing the need to improve the team's man-to-man coverage.

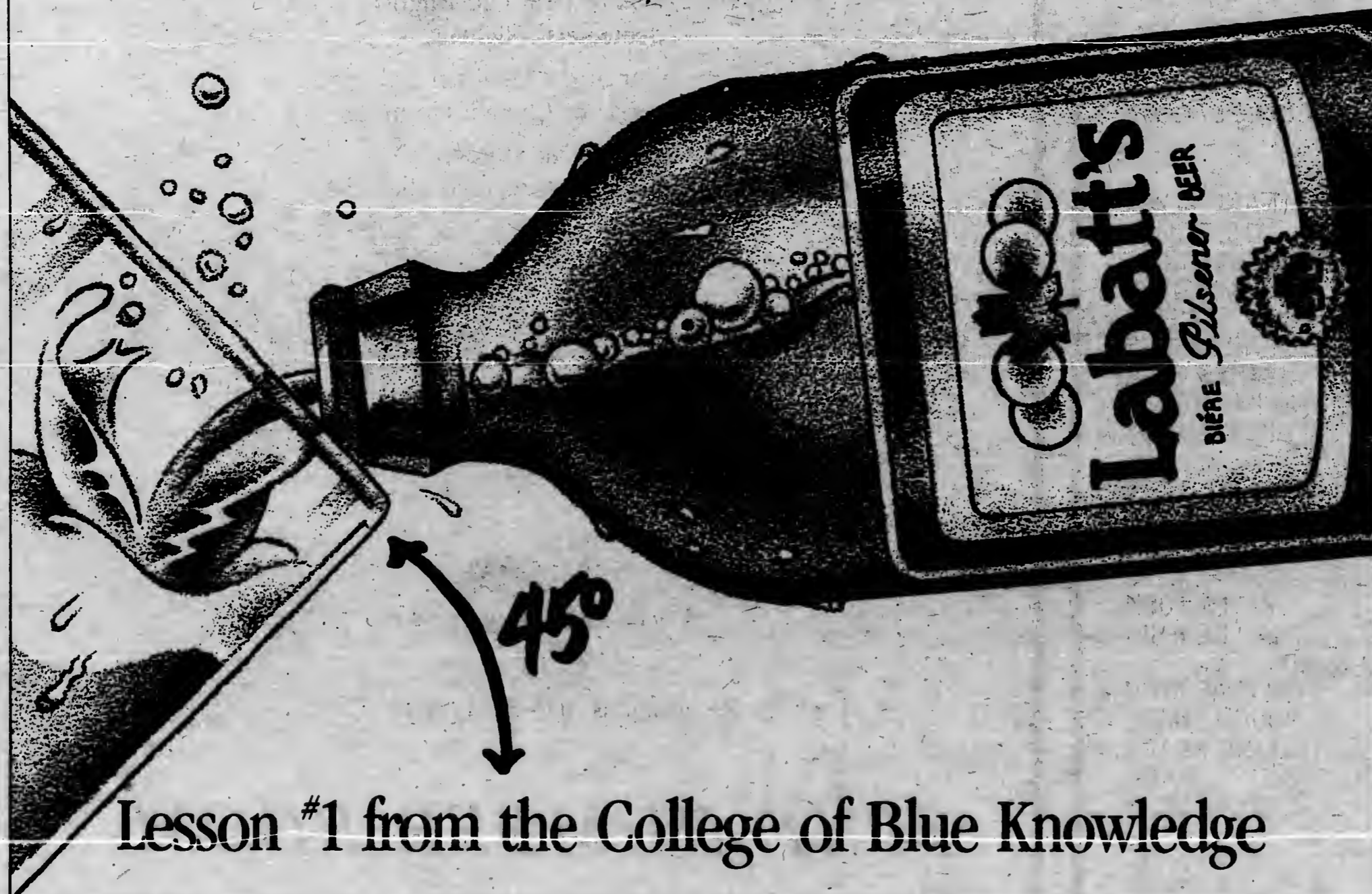
Polman collected 14 points in the game and forward Doug McKinlay added 25.

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