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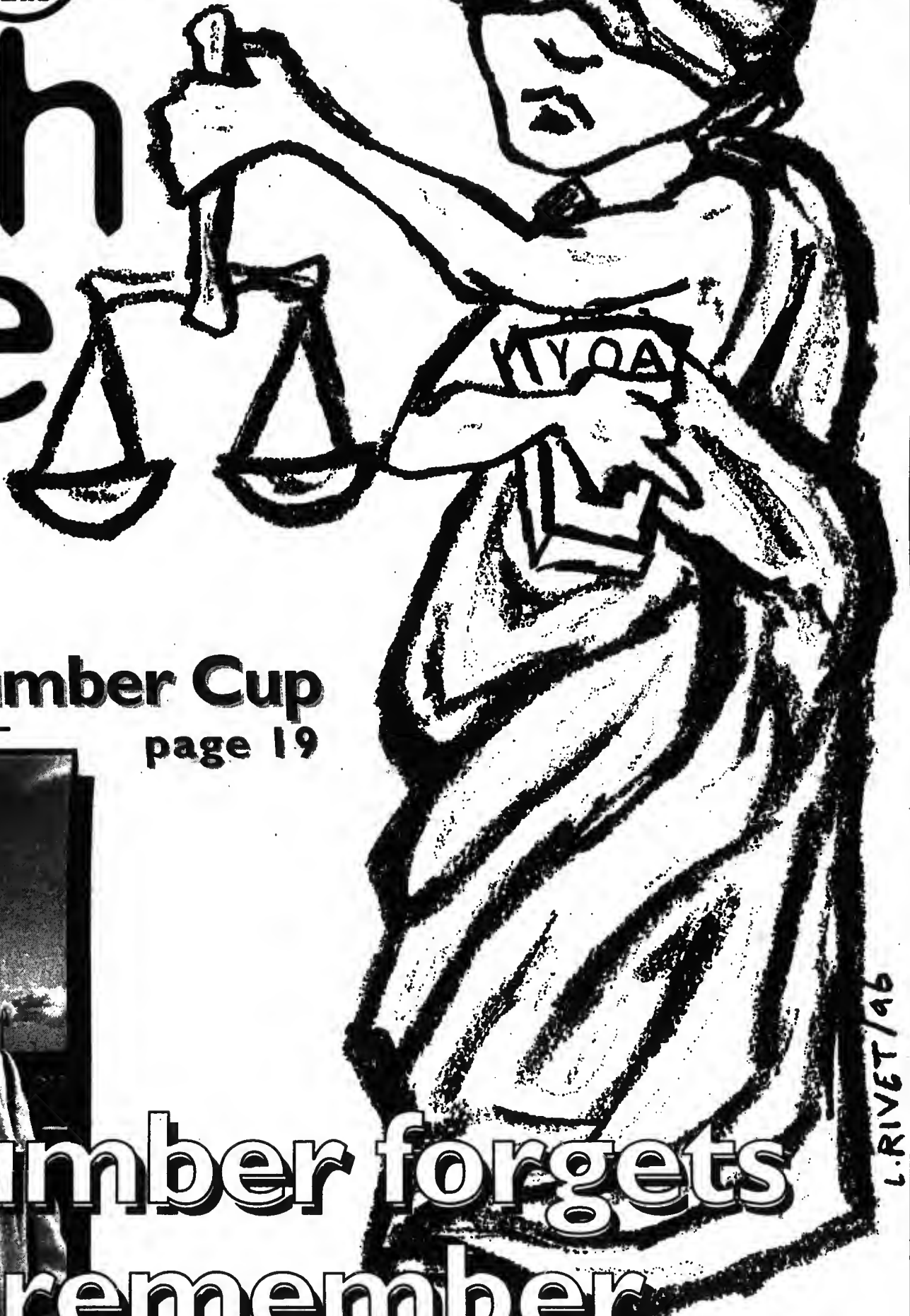
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SAC lifts club's probation

by Renae Jarrett
News Reporter

Humber's Punjabi Cultural Society is out of limbo after being taken off probation Wednesday.

An interclub meeting reinstated the PCS after insufficient evidence was presented to support a report that suspicious activity had taken place at one of the club's events.

"If there's no evidence ... it makes no sense us dragging it out anymore. It's just giving PCS a bad name [with nothing] so far being evident," said Shirley Forde, the Students' Association Council vice-president in charge of clubs.

However, the damage may already be done. According to PCS Vice-President Nabeel Dar, the club has been trying to improve its image and incidents like this only make that task all the more difficult.

"I know PCS in the past their rep was not so good," said Dar. "But remember, every year PCS has a different council. This year



PCS President Shahzad Shah (left) and Vice-President Nabeel Dar.

we've been trying to change how everyone looks at us."

On Nov. 1, the club held a dance behind the pub in the afternoon which non-members could also attend. Sometime after 6 p.m. a situation arose and security was asked to investigate.

From that situation, several rumors have surfaced – the main one being that a gun was involved.

"There was some activity that was suspicious, but there was no evidence of a weapon," said Director of Physical Resources Gary Jaynes. "It involved individuals who attended the event, but we're not certain whether they are members of that particular club."

Despite the lack of evidence, Forde put the PCS on probation. Although Forde said she couldn't

punish them for doing nothing wrong, some action had to be taken.

"Just because there were people who were a little worried that something could have gone on," said Forde. "I just put the club under probation."

However, PCS President Shahzad Shah said he did not agree with the action SAC took.

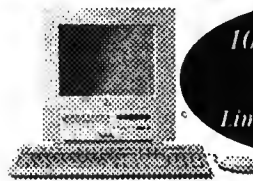
"I understand ... they have to take a stand in front of Humber administration. But I just think that maybe things could've been handled a bit different," said Shah.

While on probation, the club was not allowed to hold any meetings or events that were not SAC-related.

Shah added he feels the entire situation will be connected to the PCS whether or not they were actually involved.

"It looks bad on the club," said Shah. "We don't want to give this outlook that we have violence in our culture or our club."

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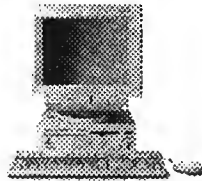
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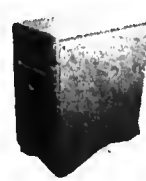
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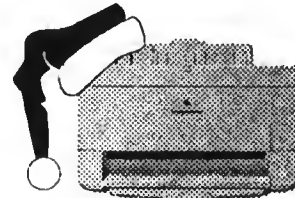
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Thefts cause privilege loss

by Jessica Lyall
News Reporter

Photography students at Humber have lost important privileges following the theft of about \$10,000 worth of equipment over the last year.

Teachers were forced to withdraw all night access to photography labs. Additional security measures have allowed the lab to re-open Wednesday nights, but Tuesday and Thursday remain closed.

"It's too bad. Many people have to suffer because of one or two low lifes," said Photography Program Coordinator Jim Chambers.

The most recent missing equipment are two lenses valued at about \$700 each. Now all equipment has been removed from the rooms and students must sign everything out.

"Until recently, lenses were left in the darkrooms to give students a break and so they don't have to sign them out each time," said

Chambers.

He said although their equipment is insured to a certain extent, the lenses that went missing were not.

"To be accurate, it's not insured, so it comes out of our budget," said Chambers.

"Many people have to suffer because of one or two low lifes."

— Jim Chambers
Photography Program Coordinator

Chambers explained although the lenses were taken from school property, not all of the last year's thefts have necessarily occurred at the college. He said that much of it has been rented equipment stolen from students' houses, lockers and cars.

It is difficult to find out who the

culprits are, or if they're even Humber students. Chambers said he has found people in the halls who are not Humber students.

Security has spoken to the police about the situation, and it has been decided that anyone caught stealing will be expelled and charged.

Chambers added these incidents aren't limited to photography, as this sort of thing is increasing in all sorts of courses.

"In all departments — whether it's film and TV or photography or any with a lot of equipment — stuff goes missing," said Chambers. "It's an unfortunate sign of the times."

Chambers has had a great number of upset students showing up in his office. Because so many students must work in order to pay for school, they depend largely on extra lab hours to complete their assignments.

The other night hours have been taken away for an indefinite period of time.

Remembrance service cancelled at Humber

by Sean McGrillen
News Editor

For the first time in Humber College's history, the North campus did not hold a Remembrance Day ceremony.

"Everybody had [a ceremony]. You don't let something like this go. Sure, poppies were distributed, but that's not enough," said Helen Tobin, program coordinator of telecommunications.

Some faculty said last year's incident between a student and a janitor at the ceremony after the student refused to turn down his stereo might be a reason.

Associate to the president Doris Tallon, who has organized the ceremony in the past, agreed the decision was made because this made it appear there was a lack of interest.

"We made the decision because we felt if we could not honor the vets with dignity, we weren't honoring them at all,"

said Tallon. "I'm truly sorry to any faculty members who are upset. We had no intention of forgetting what was done."

Rod Rork, vice-president of administration, said another reason might be the ceremony's location in the concourse.

One faculty member who is upset is public relations instructor Tom Browne. Browne spent 20 years in the military, serving in the Middle East and Vietnam.

"I feel sad. I think it is one thing that shouldn't diminish in time," said Browne. "I wish people had a chance to experience [war]. That way, I think they would be more involved."

After hearing of the faculty members' disappointment, the president's office has booked the lecture hall for next year's performance.

While North cancelled its ceremony, Lakeshore had about 30 students show up to theirs.

Meet the BOG candidates



SAC President Steve Virtue is hoping to give BOG the student voice he says is missing.

by Patricia Wilkinson
News Editor

Students' Association Council President Steve Virtue is running for the Board of Governors in hopes of filling the student voice he said has been missing for too long.

"It's a position that rarely gets the attention it deserves," said Virtue.

"If I'm elected, I'm going to go, and I think that's better than any representation we've seen for the last three years because students haven't typically gone."

Virtue added with no student representation there is no input from Humber's 14,000 students on how their money is spent.

"There's been an issue in my throat for probably two years in terms of getting a

greater representation of students where student money is concerned."

Virtue said although he has a busy schedule, it won't affect his ability to perform on the board.

"It's not a huge commitment, but it is a huge responsibility," said Virtue. "My position of president would maybe influence the board a little more and maybe it wouldn't, but I think I'm in touch with the general student need."

Virtue added he also doesn't have any reservations about speaking his mind.

"I don't have any hesitation in standing up and saying 'Listen, you don't know what you're talking about. The students are suffering in this way or they're benefiting from this so don't take it away,'" said Virtue.



Public Relations student Greg Skinner is hoping to give the students a new voice in BOG.

by Patricia Wilkinson
News Editor

Although public relations student Greg Skinner is the new kid on the block, he is determined to give his opponent a run for his money.

"I read in the Et Cetera what happened [about the resignation], and I would like to sit in," said Skinner. "I have the time, and I would like to make a difference."

The first-year Humber student has never been on any of the college's boards. However, Skinner said he did sit on the Education Advisory Board at the University of Guelph.

"It's taken me awhile to get up to speed on issues concerning Humber exactly, but I've been in school and the tuition has gone

up," said Skinner. "I think Humber is a good school and I just want to make sure it keeps going in the right direction."

Skinner said budget cuts are big on his list of concerns.

"Cutbacks, and how they are going to affect the school, and [I want] to make sure the programs keep up to the same standard and they're allocating the right resources to the right programs," said Skinner.

Skinner added he was intimidated when he found out his competition was the SAC president.

"I figure [Virtue] has more resources," said Skinner. "Maybe [the students] would want a different perspective than someone on SAC, someone who has a different perspective than just SAC perspective."

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How to save some textbook dollars

Ex-publisher offers tips on avoiding high textbook prices

by Patricia Wilkinson
News Editor

The book buck stops here, or at least it should, according to *Textbook Tips*.

For under five dollars, students can learn an ex-publisher's secrets on how to get free textbooks.

"I wrote *Textbook Tips* to share information I learned while working for one of the largest publishers in Canada," said author Jack Banks. "I wasn't very happy that the students were left out of the information loop."

Banks said one of the easiest ways to get a free textbook is to simply ask a professor for one of his or her free samples.

"I think it's fairly reasonable. The professor gets a lot of free books and the students are paying for them through high textbook prices," said Banks.

Banks said he understands students might be intimidated by approaching their professors. If this is the case, students can ask to be textbook reviewers.

Banks writes in his book: "Publishers' salespeople often ask professors if it would be useful to have one of their students review the book they're trying to sell. They hope the student will like it, (after all, it's free!) which would encourage the professor to order it. Many salespeople provide free books to student reviewers, sometimes supplying full class sets of free textbooks."

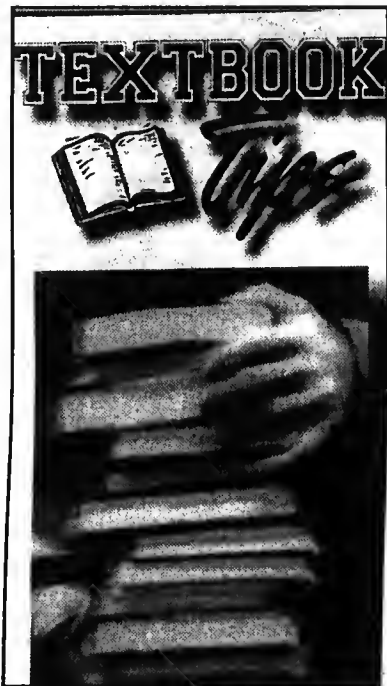
The reviews required are not that long or time-consuming, and could be very worthwhile for the student, said Banks.

Banks added new students seem to buy everything the professor asks them to. Banks said although they get smarter as they enter their second and third years, this book can help first-years save money they might otherwise lose.

"I wrote this so new students could take advantage of [saving money] right from day one," said Banks.

There are numerous other suggestions in the book, including advice on buying and selling used books.

The 32-page book can be ordered through the mail. It is published by Catalyst Press.



According to *Textbook Tips*, one of the easiest ways to save money is to ask professors for one of their free samples.



Go stuff yourself...

As part of the Students' Association Council World Tour to promote cultural awareness, Asia Day was held last Wednesday in the Student Centre.

Above, the brave and the hungry filled their faces in the eggroll-eating contest. Eight students had three minutes to test their stomachs and will-power to see who could eat the most.

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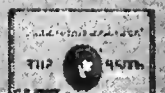
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Et Cetera Briefs

Raffle for student trust fund

A raffle to benefit Humber's Student Opportunity Trust Fund will be launched Monday, Nov. 18 when tickets go on sale in the North Campus concourse.

Prizes to be won include one semester's free tuition, sports gear including a basketball package donated by NBA Canada, skincare products from Yardley, one night's free accommodation at one of the Westmount hotel properties, and more.

Two thousand tickets have been printed and will sell for \$2 each or three for \$5. They will be on sale in the concourse Nov. 18 and Dec. 2 and at the Lakeshore campus on Nov. 29. At other times, tickets may be purchased in room D149 at the North campus or at the SAC offices at both campuses.

Money raised from the raffle will go to the Ontario Student Opportunity Trust Fund campaign. Raffle organizers Elizabeth Duncan and Casey Crowe hope to raise \$3,000 to benefit the needy.

—Sean McGrillen

Helping out single parents

Humber College's Ackee Tree Eatery is planning a fundraiser to help a trust fund which will benefit single parents in need.

The money from the trust fund will be made available to Humber students.

Students' Association Council President Steve Virtue said the money will go to the Ontario Student Opportunity Trust Fund and the Ontario government will match the money dollar for dollar.

Ackee's Michael Spencer-Thompson said he hopes he can get the Toronto Raptors involved with the fundraiser. "It's a good program. I think we should utilize it," he said.

—Jessica Lyall

Committee roles defined

New brochure promotes what Advisory Committees do

by Adam Fox
News Reporter

In an effort to promote greater understanding of the Advisory Committees, which were created to ensure Humber's various programs remain practical, an operational manual has been released to committee members.

The brochure defines the committees' roles as providing "an annual written report through the president to the Board of Governors."

The brochure said the committees are designed "to assist in determining existing and estimated future career opportunities" for Humber students, as well as a host of other responsibilities including public relations and student awards.

Each program or cluster of programs at the college has its own Program Advisory Committee. These advisors help develop the program's curriculum and identify the skills that will help students prepare for careers after graduation.

Another advisory group, called a Sectoral Committee, is composed of senior representatives that help to establish broader goals such as informing the school on trends, technological implications and developing career opportunities.

Membership guidelines state

that employees of the college may not serve on the committee, although they may aid members with paperwork and orientation.

A minimum of two graduates with field-related work experience are required to fill membership, while the rest of the seats are filled with representatives from various program-related companies.

Each advisory committee has 12 to 16 representatives, who are appointed by the Board of Governors and approved by the

president. The appointment lasts for three years.



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The new brochure helps define the roles of the many committees

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Young offenders an old problem

Though locking up young offenders may make us feel better, it usually gets us nowhere.

It's not a matter of excusing what they do. If a child kills, punish that child. But help him or her as much as possible.

There must be social programs available to identify these kids before they develop into violent offenders.

Currently there are not enough programs, and the ones that do exist are being cut. Waiting lists are hopelessly long, meaning parents can't get treatment for their out-of-control children. School social workers, the people most likely to notice a child is on the wrong path, are the first to go under funding cuts. And we expect the situation to improve!

There's nothing for adults to lose by being a Girl Guide leader or coaching a hockey team, but the rewards for the adult and children are huge.

We need to pay attention to children, understand what they're up against in the world, and help them face it.

If we take children who've been punished all their lives and toss them away in prison to be forgotten, it's a useless gesture. They'll refuse treatment, they'll tune out the world, and they'll keep filling up with hatred and rage. We need mandatory treatment for those in jail, and programs for those being released so they can find stable lives. Otherwise, who's to say they won't vent this rage on the first person they see on the outside?

Experts can identify problem children by age five. If we care enough, we can help them before it's too late.

The system has already let enough kids down.

A pathetic situation

Maybe it is because students don't care or maybe they just haven't been informed, but when SAC President Steve Virtue said he thinks only 100 out of 14,000 students will vote for the Board of Governors student rep. And the sad thing is he is probably right.

Student apathy is very disappointing because years ago students had to fight to win the right to have a student representative.

Students joined BOG at the same time as faculty and administration reps. The idea was to ensure that the key players had a say. But now that we have someone who can vote on how the college is governed, no one seems to care.

They should.

The Board of Governors decides on administrative and financial issues which will shape the future of the college.

Even if we are not going to be here when the changes take effect, they still have an impact on our lives. How would it look on our resumes if in three years our program was considered so unimportant it was cancelled?

We need a say in our college and we need to care who is speaking on our behalf.

I'm gonna to knock you out...

Mike Tyson and Evander Holyfield, finally. Finally there was a good fight in the heavyweight division. A fight that was intriguing. A fight that was exciting. And more importantly, a fight that lived up to its billing.

How many heavyweight fights in the last two years have been boring or a joke or both?

George Foreman vs. Axel Schultz. Mike Tyson vs. Peter McNeely. Or any other Mike Tyson fight since his comeback, with the possible exception of the Frank Bruno fight.

Now some people are calling this one a fix.

What? No way. Never.

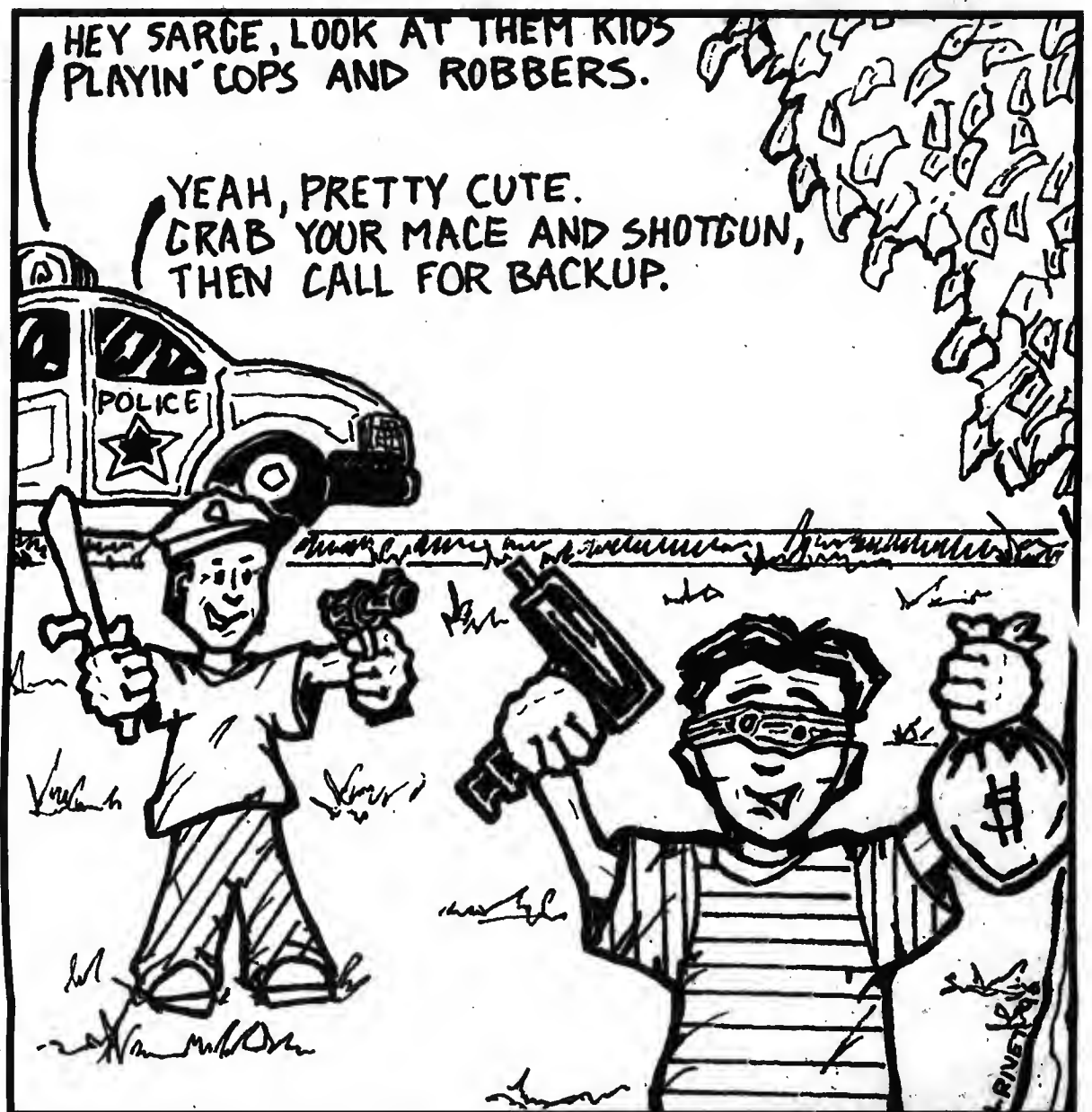
Holyfield scored a technical knockout in the 11th round after a grueling, hard-hitting fight, and people are still shouting fix.

If it would have been Tyson, 90 seconds into the fight, then okay. But Holyfield in the 11th? C'mon.

First of all, a fixed fight is not going to end by a TKO in the 11th. If a fix is on, one of two things happens. The fight goes the distance and the guy who got the snot kicked out of him wins, i.e. Foreman vs. Schultz. Or it's over within four rounds, i.e. Tyson vs. McNeely.

Second, if the fight was fixed Tyson would have won because Iron Mike is Don King's cash cow. King does hold the promotional rights to Holyfield, but he won't bring in the money that Tyson does. And Mr. King only cares about one thing, money.

If you want to see a fix, tune in six months from now for the inevitable rematch, when Iron Mike wins in three rounds or less.



You sweat, you bleed, you stress, you die. Was it all worth it?

by Ian C. Karleff

The other day I was thinking in my usual nutty way and found myself getting quite irate. I was driving in the fast lane on Highway 401, not going as fast as I would have liked.

It is my belief that since we live in a democracy, it is my right to break the speed limit and consequently suffer the penalty if pulled over by the cops.

I believe my rights are violated by those who insist on driving the limit or less in the passing lane. They are risking my life by making me pass them in the inside lanes, and I am barely able to resist the urge to drive into their bumpers. What compels these slowpokes to sit in a lane that they are not able to live up to.

In this particular instance I found myself sitting behind a sports car, a car designed and built for speed. A car that has little other redeeming features than

to go fast. It only holds two people comfortably and is so overpriced that it seems insane not to push the engine to its limit. The person who owned this vehicle was putting a fine piece of engineering to shame. What a bloody waste, when I myself can only afford a car that cuts out at 200 km-h. Needless to say I became quite irate and started in on one of my tirades.

Why buy speed if you don't plan on using it?

Why buy a 4x4 if you never plan on leaving the tarmac?

Why buy a pickup if you rarely have something to move?

Why buy a VW camper van if you always stay in hotels?

We live in a society where we have this "just in case" mentality.

We think that someday we might need that extra power to get us out of a tricky situation.

We consider the possibility that we might cross a road that requires the extra traction that four-wheel drive will provide. Maybe one day the oppor-

tunity will arise where an object needs to be moved that is too big to stuff in a hatchback. It is possible hotel may not make itself available and it might just be necessary to take a timeout on a desolate road. It's all these "what ifs" that make us purchase today for tomorrow's unexpected.

Why is this my pet peeve? Because we work excessively hard for things that we might use and might need and we forget about the little things in life that we do need.

Luxuries are great if you can afford them, but they should never be confused with what is really necessary.



52 Canada Letters to the Editor

Pornography policy exists

In regards to the article titled Policing labs not a priority, in your Oct. 24 - 30 edition misinformed your readers, I would appreciate you publishing SAACnet's policy on viewing pornography in the lab.

1. In SAACnet, we act against pornography when a complaint is initiated and confirmed.
2. The complaint can initiate from anyone, including the monitor.
3. The offending user's ID is recorded and they are specifically warned that if he or she is discovered violating this posted policy again their SAACnet account will be disabled for the rest of the semester.
4. The offending user is asked to leave the lab.

We have had five recorded offenders since this policy was developed by the SACCnet Steering Committee on March 11, 1996. No one has had a repeat offense.

The same policy is in effect for other discriminatory material.

Valerie Sprenger
C.A.L.L. coordinator

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Is she related to Alomar?

Humber student questions TTC driver safety after mom throws temper tantrum

by Shallene Holley

Every day for the last year and half I have taken the TTC to Humber. Although I have seen a lot of interesting events unfold, nothing can quite compare to what I witnessed Monday morning.

I was taking the bus to Humber from Wilson station. Around Jane Street, the bus picked up four passengers.

One of them was a young woman with her small child. She paid for her fare, but failed to pay the fare for her child — which cost all of 50 cents.

The bus driver refused to move until a nice man, who clearly didn't have to, got up and paid the fare for her child.

Instead of saying thank you, she just kept squawking about the nerve of the bus driver.

You know, that terrible jerk who was doing his job.

The bus ride calmed down until the woman got up to exit.

However, the woman could not count her blessings and go peacefully. As she was leaving, the woman SPAT on the bus driver.

The Robbie Alomar incident was shocking to many people, but I didn't think it was one people would be so willing to repeat.

It doesn't end here.

Having taken enough abuse, the poor bus driver refused to let the woman and her child off the bus until the police came.

The woman, not at all thrilled about the driver's restraint, began a physical attack on him.

While waiting an incredible 30 minutes for the police she hit him in the face and on his head. The bus driver did nothing but try to restrain this woman who threw in the fact she had a child and was pregnant with another one to justify her actions.

After she landed a few good slaps on the driver, another passenger tried to help.

However, this only resulted in another brawl, this time between the two women. It ended up with the two of them rolling around on the bus floor.

Finally the TTC security officer came, followed by a police cruiser.

The woman was arrested and taken away kicking and screaming with her son in tow.

The biggest outrage this event brought to mind is the unnecessary abuse this bus driver took.

TTC operators don't deserve to be assaulted just because some idiot doesn't want to follow the rules.

If you don't want to obey the rules, then get a car! These idiots don't realize the TTC is a privilege, not a right.

According to TTC security, one driver a day is assaulted in some way. That's a pathetic and sad record for our society.

Think about it — all this over a 50 cent fare.

Shallene Holley is a second year journalism student.

Varsity Rag

notable news from other schools

Brown University

Trays filled with abandoned portions of food may, at first, seem like the final resting place for a typical cafeteria meal at Brown University. But those entrees that students just couldn't finish might actually be served to pigs. The food scraps are collected in large buckets and refrigerated until the proprietor of a nearby pig farm collects the leftovers to feed to his livestock.



Illinois State University

Three Illinois State University football players were arrested by ISU police early last week for unlawful possession of cannabis. In response to their arrests, all three were suspended by the ISU athletic department for the duration of the football season.

University of Kentucky

Members of a University of Kentucky fraternity decided to "learn by doing" this weekend when they moved from the comforts of their warm homes to the cold, harsh conditions outside. The brothers of Phi Beta Sigma Social fraternity took the time to find out what it was like to be homeless last week at their annual "Sigmans Sleep Out for the Homeless" fund-raiser.

University of Michigan

The Michigan Court of Appeals ruled in a case involving a former university gymnast that Michigan public universities cannot be sued by university athletes injured by playing for school teams. The court ruling said intercollegiate athletics is a government function that is immune from lawsuits.

Queen's University

Queen's solar car, Dawn Treader, has finished as the top North American Solar Car and the 11th in the world. Queen's car crossed the finish line of the 1996 World Solar Challenge in Australia on the morning of Nov. 3.

University of Guelph

The women's rugby team at Guelph has been crowned the OWIAA champions, ending the season with a perfect 7-0 record, receiving the Monilex Cup. Despite bitterly cold weather, the Gryphons beat the Western Mustangs 28-12.

Yale University

Cheating at Yale University has been doubling in the past five years, according to an annual report issued by an executive chairperson and political science professor. Yale faculty members are now discussing methods of discipline and tenure.

Sheridan College

The Sheridan United Way campaign that started last week has already collected \$2,300. Their goal is \$15,000. The money will be raised through a variety of specially-planned events like a spaghetti lunch.

compiled by Shannon Williams

THE BOTTOM LINES

Sir William Osler, in *The Student Life*

The true student is a citizen of the world, the allegiance of whose soul, at any rate, is too precious to be restricted to a single country. The great minds, the great works, transcend all limitations of time, of language and of race, and the scholar can never feel initiated into the problems from the cosmopolitan standpoint.

Food for thought at Humber College in '86

Humber censorship

A controversial poster advertising musk cologne and displayed on the top section of the newsstands was ordered to be removed by the college vice-president.

The removal was ordered despite a finding by the college's Sexual Harassment Committee that it did not constitute harassment.

The vice-president of the committee at the time said he personally did not find the poster offensive, but that other staff members had complained.

Newspaper staff who removed the posters said the ad showed a young woman tugging at the clothes of a young man.



The words "it must be the Musk" were printed in the corner of the poster.

A further concern, according to the vice-president, was that someone was stapling smaller versions of the poster to a variety of

notice boards throughout the campus.

Man in motion

Rick Hansen rolled out of Humber's gymnasium in 1986 with a \$15,000 cheque for the Man in Motion World Tour, after watching a charity wheelchair basketball game.

The Toronto Spitfires, a wheelchair basketball team, defeated the All Star Celebrities, comprised of Toronto Argonaut players and media personalities, before approximately 600 spectators in a game played to raise money for spinal cord research.



Bouquets

- Province approves \$5 million in funding for 56 programs to feed hungry school children.

- Felix Potvin kicks Ron Hextall's butt in goalie punch-out.

- Pat Hentgen, first Blue Jay to win Cy Young Award.



Bombs

- Nearly a million refugees being beaten and starved in Zaire.

- Etobicoke city manager, David Deaves goes to strip joints on taxpayers' money.

- Humber men's volleyball team lose Humber Cup eight years in a row.

The fastest way out of college.



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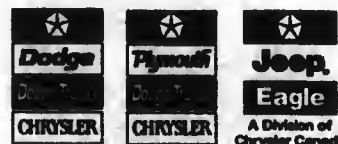
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Youth crime

In 1994, a two-year-old boy was led from a mall in England and beaten to death. The world was shocked when two boys, aged 10 and 11, were arrested and charged. Trespassing, intimidation, vandalism, theft, abuse and murder are offences being committed by today's youth. In 1995, nearly 120,000 kids were charged under the Young Offenders Act and not just for stealing candy: for stabbing a younger sibling, breaking into homes and raping. Society has a serious problem on its hands.

Et Cetera attempts to shed light on this growing problem.



Inside:

- One on one with a young offender
- Rehabilitation and prevention
- Combatting violence in high schools
- Drop-in centres helping youth
- Policing through education

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Preventing the violence

by Luke Hendry
Features Reporter

Don't wait until it's too late. Many experts on young offenders say the best way to solve the youth crime problem is prevention, not punishment.

"If we're going to spend money on fixing kids, we want to spend it on early intervention," said Sgt. John Muise of the Metropolitan Toronto Police.

Muise, along with author and CBC radio host Paul Vasey, spoke to *Et Cetera* last week about solutions for youth crime.

"You have a much better chance of turning them around than you do some incorrigible adult offender," explained Muise. "By the time they hit the age of five, we can identify kids that we know are going to have problems later in life."

Muise and other members of the Metro Police education unit regularly speak to students to discuss values and explain that problems don't have to be solved through violence.

"They're bombarded by images in popular culture that say there's power and control at the end of a gun," he said. "We try to convince them that there's nothing cool about that."

The students are taught to report problems rather than giving in or reacting violently. Police also stress violence doesn't go unpunished.

"Just because you're a young offender doesn't mean you can't be incarcer-

ated," said Muise.

Despite many problems in dealing with youth crime, Muise said in some cases the system is on the right track.

Proactive measures in the home, school, community or government that address the problem head-on are a good example, he said.

"If you want to make things better, you've got to become part of the solution," said Muise.

In 1994, the Ontario government's Violence-Free Schools Policy was implemented. The policy promotes anti-violence education in the curriculum, early intervention and "mandatory response", guidelines explaining procedure when incidents arise.

"All young offenders are not the same," Muise added, explaining not all preventative and rehabilitative methods work for everyone. Counselling, anger management and substance abuse

"They're bombarded by images ... that say there's power and control at the end of a gun."

therapy can be used, Muise said, noting these services need to be provided both in and out of detention.

Jail is not always the answer for a young offender, he said, but when it is, the services must also be available afterward. Otherwise, kids can go from jail right back to the original source of their problems.

"They come out of homes where there are no values, standards, limits and responsibilities," he said. When the youths go to schools or meet people who have these values, he said, "there's a clash."

"We're almost sentencing them to another crime [and] ourselves to be victims again," said Vasey, author of *Kids in the Jail: Why Our Young Offenders Do the Things They Do*.

"The treatment programs that are out there - and there are too few of them - are being cut," said Vasey. While the Young Offenders Act is generally very good, he said, the system is counterproductive by calling for rehabilitation but not providing the means.

"If somebody gets cancer, you don't put them in a box and hope that three years later they're going to be better," he said.

But both Muise and Vasey agreed punishment is warranted at times and a bad background doesn't excuse criminal acts.

"We're not talking about being bleeding hearts," said Vasey, explaining how a murdering child deserves prison, but needs treatment

while incarcerated. He said long-term problems like poor parenting and abuse can't be cured by jail, so preventative methods are needed.

"Our court system is not a psychiatric system," Vasey said.

It's even cheaper: the \$100,000 needed each year to imprison a child is enough to pay for almost three social workers, capable of helping many children.

As for parenting, Vasey and Muise favor mandatory parenting classes for students, starting in grade 7.

"I think the scariest thing [about the young offender issue] is to know that as a society we are creating these kids by our inattention, our blindness, our ignorance," said Vasey. "There are kids in our jail system that ... should be in treatment instead."

"These kids are our problem ... There are never enough adults for these kids," said Vasey, suggesting some of the simplest ways a person can help include coaching sports teams, leading a youth group or being a Big Brother or Sister.

Added Muise, "They need support and guidance, and they're not getting it."

"There are a lot of holes in the system," said Vasey. "You talk about somebody falling through the net. The holes are kid-size."



file photo - Luke Hendry

Vasey (left) and Sgt. Muise (right) say proper parenting and early intervention are essential in solving the young offender problem. They spoke to Jay Haddad's (centre) class last Thursday.

Place to call home

Drop-in centre gives youth a place to hang out, get off the streets and stay out of trouble.

by Tonya Costoff
Features Reporter

My Place, a drop-in centre for youths, gives teens somewhere to go, hang out and stay out of trouble.

The centre offers activities and games to keep teens busy and off the streets.

"It gives kids a place to hang out and have fun," said Jason Lester, one of the centre's volunteers.

"I've seen some of the kids that come out here and frankly, if they weren't here, they'd be off making trouble for someone."

The centre, located in Markville Mall, opened in 1995.

"It's not an ideal location because kids need somewhere to go at midnight, but who knows about moving," said Shiobhain Kinahan, one of

the centre's employees.

"It depends on funding."

My Place, open to all teens, has had a good turn-out.

The centre is run by hired employees and volunteers, but teens are encouraged to volunteer.

"I like to see the regulars volunteer because I believe it's youth working for youth," said Kinahan.

"If they weren't here, they'd be off making trouble."

**-Jason Lester,
My Place volunteer**

There is also a truancy program that runs in the mornings and is organized by the board of education.

The program is set up to help teens not going to school deal with their problems.

During the summer, the centre organized a basketball tournament and weekly movie nights to entertain the teens.

Other activities provided include ping-pong, air hockey, video games or just hanging out.

"The turnout rate at the tournaments was amazing, I was really surprised," said Kinahan, who was seeing up to 20 kids a day at the centre.

"Kids spread the word and people started to say, 'There's a really cool place to hang out at the mall,'" said Lester.

The non-profit organization receives funding through the Markham Support Centre and is currently working on planning some community programs including a senior's program run by 18- to 24-year-olds.

The drop-in program runs six days a week and is open until 8:30.

For more info on My Place : (905) 477-7416

Numbing Numbers

120,000 Canadian youth were charged under the Y.O.A. in 1995

violent crimes in 1985 by young offenders: 9,275

violent crimes in 1995 by young offenders: 22,375

Percentage increase in likelihood an abused or neglected child may commit a violent crime: 38%



'Youth not afraid of law'

by Jennifer Saliba
Features Reporter

The Young Offenders Act has endured a storm of controversy ever since its implementation in 1985.

Aimed at giving young offenders the same right as adults to due process of law, the YOA replaced the Juvenile Delinquent Act.

"It's a piece of legislation that has never been accepted," said former Liberal Member of Parliament John Nunziata.

"As it stands, the YOA is an invitation for young people to break the law."

The YOA has come under fire from politicians and officers of the law for protecting the rights of young offenders at the expense of the protection of society.

One of the most controversial elements of legislation is the lack of harsh sentences and the protection of the identities of juvenile criminals.

Prior to Bill C-37, which came into effect in Dec. 1995, the maximum sentence for youths who committed murder was five years. Under the amendment to the YOA, youths convicted of first-degree murder can receive a sentence of five to 10

years; those convicted of second-degree murder can receive up to seven years in jail.

Metro Police Const. Scott Clair, of 22nd Division, said transferring young offenders to adult court has positive repercussions.

"This sends the message that you are responsible for your actions and you will be dealt with," said Clair.

A rise in violent

**"As it stands, the Young Offenders Act is an invitation for young people to break the law."
-John Nunziata,
Former Liberal MP**

criminal activity by young people has further fuelled the debate regarding the efficiency of the YOA.

According to the Canadian Centre for Justice Statistics in Ottawa, the number of youth aged 12 to 17 charged with violent crimes rose from 9,275 in 1985 to 22,375 in 1995 - an increase of 241 per cent.

"Young people are not afraid of the law," said Nunziata. "There is a lack of discipline and a lack of respect."

Clair contends this disregard for the legal system is evident in children as young as 10 and 11 years old.

However, the YOA makes it impossible to hold these children criminally responsible for their

actions. If a child under 12 commits a criminal act, he or she can be dealt with under provincial laws such as child welfare legislation.

"You can't tell me that an 11-year-old doesn't know the difference between right and wrong," said Clair.

"The kids know it and they rub our faces in it. Especially the kids in group homes - they get away with murder."

Criminal lawyer Irwin Ifentein doesn't think incarcerating youths will accomplish anything.

"Ten and 11-year-olds who commit crimes need counselling," said Ifentein. "They're crying for attention."

Ifentein brings up the age-old refrain that set the wheels of the YOA in motion, saying, "The whole spirit of the YOA is rehabilitation."

Nunziata agrees, but said he believes far too few resources are spent on counselling.

"Ultimately, you'd want to do your best to get rid of the roots of crime," Nunziata said.

"However, it's a longer term solution."

In the meantime, Nunziata will continue lobbying in Ottawa for further amendments to the YOA, which he says is an on-going process.

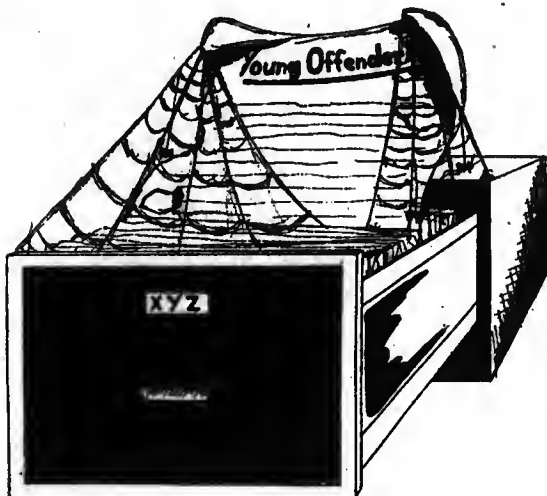


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Jailing: a last resort

by Chris Attard
Features Reporter

"Kyle" is not his real name. He stands in the prisoner's box, wrists shackled by handcuffs. The young offender doesn't appear young to any extent. His athletic build, height and facial features are mature enough to fool any nightclub bouncer.

Kyle is accused of car theft and an unrelated hit-and-run incident. Today, his future lies in the hands of Assistant Crown Attorney John Rafferty.

Despite a 20 per cent rise in youth crime since the introduction of the Young Offenders Act (YOA), Rafferty tries to keep kids like Kyle from going to jail.

"Even though society doesn't like it, we try to make jail the last resort," he said.

By keeping them out of jail, Rafferty said he hopes youths will reimburse society for what they've taken.

"I try to look out for the well-being of the kid. Get them to do community service, to get them back on their feet," said Rafferty.

Introduced in 1985 to replace the Juvenile Delinquents Act of 1908, the YOA has come under harsh criticism from parents, victim support groups and politicians. It was recently amended so that 16- and 17-year-olds are automatically tried in adult court. Their lawyers must then prove why they should be tried in youth court.

But opponents of the act still

want further modifications to cover victim's rights and jail time for youths.

In 1995, nearly 120,000 youths were charged under the YOA, an increase of five per cent after three yearly decreases. Two-thirds of youths convicted in Ontario received probation and 30 per cent of youths with three or more prior convictions continue to get probation their fourth time around.

"It's not as good as it should be," said defense lawyer Noel Bates on teens receiving probation. He said he doesn't think young offenders are acquiring special treatment by the courts, but their cases are looked at more vigilantly.

"It's better than custody, but there has to be other options," he said.

Bates said although Canadians have a tendency to condemn the YOA because of a few distinct cases, he believes police are better able to tackle youth crime with the act in the Criminal Code.

"It is a remarkable act. Its presence is more clear and parents are told about their child's involvement in the YOA. When they were [charged] under the JDA, [parents were] kept hidden," Bates said.

Bates said there are three main reasons youth crime has risen: anti-social behavior, influences from television and movies and teenage rebellion.

"[Kids] tend to strike out against authority. We all did it, but they go too far and then they get caught."

As for clearing up youth crime problems, Bates said the teaching should start at home.

"We have to get away from the idea of letting the teachers do the parenting. I think a family background education is a good place to start."

In Brampton, Judge Hugh Atwood has been prosecuting criminal cases for four years. He said he hasn't noticed an upsurge in youth crime and claimed kids aren't worse than when he was one.

"We live in a very ordered, safe society. The fact that robberies take place has no belief we live in a dangerous society," he said, adding he feels the simple task of charging

**"Even though society doesn't like it, we try to make jail the last resort."
-John Rafferty,
Assistant Crown Attorney**

and arresting youth is enough to stop them from re-offending.

"The scariest thing for them is the charge. Court doesn't provide a positive impact at all. Most things in court are negative," said Atwood.

Canadian statistics show youth mainly commit minor assaults, which range anywhere from violent, bloody fights to a simple shove.

Recently, the province announced the ushering in of American-style teen "boot camps" in order to deal with recidivist kids.

Through humiliation and degrading treatment, these camps, developed by the Texas state legislature, are supposed to realign antagonistic kids.

But Atwood prefers a more placid approach. He said Project Dare, an anger-management youth camp, seems to be working.

However, Bates had stern words for such camps, saying there's no evidence a militant style of teaching does anything "but stroke the egos of politicians."

"We tend to follow the U.S. by saying, 'By God, these kids are going to listen to us and we're going to straighten them out.' But it's a form of jail by any stretch of the imagination," said Bates.

For Kyle, the future holds promise since he pleaded guilty. A polite wave, a smile, a thank-you for the judge and a mouthed 'I love you' to his mother, and he was shuffled away to continue serving a short jail sentence.

He was released on probation last week. Judge Atwood said he believes most youths like Kyle are amenable to the rules of society and clean up their acts when they leave court. But some haven't quite comprehended the idea.

"Most are slow and stupid. They do silly things that normal people have already grasped," he said. "They just don't think quickly."

Policing through education

by John Wright
Features Reporter

To compensate for the increasing number of incidents involving violence in schools, school boards have had to re-evaluate the way they deal with problem students.

In Scarborough, the board of education brought down a zero tolerance policy on violence and weapons into effect in Dec. 1993. Since then, the total number of weapons-related suspensions and violent offences has dropped.

The Safe School Policy enables the principal to suspend a student up to 20 days or expel a student indefinitely for acts of violence or possession of weapons.

"Although we have implemented a mandatory suspension or expulsion punishment for certain behaviors [weapons, physical or verbal abuse, disruptive behavior], we've also initiated a number of preventative measures and programs, as well as a process for evaluating their effectiveness," said Harold Bell, administrative assistant on the Scarborough Board of Education.

Scarborough Alternative For Educating Troubled Youth [SAFE-TY] is one program that provides an alternative for students who have been suspended or expelled due to their behavior in school.

"Students are usually accepted into this program because their behavior is so disruptive that the regular school setting can't accommodate them," said Bell. "The hope is that students in the program will complete some degree of behavior modification and will learn to deal with their anger and conflict, while at the same time being able to receive some academic support."

Another option for students who have been suspended or expelled is the Fresh Start Transfer Program. The program provides an opportunity for problem students to get a new begin-

ning in a regular school by placing them in another Scarborough school.

"By transferring the problem student," said Bell, "it allows the students they've been disrupting or victimizing to attend school without fear."

In order to evaluate the effectiveness of programs like Fresh Start, Bell said, "We've developed a database that we enter our student information into. It generally contains a brief history and description of each student, why they were 'Fresh Start-ed', as well as an indication of previous occurrences."

"Students are evaluated and the information is entered into the database," said Bell. "This reveals in a statistical evaluation, based on the total number of active students, how they're doing within the school setting."

Other measures taken by the board to ensure safer schools include improving security measures in school buildings, school watch programs and staff pro-

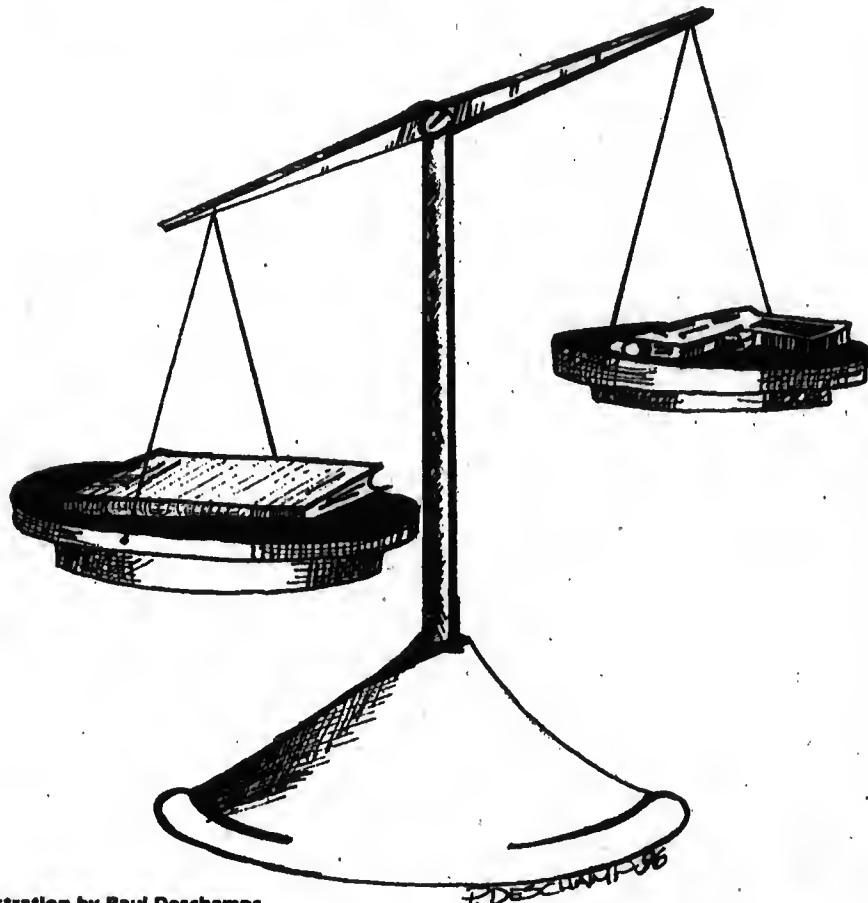


Illustration by Paul Deschamps

"Each generation seems to have its own unique set of concerns and problems."
- Harold Bell

grams in the area of conflict resolution.

"It's a continual challenge to find new ways to contend with the rise in violence," said Bell. "Things change so fast that it's hard to keep up. Each generation seems to have its own unique set of concerns and problems, but we're going to continue to do our best to educate students effectively against resorting to violence."

Mississauga's St. Francis Xavier High School is using a different approach in controlling youth crime. Four years ago, they installed 22 surveillance cameras.

Principal Ezio Crescenzi said the cameras were actually for guarding equipment that was vanishing during night classes. He said they were never meant to be a criminal deterrent, "but it's helped."

The school had also been repeatedly vandalized. Since the cameras were installed, Crescenzi said everything's been quiet.

The cameras, strategically placed in the hallways and parking lots, have been useful for keeping an eye on day students.

"We've used them for sexual harassment complaints and [threatening] letters in students' lockers," said Crescenzi.

Seventeen-year-old Jennifer Veris, a student at St. Francis Xavier, said she has seen the media give her a false name.

Despite the arrest of another student on drug charges, Veris doesn't think there's a problem with '90s teenagers. Her friends say students have unintentionally segregated themselves into cliques, which is a social problem.

"There's always one person in each group that you can't trust," said Veris, adding that a group look could escalate into an after-school gang fight with 50 or more students.

"It gets scary," said one student. "You can't tell if anyone's got a knife or a gun."

Chris Attard

School's zero tolerance 'maintaining safety'

by John Wright
Features Reporter

Police are focusing on education and awareness as their chief forms of deterrence to combat the increase of violence in schools.

Law enforcers want to involve kids in the issues and develop the idea violence is uncool, said Stu Auti, a Metropolitan Toronto police officer on the Safe School Task Force.

"Peer pressure is a tremendous motivator and we're trying to use it to our advantage to combat violence in schools," said Auti.

Police are currently involved in promoting preventative measures against aggressiveness in the form of safe school programs, which are generally student-run organizations.

"Violence in Metro schools has increased approximately 60 to 70 per cent," said Auti. "However, where student-run programs like

Crimestoppers have been implemented, crimes have significantly dropped. I think in the future you'll be seeing a lot more schools adopting a zero tolerance rule, because this type of approach is definitely working."

Sgt. John Mulse, a member of the education unit at police headquarters, said there are currently two types of police officers involved in the education process.

The first, said Mulse, are community services liaison officers, who generally work with students from kindergarten to grade 8.

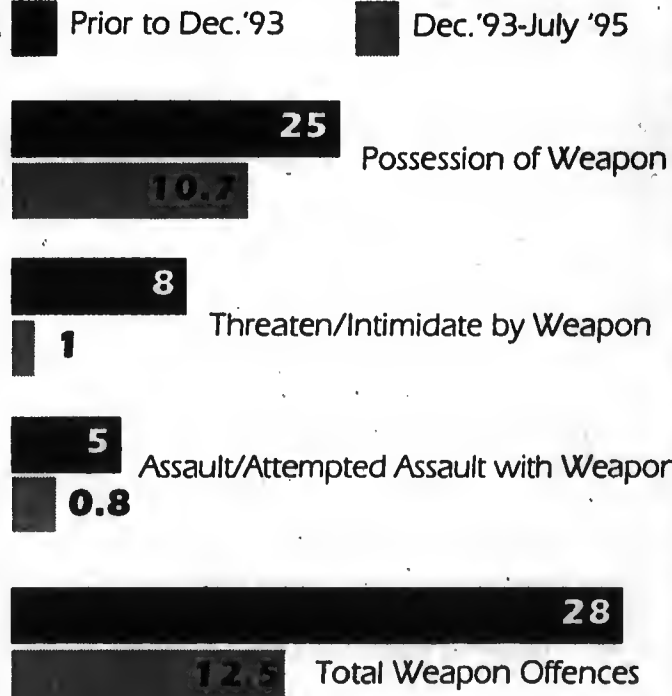
"The officer acts as a problem solver and promotes education programs involving anti-violence and personal safety," said Mulse.

The second are street crime unit officers, who are more involved with older students.

"Their job revolves around problem solving through education enforcement, as well as maintaining safe schools and communities," said Mulse.

Impact of Board's Policy

Monthly Average of Incidents Involving Weapons



Information provided by Metro Toronto School Boards

The Psyche

Inside the mind of youth crime

by Theresa L. Vokey
Features Reporter

I walk in to the doughnut shop, scanning the room for a 15-year-old wearing a navy jacket and curly black hair in a ponytail. I repeat "Joe Montoya" over in my head, though it's not his real name. His identity is protected under the Young Offenders Act.

Someone says, "Could you move? I'd like to get by."

I turn around and see a kid matching the description.

He doesn't look like a young offender; instead he looks like an average kid wearing blue jeans, a navy blue No Fear sweatshirt and scuffed-up running shoes.

I introduce myself and ask if I could buy him a doughnut.

"Sure. I'll have one of those cream doughnuts and a coffee too. Black," he said.

He walks over to the furthest corner of the doughnut shop and sits down.

I bring the doughnuts and coffee to the table. As I take my jacket off I notice he pours several heaping spoonfuls of sugar into his coffee.

"I thought I had a sweet tooth," I said.

He replies, "I like it this way," and begins to stir his coffee.

I begin the conversation, asking where he grew up.

He was born in Toronto and lives in the Dundas Street East area in an apartment with his mother, brother and sister. What's his relationship like with his mother?

"Not really close. She's always yelling and screaming at me. Ya

know, comin' in late and stuff," he shrugs his shoulders as he dips his spoon up and down in his coffee.

He said his relationship with his brother and sister isn't great either.

"They're brats. I'm home as little as possible."

I ask what he does for fun.

"Hangin' out with my friends.

wires under the dashboard."

I ask if he's ever been caught.

"Ya, a couple of times. I felt pretty shitty. The first time I was caught I was pretty scared. Now it's no big deal. I know they can't do anything." He takes a couple gulps of coffee and wipes his mouth on his sleeve.

"We spend it on beer. Sometimes drugs."

How does he get this stuff?

"One of my friends is 16. He looks older so he gets our beer. For drugs, we have connections," he says casually.

What drugs does he buy?

"Marijuana, hash. Sometimes acid," he says as he cracks his neck.

Finally, I ask how his mother feels about him stealing cars and doing drugs.

"She doesn't like it," his enthusiasm diminishes and he appears uneasy.

Where's his father?

"I don't know. He left when I was young. Hope he's dead though, 'cause he's an asshole," his face is overcome with anger.

Why?

"Cause he left."

Silence.

"Dad left me and my sister.

Mom met another guy and got pregnant. Then she had my brother," he said. His brother is four and his sister is seven. "Her boyfriend is a jerk."

I ask if he does this stuff for fun or because he's angry at his dad.

"I don't believe in that shit. I don't care," he said.

His hostility is a giveaway. At this point, I see a 15-year-old with a hard family life that hasn't gotten the support he needs as a teenager.

The last thing I ask is about his future. Where does he see himself?

"I don't know. I guess I'll see then."



Illustration by Laurie Rivet

Sometimes we find a car we can get into." He shuffles his body and appears to be more comfortable. His eyes remain fixed on his coffee. "We start it up and take it for a drive."

How does he start it and what does he do if he can't get into a car?

He gives me a quick glance and takes a drink.

"It depends. Sometimes we'll break a window. Sometimes we'll move on to another car. Sometimes we use a screwdriver to start the car. Sometimes we play with the

"It's a rush. It's like a high knowin' you're driving down the road in somebody's car. You can get caught at any minute."

He begins to eat his cream-filled doughnut. What else does he do?

"Um, I've stolen stuff from the cars. We sell it and make a little money. A little pocket cash." He smiles and throws me a glance.

What makes offenders tick?

by Denise Lockhart
Features Reporter

Troublesome and delinquent children are likely to come from troubled families and neighborhoods, said Robert Gordon, a criminology professor at Simon Fraser University in British Columbia.

"Troubled family backgrounds account for the foremost rea-

sons to commit youth crimes," he said, in an Internet interview. "Those backgrounds often involve abuse."

Gordon said abused children often lash out to call attention to themselves.

"I think kids coming from a dysfunctional family have a higher tendency for crime because it's all they see and learn," said Joanna Pearse, a first-year hospital-

ity, recreation and tourism student at Humbert.

Pearse, who has been in jail twice for minor offences, admitted her family is dysfunctional; her parents are divorced and family members are spread across the country with little contact between them.

Although Pearse does not blame her parents for her actions, she admitted her father was a violent man and she may have acted out partly because of what she learned as a child.

"There are two pathways to delinquency: kids who start early and are somewhat trained by hostile parents to be aggressive and kids who are from normal families but pushed by their friends," said Debra Peplar, a University of Toronto psychologist.

In Canada, a 1994 national study showed 88-95 per cent of youths commit at least one crime in their lives.

"It is one thing to shoplift and another to be involved in crimes of violence," said Tony Doob, a professor of

criminology at the University of Toronto. "Children who commit only one crime are normally just testing their boundaries."

Parental Responsibility - Youth Crime and the Law, an article on the Internet, says inadequate parenting is combined with situations of

leisure activities.

Similarly, a 1992 book entitled *Diverting Children from a Life of Crime*, said being abused or neglected as a child increases the likelihood of arrest for a violent crime by 38 per cent.

Some factors associated with higher rates of delinquency include the mother abusing drugs during pregnancy, parents with mental health problems, erratic child-rearing, parental disharmony and rejection of the child.

"Parents need to take their child's behavior seriously," said Doob. "Do not panic and do not ignore it. It does not mean that the child is horrible; they will probably stop eventually. You just have to talk to them calmly because they do not see what they are doing wrong."

"Educating children at an early age about respect and responsibility toward other people and property is an important element in solving the problem with young offenders."

'Educating children is an important element in solving the problem with young offenders.'

chronic stress, frequent unemployment, poverty and mental disabilities. Families under stress can find it more difficult to supervise children properly. Due to lack of personal and financial resources, parents may find it difficult to participate in



Illustration by Laurie Rivet

Et Cetera Lifestyles

Martians Invade the ROM

Boost your Energy

EVENTS

• The Toronto Historical Board presents "Roots of Christmas" Lecture Series.

The first presentation of this series will be "The Flexible Festival" featuring Joyce Lewis, a social historian and author of *Deck the Halls*.

WHERE: 205 Yonge St.

WHEN: Thursday, Nov. 14, noon to 1 p.m.

For more information, call Jane French,

(416) 392-6837

• Ghana Lifestyles Revealed Through Artists' Eyes

Catch a glimpse of the *Born Dwen: Thinking Together Exhibit*, which will feature paintings, photos, Ghanaian artifacts, videos and stories by Toronto artist, Suzanne Shortt and well-known Ghanaian artist Papa Essel.

WHERE: The Exhibits Gallery of the Metropolitan Toronto Reference Library, 789 Yonge St., near Yonge and Bloor.

WHEN: Monday through Thursdays, 10 a.m. to 8 p.m., Fridays and Saturdays, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Sundays, 1:30 p.m. to 5 p.m. until Dec. 31, 1996. Admission is free.

• Explore new life forms at the ROM.

The Royal Ontario Museum presents *Searching For Martians and Other Life* where speaker Ian McGregor, science and astronomy educator in the education programs department, will discuss evidence of life on other planets.

WHEN: Thursday, Nov. 21 at 7:30 p.m.

WHERE: The Gardiner Museum Lecture Hall.

See story, pg. 15.

United Way campaign back for another year at Humber



Edna Lister, an administrative assistant and head of the United Way events, said the raffle and bake sale last Friday was a success.

Humber students asked to donate to fund-raising event

by Thomas K. Strgacic

Lifestyles Reporter

The United Way has kicked off yet another year of campaigning, which began on Monday, Nov. 11 at Humber College will run for three weeks.

Anne Bender, the coordinator of the employee campaign and dean of the School of Health Sciences, said the benefits from The United Way help many people in need.

"It is very important, from the college perspective, that we really get out to the whole community," she said.

This is the first year the students aren't taking an active role in the campaign, said Bender. Usually the public relations students organize the campaign as a project.

"When the students did it, they did a fantastic job," said Bender. "They usually pulled in somewhere around the \$30,000 mark in funds for The United Way."

United Way's 205 charities

receive 87 cents of every dollar donated. The other 13 cents goes to fund-raising and administration.

When donating, the donor will be able to direct funds to one of United Way's 12 service areas, or to any of their 205 funded agencies.

"When a person signs a pledge card, the contributor can indicate where they want to donate the money," said Bender.

Bender emphasized the importance of giving to those in need.

"No matter how difficult we find our circumstances, the very fact that we're working and have jobs means that we're better off than those people who do not," said Bender.

Although the campaign officially started on Monday, there was a raffle and bake sale last Friday. Many local businesses donated services and products to the charitable event.

"The raffle and bake sale are always a great success. Especially when people from outside of the college take part," said Edna Lister, Bender's administrative assistant and head of the United Way events.

Anyone wanting to donate can do so by contacting Anne Bender at (416) 675-6622, ext. 4283.

Recycling Council of Ontario informs communities about Waste Reduction

by Lauren Buck

Lifestyles Reporter

Waste Reduction Week in Ontario has been instrumental in raising awareness of the three Rs: reduce, reuse and recycle.

"Our primary purpose is to make people more aware of how their independent actions can solve the waste problems," explained Recycling Council of Ontario representative John Hanson.

Falling on Nov. 4 to 10 this year, Waste Reduction Week kicked off its 12th year with daily themes such as composting day, zero garbage day and community clean-up day.

Individuals, businesses, schools and community groups were encouraged to take an active role in reducing the amount of garbage produced.

"We can't really measure how much waste has been reduced [as a result of Waste Reduction

Week]," said Hanson. "[The event's success] can be measured by the scope of activities that take place around the province."

Environmental competitions, such as producing the least amount of garbage per capita, were held between some communities and proved to be a popular way to raise awareness.

The RCO, which organizes community-based efforts across the province, gives out a yearly award to honor the community that has the most enthusiasm during the campaign.

In 1995, the award went to Thunder Bay, which Hanson said "always does an amazing job."

Last year 150 communities in Ontario were actively involved in environment week projects, and a recent survey by the RCO revealed 51 per cent of the public had participated in, or at least heard of Waste Reduction Week.

"We would like to see Waste



The Recycling Council of Ontario is raising environmental awareness throughout Ontario during their Waste Reduction Week campaign.

Reduction Week adopted as a national week as opposed to just a provincial week," said Hanson. "Eventually it would be nice to see it happen all across North America."

Many cities in the United States have taken part in such an environment-focused week. Hanson said this followed Ontario's success, which began with the first such week back in 1985.

Energize yourself

by **Kris Scheuer**
Lifestyles Reporter

Humber students who are partying, studying and working too much can increase their energy even when sleep is not an option.

There are many times during students' busy lives when they get little or no sleep because they need to pull an "all-nighter." Cramming for an exam, using an editing suite between 2 a.m. and 6 a.m., working the late shift to get money for school, or partying with your best friend on her birthday on a school night can all take a toll.

Whatever the reason, here are some ways for students to boost their energy so they can get their work done.

"Take small breaks and don't do it all at once," suggests Tuan Tran, a Toronto pharmacist. Even 10-minute breaks every hour or so will help students stay alert and refreshed, said Tran.

Getting up and walking around does wonders to help the body feel less lethargic. For those who can get some fresh air this will also help.

Stretches such as shaking out your arms and legs sends blood flowing through the body and oxygen and blood to the brain. Students can raise their hands above their head or touch their toes. Such things as rotating the neck and shrugging the shoulders up and down can be done while sitting.

Besides some quick exercises,

Tran also suggests eating better. "Instead of chocolate choose carbohydrates and nutrition bars," he said.

Tran also warned of other pitfalls students could confront: "Alcohol makes you urinate a lot and dozes you off. It makes your mind muddy. Coffee is very bad and very dehydrating."

Nurse and former Humber student Lorna Thompson said, "Coffee has no food value. It's a quick fix. In half an hour to an hour you'll feel less energetic and reach for another coffee. It is hard on the stomach if you are hungry because it increases the acids in your stomach."

Products that contain caffeine, like chocolate and coffee, will give students a quick spurt of energy, but will not give them long-term stamina. Liquids are important

because the more dehydrated a student is the less energized he or she will feel.

"Fruit juice, not fruit drinks, water and protein and carb drinks are the best," said Thompson. "Milkshakes can be made at home and brought in a thermos."

Blending juice, a banana or other fruit with protein or carbohydrate powder is another alter-

native. Students can also pick up ready-made energy drinks such as Boost or Ensure, said Thompson.

Some snacks that help increase energy are "sandwiches on whole wheat, cheese, meat, veggies such as carrot sticks and tomatoes, and fruits like a banana or apple," said Thompson.

What do these snacks have in common? They are either a protein or simple or complex carbohydrate. A protein is something like peanuts, almonds or cheese. Proteins are converted into sugar for fuel.

Simple carbohydrates are converted into fuel quicker, some examples being fruits, vegetables and fruit juices. Complex carbo-

hydrates take longer for the body to digest, but may give students energy for longer. They can be found in items like bagels, pasta and muffins. Items like nutritional sports bars are convenient ways for students to hike up

their energy.

The best tasting sports bars, according to *Muscle and Fitness* magazine, are Okanagan Sports, Endurance Bar, and Steel Bar. They are between \$1.50 to \$2 a bar with an average of 50 carbs each.

Students who will be up late doing work at home or at school can benefit by having snacks on hand before stores and the cafeteria close.

"Instead of chocolate choose carbohydrates and nutrition bars."

-Tuan Tran pharmacist



Choosing the right foods will help to give your body extra energy.

Vitamins are another source that students may turn to for energy. Barry Ashpole, with the Vitamin Info. Program said, "It is a popular misconception that vitamins give you energy. It is not true."

This is because vitamins and minerals alone don't have any calories and so they can not provide energy unless they are in the

form of food or a drink. But, B vitamins can help as they aid the conversion of food into energy.

Pharmacist Tran added it is important to keep things in perspective. When students are busy "friends help each other. Knowing that you are not alone suffering together helps. Misery loves company."



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Martians invade the ROM

by Thomas K. Strgac
Lifestyles Reporter

Exploring new life forms in our universe has always been an exciting adventure and fantasy, but now the Royal Ontario Museum is making that dream a reality.

The ROM is offering the educational lecture *Searching for*

"This is the first time we found evidence of life on another world."

- Ian McGregor

Martians and Other Life, which will explore ideas like: Was there once life on Mars billions of years ago? Does life exist today in an ice world orbiting Jupiter? And can research on the Earth's ocean floors provide clues to life in the solar system?

The speaker will be Ian McGregor, the science and astronomy educator in the ROM's education programs department.

McGregor, a Queen's University graduate, has been interested in the subject since he was 12-years old.

"I enjoy teaching and I enjoy

conveying knowledge of the universe and the world around us," said McGregor.

The lecture, is the perfect time to offer such a course, said McGregor, because of the announcement in August of the reported life in a meteorite from Mars and the launching of three spacecraft to Mars in the next six weeks.

"This is the first time we found evidence of life on another world," said McGregor.

"And of course all the magazines and newspapers had reports on it, and it has created a lot of interest."

The focus of the lecture won't be on Mars alone; it will also place emphasis on Jupiter and Earth's inner space.

"There are other places that are interesting abodes for life," said McGregor.

McGregor said the lecture will be fully illustrated, with real meteorites to look at, and will explore some of the theories people have developed.

"I have some meteorites with me as well," said McGregor. "The participants can actually touch a rock from space."

McGregor said he hopes the audience will come away with a better understanding of what is being reported.

"I want to show people the



Ian McGregor will have meteorites for people to view at the lecture: *Searching for Martians and other Life*.

process of scientific investigation."

The fact that life on other planets is not an open and shut case, and that there will always be people who debate this issue, is

something that will keep Ian McGregor motivated for a long time.

"I think life is very common in the universe," said McGregor. "And it is just under many condi-

tions."

Searching for Martians and other Life will take place on Thursday Nov. 21, 7:30 to 9 p.m. at the Gardiner Museum Lecture Hall at the ROM.

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Et Cetera Entertainment

Big Sugar, daddy

Big Sugar bluesy at Warehouse

by Vince Versace
Entertainment Reporter

Big Sugar is a four-man band, but it is truly a one-man show live. Gordie Johnson, wearing his signature Hugo Boss suit, is this man.

A large crowd of blues-rock enthusiasts at the Warehouse witnessed this Saturday.

Johnson, guitarist and singer, provides the classic blues-rock punch that makes Big Sugar incredibly sweet live.

Big Sugar opened the show with "Diggin' a Hole," the hit single off their new album, *Hemi-Vision*. The audience responded instantly and rode the blues rollercoaster all night long.

"Gordie Johnson is simply a master on guitar, a master," said Mike De Pasquale, a York University student.

Drummer Paul Brennan, bass player Gary Lowe, and instrumental chameleon Kelly Hoppe join Johnson in the band's distinctive sound.

Lowe helps the band achieve their reggae sound. Brennan pounds along at ease

between the band's many switches between blues, funk and reggae. Then there is Hoppe, the fedora-wearing chameleon. He plays sax, harmonica and keyboards with a lot of energy and matches Johnson groove for groove.

The band smoothly mixed in old favorites "I'm a Ram" and "Sugar in My Coffee," with new songs "Skull Ring" and "If I Had My Way." Johnson was in grand form the whole evening. This was especially evident on the band's hit cover version of Traffic's "Dear Mr. Fantasy."

The band surprised the

audience with cover versions of "When the Levee Breaks" and "Some Kind of Wonderful."

They also rocked through their biggest hit to date, "Ride Like Hell." All this was well received by the somewhat older crowd.

Johnson came out for the encore in a black Boss suit, which fit the encore's mood. Johnson's cries about love and sadness were accompanied by Hope squealing his harmonica in a classic blues style.

Big Sugar had closed off the night, satisfying everyone's blues sweet tooth.



Boss front man Gordie Johnson with his guitar gently weeping.

Satisfy your sweet tooth: Big Sugar Q&A

by Scott Middleton

Banana pancakes. That's what Big Sugar ate for dinner in a little restaurant before another sold out show in London, Ont. Big Sugar was farmed in Toronto but their story goes back to Windsor, where Kelly Hoppe hired Gordie Johnson to play bass in a band called the Windsor Dukes.

Et Cetera: What happened between the Dukes and here?

Kelly: About 10 years. No, strangely enough, Gordie and I were really good friends. I stayed in Windsor. Gordie moved to Toronto to get into some other things and he ended up back playing guitar almost right away though. I kept the Dukes and Gordie moved to Toronto and I opened up Frannie's Starlight Lounge so I had all these things that kept me in Windsor. Then around '94 things in my band kind of petered out. Gordie said, "Why don't you come up to Toronto this weekend and play a gig with Big Sugar?"

Et Cetera: Was Kelly around for the second album, *500 Pounds*?

Gordie: No not playin on it.

Et Cetera: Did you do *500 Pounds* yourself?

Gordie: Most of it, not the drums.

Et Cetera: How many guys have you gone through?

Gordie: Many, many guys.

Kelly: Fifteen drummers, 10 bass players.

Et cetera (to Paul): You were the last to join?

Paul: Yep. I'm the new guy. I'm Paul Brennan as 'The New Guy.'

Gordie: The last drummer in Big Sugar, as we like to refer to him.

Paul Brennan is from Vancouver and is the ex-drummer of The Odds and

Mae Moore's band.

Et Cetera: Are you feeling accepted by the band?

Paul: Ya man, I feel like I'm home. When you hit that stride on stage where the band is connected and fired up and there's a little improvisation occurring and structure and communication on a level that feels like home, I feel like I'm home.

Et Cetera: This may be a touchy question, but why did you leave The Odds?

Paul: Because it felt better to leave than to stay. I had been playing with that band for seven years and it had run its course and it was nothing personal 'cause they are friends of mine. You close one door, as they say, and another one opens and here I am with Big Sugar.



Drummer Paul Brennan: Sticking it to the skins in London.

Et Cetera: And your drumming?

Paul: I get confused with more than four drums in front of me. Gordie tried to get me to use another floor tom and it just wrecked everything.

Gordie: Took him about four months to get over that one gig. It's like, "Paul why don't you start writing with your right hand?" He

started wetting the bed, put one more drum on stage and he's bed wetting.

Et Cetera: What was your influence, where do you get your style?

Paul: I was inspired to play by Keith Moon from The Who. Hearing that racket coming from my brother's stereo made me think "That's something I want to do." I thought, "Here's this guy with an opportunity to freak out and smash things. How much more do you want in life?" After about a year of my drums I asked my mom if the noise was too much, if it was driving her crazy or anything. She said, "No, no, no. It's all great, it's all fine and I don't mind the noise. You're-breaking a lot less things around the house." I used to break windows, antiques and what ever else I'd find lying around the house.

I stopped doing that once I started playing the drums. Drums saved my life.

Et Cetera: How did you find yourselves in Mexico yesterday?

Gordie: We made a left at Greenland and...No we were there strictly to shoot a video.

Paul: And get some cigars.

Gordie: We went from a gig, to

the airport, to the other airport in Mexico, slept for two hours, to the video shoot for two solid days. At the end of the shoot they basically hosed us down and put us back on

"Put one more drum on stage and he's bedwetting."
-Gordie Johnson on Paul Brennan's drumming

the airplane. This is to let you know it's not glamorous.

Et Cetera: Do you actually appreciate it when guys in the audience are smoking 69-cent cigars trying to pay tribute to the band or something?

Gordie: No, we smoke cigars but I won't smoke just any old thing. Premium Cuban cigars or nothing. I have had someone come to the front of the stage and hand me a Monte Cristo, but somebody smoking a Century Sam, that's just polluting the environment.

Et Cetera: I've seen you guys a few times put on a three-hour, non-stop, sweat-pouring-off-you show. Is it always like that?

Gordie: It depends on the audience, man.

Paul: The fun is in the rockin'. Some nights we'll play and it's like surfing a wave, you just have to take that wave.

Kelly: West Coast West Coast West Coast (they laugh).

Paul: All right, that's my analogy.

Gordie: Here's my analogy. We play till I say stop. That's where it ends.

Paul: No, you hit that stride and you look up and holy shit, it's

three hours later. Start rockin', keep rockin', stop rockin'.

Et Cetera: Who's the woman on the inside of the CD cover?

Gordie: That's my mutha. I wouldn't lie to you, but I will. And I'll tell you the truth sometimes.

Et Cetera: Is this the breakthrough album?

Gordie: This is a breakthrough album for the band, not in terms of sales, but the band arriving at a style.

One of the men influencing that style is Gary Lowe, originally from Kingston, Jamaica. Lowe now resides in Toronto with his seven children.

Whenever he is in the Toronto area he stays with his family as long as possible and drives to the gigs on his own. That's where he was at the time of the interview.

Et Cetera: Has Gary played with anyone else famous?

Kelly: I think you could just go down a list of famous reggae players and he's played with all of them.

Et Cetera: Do you try to get him to play the blues or does he just play reggae?

The band laughs.

Gordie: I've shown him some blues tunes and he loves it, but it's gonna come filtered through Kingston.

Big Sugar's well-dressed frontman Gordie Johnson describes himself as an alchemist.

He throws whatever he's into, whatever sounds good, into the pot, noting that "Rock and roll has always been about combining unlikely elements and cranking them up to 10 through marshall amps."

The band's latest album (Hemi-Vision) was less of an attempt at mixing the blues-rock styles. The band didn't have to try, it just happened that way.

You've got to be kidnapping

Ron Howard's kidnapping caper *Ransom* pays off big if you can stand the silliness

by Bernice Barth
Entertainment Reporter

When you combine Ron Howard, Mel Gibson and Gary Sinise, plus an extraordinary cast of supporting actors and a Richard Price (*Clockers*) script, a film like *Ransom* can't be anything but fantastic.

What makes *Ransom* so good is the well-plotted, clever narrative. The movie could so easily be stuck with stereotype characters and a formula story line.

Instead, the movie is fast and tight, balancing the dramatic story-line with action and suspense. Every time the audience thinks the kidnapping ordeal is about to be over, a new twist is added to the plot.

Mel Gibson plays the hero, Tom Mullen, who practices unethical business methods. Mullen denies personal involvement in a bribe to head off a machinist strike at his company Endeavor Airlines.

As a result, a union leader named Jackie Brown has been prosecuted and convicted in his place.

Part of the complexity to the plot are *Ransom's* fully developed characters. Even the supporting cast is impressive, managing to be more than just conventional background characters. Rene Russo, playing Mullen's wife, Kate, is not the typical my-son-has-been-kidnapped-give-me-a-valium-and-watch-me-break-down character. Instead Russo shines, bringing her character beyond what is expected, as does Lili Taylor in her role as the kidnapper's girlfriend.

The movie's dramatic concentration is on the characters, who they are and what they go through, with a central focus on the age-old subject of how very little separates good human beings from bad ones.

Mullen's dishonest business dealings come back to haunt him when his son is kidnapped and a \$2-million ransom is demanded. When Mullen asks kidnapper Jimmy Shaker (Sinise) why he picked him to target, Shaker replies: "Because you buy your way out of trouble ... You paid that guy [Jackie Brown] off. You're a payer. You did it once, you'll do it again."

Shaker himself is an incongruous combination of good and bad.

He is a cop who kidnaps Sean Mullen (Brawley Nolte, Nick Nolte's son) because of a warped sense of Robin Hood justice and because of his love for his girlfriend Maris Conner (Lili Taylor) who he rescued from an abusive father.

The only weakness *Ransom* has is that of plausibility. But no one in their right mind expects reality from a box office movie, so *Ransom* surely can not be faulted for its less than realistic storyline.

Ransom is great entertainment; a nail-biting suspense-action-drama, that keeps you on the edge of your seat.



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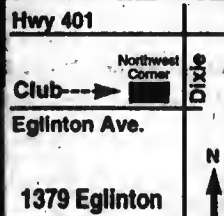
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Sports

Soccer Volleyball Basketball



Both Humber Hawk basketball teams play exhibition games against the Durham Lords Thursday Nov. 14 with women starting at 6 p.m. and men tipping off at 8 p.m. Hawk basketball also continues next week with scheduled play against the Niagara Knights on Wednesday, Nov. 20 at 6 p.m.

Men's and women's volleyball teams take action Thursday, Nov. 21 against the Georgian Grizzlies. The women start play at 6 p.m. and men begin at 8 p.m.

Eight years and waiting

by Pam Fawcett
Sports Editor

Eight years and eight times and they're still not able to pull out the big win.

The Humber Hawks men's volleyball team fell just short of capturing the 13th annual Humber Cup after losing for the second year in a row to the Durham Lords in the finals.

The tournament began as a women's event 13 years ago. The men got involved eight years ago and in those eight years the men have never won the title but have finished in second place six times.

"The first few years we were building up the program, now it's like it's become a block. Some say it's like a monkey is on their backs," said Athletic Director Doug Fox of the Hawks hard luck in the tournament. "These are the four toughest teams in the league."

The Hawks kicked off the tournament against their arch rivals — the Lords. Durham took the game 15-11, 15-11 even after the Hawks jumped out to an early lead in both sets.

In their second round robin game the Hawks faced the Cambrian Golden Shield and needed a win to advance on to the finals.

The Hawks vaulted ahead early in the game, 6-2, with some powerful serving from Roland Lewis. The Shield came back to tie the first set up at 11 before Hawk power Jody Brown was subbed in to serve for middle Dean Wylie. Brown helped the Hawks jump ahead 13-11.

A Hawk timeout was called when the Shield took the lead 15-14. However, the Shield returned the ball wide, off a Matt Cunliffe serve and the Hawks took a 17-16 victory. Humber also won the second set 15-12.

"We're not a morning team," said Hawk Head Coach Wayne Wilkins. "We got better as the day went on."

To move on to the cup finals the Hawks had to get by the Algonquin Thunder, who were also sitting with one win and a loss.

Again the Hawks took an early lead after some big serves by power Chad Reid. The Hawks clinched a first-set win, 15-12, when the Thunder popped a return right back to Reid, who put it away.

Algonquin made the second set close but after a quick timeout the Hawks regrouped and finished the game 15-13.

This put Humber into the championship game against Durham, who went undefeated in round robin play.

The Hawks looked like they were in trouble when they dropped the first set 15-9 and setter Chris Wilkins was handed a yellow card.

But after switching sides Humber came to life. Subbed in for Wylie again, Brown made two good serves and, combined with a Eugene Selva kill, gave the Hawks a 13-10 lead. The Lords couldn't make up the difference and Humber took the second set 15-10.

The third set saw Humber fall behind 12-7 before another timeout was called. The Hawks came out fired up and closed the gap to two points.

Reid came up to serve and dealt the Lords an ace. Rookie power Tim Pennefather put up a big wall that stopped a huge hit by



Hawk power Tim Pennefather (#2) goes up for a block on Cambrian player Tim Ryan. The Hawks defeated the Golden Shield in two straight games 17-16 and 15-12.

Durham's Steve McDonald and Wylie made a kill that gave the Hawks a 14-13 lead.

Unfortunately Humber couldn't hold off a strong Lord offense and gave up the deciding game 16-14.

Coach Wilkins said he wasn't disappointed with the loss.

"This is our closest year yet. This is the first time we've gone three games and lost 16-14 in the end," said Wilkins. "We just made too many mistakes and couldn't

capitalize on theirs."

Cunliffe and Pennefather were named tournament all-stars for the Hawks while Durham setter Stu Pow was voted the tournament MVP.

"Their setter is their quarterback," said Wilkins. "He's an OCAA all-star and they just stayed one step ahead. Hopefully we'll get that kind of thing between Chris [Wilkins] and Stephan [Pratt]."



Hawk player Matt Cunliffe makes a pass while team captain Eugene Selva (left) and Tim Pennefather look on. Cunliffe and Pennefather were both named tournament all-stars at the Humber Cup.



Hawk setter Stephan Pratt (#10) waits for a serve in the Hawks' round robin game against the Algonquin Thunder. The Hawks won 15-12, 15-13 and advanced on to the finals to face Durham.

Et Cetera

Learning to fly all over again

by Jeff Allen
Volleyball Reporter

At last Saturday's Humber Cup, the women's volleyball team learned what Coach Dave Hood called "another lesson."

However, the Hawks may soon flunk.

The team played uninspired volleyball for most of the day, which was the main source of concern for Hood.

"We made bad choices, lazy choices," Hood said. "When you start diving for balls that should be easy passing shots, then there's concern."

The Hawks opened the tournament against Durham College, and promptly dropped their first game 15-5, 15-6. The Hawks hit balls into the net, missed sets, and failed to consistently get their serve in Durham's side of the court.

The Hawks were determined to come out strong in their second match against the Cambrian Golden Shield. But the Hawks got a bad break when they were penalized for being out of rotation. Coach Hood said the rotation call was his fault caused by a change to the line-up.

Instead of being tied 1-1, the Hawks became rattled and quickly fell behind 12-1.

But rather than packing up shop, the Hawks stormed back and cut the lead, 14-12.

After a long string of sideouts, the Hawks lost the set 15-12, and that seemed to take the wind out of their sails. The Hawks dropped the next game 15-7, and fell to 0-2 in the tournament.

Playing for pride, the Hawks took on the Algonquin Thunder, also 0-2.

Hood then made an important line-up decision.

"Everyone's going play," said Hood. "We have to look at the big picture. Sure we want to win, and sure it would have been great to win this tournament, but we have to realize that this [getting everyone playing time] may help us more down the road."

The Hawks responded by tak-



Hawk power Brenda Ramos (#4) goes up for a kill during round robin play at the Humber Cup tournament on the weekend. Even though the Hawks went 0-3 for the day, setter Caroline Fletcher was named a tournament all-star for her efforts.

ing a close first game and kicking it up a notch. Big kills by powers Brenda Ramos and Caroline Ambrose lead the Hawks to a 15-12 win.

A sloppy second game by both teams ended with the Hawks on the losing end of a 15-9 score.

It appeared that at 6-6 in the final set, the Hawks may revert back to bad form, but huge digs from offside Leslie Rivas and Ambrose gave the Hawks the boost they needed. Offside Angela Darrach hit the game winner.

One of the few bright spots for the Hawks was the continued play of setter and captain Caroline Fletcher. She had everyone, from opposing players to referees and even her own coach, shaking their heads.

"I don't mean to keep building her up, but she's playing fantastic. If we didn't have Caroline Fletcher to keep fixing our mistakes we'd be in big shit," said Hood.

Hood finished his post-game talk by saying that losing is sometimes a better learning experience than winning.

The Durham Lords took the women's Humber Cup title home Saturday evening, defeating the Golden Shield in two straight sets, 15-10, 16-14.

The Hawks now have a week to study all their "lessons" before they are put to the test next Thursday, Oct. 21 at 6 p.m. when they open their season at home against the Georgian Grizzlies.

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Flooring your Nikes

by Heather McKinnon
Sports Reporter

If you're thinking about buying a new pair of running shoes, don't throw out your old ones yet - donate them.

Those smelly shoes will help to build a new gymnasium floor at a recreation centre near you.

Nike's PLAY (Participate in the Lives of All Youth) Canada program has teamed up with the

Toronto Raptors Foundation to provide recreational opportunities for youth across Ontario.

Their mission is to restore community-based basketball facilities with Nike's Reuse-A-Shoe program, and get kids off the streets, out of malls and onto the courts.

"A lot of youth need encouragement to get involved, but they also need the proper facilities that are safe and accessible," said Dave Haggith, the Raptors' fund development coordinator.

PLAY and the Raptors Foundation entered a five-year sponsorship to generate \$1.5 million in order to provide decent and safe facilities and support programs. The sponsorship includes basketball game essentials such as hoops, balls and accessories, court resurfacing and an extensive coaching program for amateurs.

Haggith, a Humber graduate, works as a liaison with the

Raptors and other charities around the city. He said "it's important what the foundation is doing as well as other organizations, especially now that things are financially tight for everyone."

"I think it's important for everyone to chip in and make it a community project, and provide these opportunities for the kids," said Haggith. "Just as PLAY encourages kids to take part and

get involved, they also recognize that adults can provide a sense of leadership as well. Adults realize they have a role in children's lives, sometimes they need to steer them [in the right direction] to accomplish things."

Nike's Reuse-A-Shoe program was born from the grassroots efforts of

Nike employees in the United States who were concerned about environmental degradation. The program was introduced into Canada in 1995.

Donated shoes are ground into two basic raw materials: granulated rubber, composed of shoe midsoles and outsoles, and granulated fabric fluff from the shoe uppers. The materials are then separated into "heavies" and "rubbers," both recycled into different types of sport surfaces such as running tracks, basketball courts and playground matting.

There are 12 boys' and girls' clubs across Toronto that will

benefit from restorations done by the end of this year, and another 23 youth oriented clubs will be finished in 1997.

"Our youth need an outlet today. They need an alternative to just hanging out in the malls," said Kevin Wulff, president of Nike Canada, Ltd. "There is a bewildering array of choices facing young people. Facilities and programs such as this help kids make the right choices in life and enjoy the benefits the world has to offer."

Haggith said sports figures are the perfect people to deliver this message.

"A lot of youth in this province look up to athletes. They are their fans, and think of them as heroes. So anytime you have that kind of impact on kids, you can help but want to do anything but help them," said Haggith.

And the players do. Once renovations are completed at the recreation centres, there is a kick-off celebration planned.

"I think it's wonderful what the Raptors Foundation has done. We're very happy that we now have an appropriate gym floor, and proper equipment for the kids to play safely," said Maureen Perry-King, who helped organize the launching of the Central Neighborhood House's new gym floor.

Haggith said players are happy to be able to make a difference.

"Winning on the court isn't much unless they're winning off the court as well, and giving back to the community and their fans," he said.

"Winning on the court isn't much unless they're winning off the court..."

**-Dave Haggith,
Raptors' fund development coordinator**

NHL virginity

by Adam Fox
Hockey Virgin

Every country has something uniquely theirs that individually identifies that nation's culture.

Americans have baseball and apple pie. For the Scots, it's golf and haggis. Canadians have hockey and beer.

Saturday nights take on an almost religious overtone, with millions of households across the country tuned in to CBC's only cashcow, *Hockey Night in Canada*.

In an age when national unity is as uncertain as the Leafs' playoff chances, I found myself with a mild case of "patriot depression."

I decided I needed a little Canuck reaffirmation, and since I'd never been to an NHL game, I wrote myself a prescription for Detroit at Toronto.

As I approached the Gardens I was engulfed in a sea of scalpers, all of them shouting "Who's selling?" I learned from a fellow Canadian that scalpers used this as a code so as to go unhindered by the fuzz. Brilliant.

Once through the gate and up the escalator, it became abundantly clear that the place is too small. Scrums began to form in front of the vendors' booth, everyone vying for \$5 chocolate bars.

A friendly usher checked my ticket and gave me directions to my seat. I sat down and marveled at how much smaller the

rink looks in real life.

The puck was dropped, and in less than 10 minutes Toronto was up 2-0. As a veteran Red Wing fan I could tell it was going to be bad. But then again, we Red Wing fans are kind of used to watching our team choke under the mildest of pressure.

The man sitting to my left began making hockey chit-chat. He apologized to me for his

raspy voice and explained he had just recently contracted the flu virus. I went for a beer.

Returning with my thimble-sized beverage, I switched seats with my partner.

Two very drunk 35-year-old men sitting to my right made fun of my Red Wings and then offered me chocolate.

Intermission came and I stood in line for a room full of sweaty urinals. I felt national pride growing in the pit of my stomach. Or was it the beer?

The puck was dropped for the start of the third period, and I was in my seat with a very expensive bag of popcorn, shaking my head in disgust as Toronto quickly scored on goalie Mike Vernon for the sixth time.

The crowd roared as Tie Domi began beating the snot out of somebody. That's when the solidarity really hit me. A whole stadium full of Canadians sharing an experience and a tradition truly all our own. With beer.



Athlete of the Week

Matt Cunliffe



Matt Cunliffe was selected as an all-star at the 13th annual Humber Cup Tournament this weekend. The Hawks lost in the tournament final to Durham. Cunliffe is a returning middle for the Humber Hawks and has started off this season right where he left off in the OCAA tournament last spring.

Hockey franchise in Hamilton's dreams

by Rita Salerno
Sports Reporter

By next year sports fans may be watching *Hockey Night in Canada* live from Copps Coliseum in Hamilton if the city can score a new NHL hockey franchise.

In the last five years the National Hockey League (NHL) has seen five expansion teams.

From the Ottawa Senators to the Florida Panthers to the Anaheim Mighty Ducks, the NHL has no boundaries as far as expansion goes. And now, although it is a long shot, a Hamilton hockey team may be joining the league as early as next season.

In the past week the NHL has received applications for expansion team entry from six different cities across North America.

The list includes Hamilton, Oklahoma City, Atlanta, three separate bids from Houston, Nashville, and Kansas City.

"According to Gary Bettman, commissioner of the NHL, any city who wants a team in the NHL has to have their act together as far as money and having a building goes," said Mark Crawley, a former Humber College student and now the producer of the Sports Morning Show on CBC. "In my opinion, Houston, Nashville, Oklahoma City and Atlanta will probably be the top choices because they have the money and geography."

In December the league will make its final decision on which cities will receive a new hockey franchise, and as many as four teams may get the nod.

Although this is the second time Hamilton has applied for an NHL team, it's not likely they will get the go ahead. The popularity of the Toronto Maple Leafs, and Copps Coliseum are two strikes against their bid.

"Hamilton has no money, and they have to get their building up to shape. They need private boxes, which they don't have right now, to generate extra income," said Crawley.

There is a concern, however, that hockey may not be the number one sport in some of the American cities and fans south of the border won't embrace the sport as Canadians have.

"The NHL has gone too fast in recent years as far as expansion goes. They have to keep their eyes on teams like the New York Islanders, whose ticket sales have been down. The league should hold off until they see how teams like Phoenix, Florida or Dallas do. They have to get ticket sales up in places like that before thinking of expanding any further," said Crawley. "We were led to believe that Los Angeles was this great hockey city but now that they don't have Wayne Gretzky they're averaging only 7,000 to 10,000 seats per game."

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- Wed. Jan. 29 vs. Niagara at 8 p.m.
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Exposing society's evils



Who's who of the Devil's henchmen

Ron Hextall

Philadelphia Flyer goalie, former goon, Potvin punching-bag

Ron Hextall. His name even sounds evil (**HEX**tall). In the mid- to late '80s Ronnie terrorized forwards who dared cross his crease. In 1991, Kent Nilsson strayed too close and got his right leg chopped off. But Hextall's kinder side got the best of him in the early 1990's after his trade to the Quebec Nordiques. The Dark Lord no longer needed the Broad Street Bully. With this allegiance no longer intact, Hextall was powerless. This was very apparent when Toronto's Felix Potvin, a thin Frenchman, beat the snot out of him. **Hextall=former Agent**

Humber's Index

Average increase in tips for waitresses who draw a happy face on the bill: **18%**

Amount of money Eddie Murphy's *Nutty Professor* has garnered in Europe: **\$70 million**

Number of songs recorded by Eddie Murphy since his last album (which had Paul McCartney, Michael Jackson and Jon Bon Jovi on): **100**

U.S. sales lead Alanis Morissette's *Jagged Little Pill* has on second place *The Score* by the Fugees: **1.9 million**

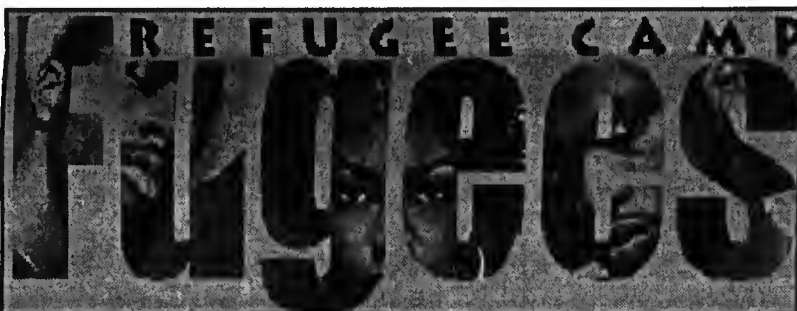
Weekly income John Travolta will earn until mid-1998 (he has eight movies in the works until then): **\$1 million**

Number of lava lamps sold in the 1990s: **400,000**

Number of religious peyote practitioners in the U.S. today: **250,000-400,000**

Percentage of world's cocaine bought by Americans: **50**

Number of kilometres Dan Marino has passed for in his career: **45**



Hot off the wire

Asinine offence gets flashy defence

HALIFAX (CP) - Canada's Criminal Code appeared to get the bum's rush in an indecent-exposure case.

Gary Michael (Boo) Boudreau, 20, of Halifax, mooned the arresting officer after he was charged with causing a disturbance by swearing in public last December.

The officer slapped Boudreau with an additional charge of indecent exposure, or exposing his "private person."

Armed with the Concise Oxford Dictionary Defence lawyer Mark Donohue read the definitions of "privates" to Judge Hughes Randall.

A person's bum does not constitute a "private part," Donohue argued.

Since Boudreau was showing off his backside - not the front - the judge had no choice but to agree with the defence.

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