

# Release form is a must

By Barry Young

A form releasing Humber from responsibility for accidents on or off campus is now a prerequisite for registration.

The form covers the standard section relieving the College of responsibility for any sickness or injuries during athletic events, physical education programs and laboratory classes. It also includes any activities where students were

unsupervised by College staff. A big or was in the form. It completed the list of items Humber College would not be responsible for. The words, "ANY OTHER ACTIVITY" were the problem.

This three word phrase could cover anything that might happen.

Some students felt this would relieve the College of any responsibility in cases of negligence.

For example, one student thought this would place no blame on the College if she slipped on a banana peel coming down a flight of stairs.

There are 2100 new students this year. They, and in some cases their parents, all signed the form.

A few students questioned the wording and declined to sign the form.

Dan Matthews, assistant to

administration vice-president Derek Horne, denied the form protects the College for negligence. He said Humber was responsible for any case of proven negligence, no matter what the form says.

Mr. Matthews said the form was to inform students the College takes no responsibility for health and accident insurance coverage.

He said the lack of staff in the Athletic department was the

reason for the form. Varsity sports have their own waiver. This new form covers any students using the Bubble. It is meant to save on administration costs in athletics.

Mr. Matthews said second and third year students would not be required to sign the form as a condition for registration.

The wording is to be reviewed because of the complaints by students.

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Although Registration blues have gone, many students still stand in line at the congested Humber store, buying everything from drafting pencils to beer mugs.

## Seniors are back in school

By John Montgomery

Everybody's going back to school these days, and that includes retired citizens.

Last Wednesday a new program was started at Humber College to teach leadership and journalism to members of senior citizens groups.

The program runs two hours a week for ten weeks. It's designed to instruct pensioners on the best way to organize, write and publish their own stories and feature articles for senior citizens' publications as well as community newspapers and magazines.

The course was organized through the Lakeshore Retirees Action Group in co-operation with the Continuous Learning department at Humber. The program is being funded through New Horizons.

There are presently 14 students enrolled in the two courses and the number is expected to double within the next week. Transportation is being provided by the College buses.

The students are mostly from the Lakeshore area but it is hoped the program will expand to the rest of Etobicoke in the near future.

Mildred Toogood, from Continuous Learning is teaching the leadership course and the journalism course is being handled by Fred McClement from Humber's Journalism department.

According to Sharon Hillier, program consultant for the Continuous Learning department, "The program's set up for the kind of people who don't want to go bowling three times a week. You can't expect a P.H.D. in chemistry to suddenly start spending all his time on the golf course just because he's turned 65."

Ms. Hillier explained that some of the citizens' groups are aspiring to put out professional quality magazines. They intend on doing all the writing, editing and layout on their own.

"The students are enthusiastic and anxious to write because they want to be productive and become more involved with their community publications," commented Mr. McClement.

## Friday pubs suspended

After tonight, the Pipe will not be "where it's at" for 400 weekly Friday night pub patrons.

Pipe pubs are not being cancelled though, not really. Several faculty and student representatives met Tuesday to discuss problems of the pubs in general and the Friday night gathering emerged as the villain.

"We are not cancelling Friday night pubs," President Wragg asserted. A memo from the President's office regarding the Tuesday meeting, reads in part "The College has agreed to permit pubs to be operated on a trial basis of not more than three per week, the hours Monday to Thursday to be not longer than 4 p.m. to 8 p.m."

Although no mention is made of Friday, several of those who were at the meeting tried to fill in the gaps. "It was a rather hairy meeting," Laurie Sleith, co-ordinator of Student Affairs said. "We came out not really knowing what had been decided. But, I would take that memo to mean Friday pubs will be held once a month and on special occasions." Doug Scott, head of Student Affairs and Dave Davis, head of Food Services agreed with Mr. Sleith.

President Wragg, however, stated, "I don't care where they (pubs) are held, or who runs them, as long as there are only three a week."

When asked if the Student Union could cut down to two lounge pubs a week and hold the third Friday as

usual, Mr. Wragg answered, "That's right."

SU President Keith Nickson, explained his predicament, "I'm caught in the middle. On one side we have the students who want the pubs and like the pubs. On the other side we have Gordon Wragg, taxpayers, the Board of Governors and police who ask "Why are there pubs at all?"

"Friday night pubs are bad news because of the financial and legal problems. We lose about \$800 on them in cleaning charges, revenue versus expenditure, bands and staff — Financial, legal and political aspects outweigh the practicality of Friday night pubs. Also there is a high risk factor involved with drunks, fights, and people being sick."

President Wragg emphasized the risk involved, "I frankly admit I'm awfully nervous about the whole business — If because of mismanagement or failure to meet requirements of the Liquor Board and we couldn't get a licence, we'd be in an awful mess," he said.

Mr. Davis supported the rights of night students who, he said, have come here on occasion and found drunken students coming out of pubs. "They pay taxes," he added, "and they have the right to come into a clean College."

As it stands now, future pubs will be held Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. in the SU lounge. Once a month and on special occasions, such as Halloween and Christmas, one lounge pub will be replaced by a Friday Pipe pub.

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## Release form is ambiguous

A number of students were told they were not registered last week because they failed to sign a release form when they paid their fees.

The form in question was placed in Humber's registration process last fall. It is now a prerequisite for registration.

The form is intended to relieve the College from responsibility for any, "sickness or injuries during athletic events, physical education programs and laboratory classes." The phrase, "any other activity," ends the statement above. The wording of this phrase was our reason for not signing the form, students explained.

Among those summoned were two third year students who refused to sign the release. They questioned the wording, claiming it is misleading. It's certainly ambiguous and at least one College official agrees.

The meaning of the phrase, as interpreted by the two students, is that Humber will be relieved from responsibility for injuries which might result from negligence by the College.

Not so, claims Dan Matthews, assistant to the administrative vice-president. He said the College is responsible for any case of proven negligence, no matter what the form says.

If that's so, why is this implication in the wording of the form in the first place? According to Mr. Matthews, the release form is intended to inform students that the College isn't responsible for health and accident insurance coverage. Why wasn't this clearer statement included in the form?

The intent of any agreement is to spell out clearly what role each party assumes for a specific situation. This release form is a type of agreement. It is a formal acknowledgment by the student and says, in effect, "I am aware of and understand the position taken by Humber College regarding illnesses and accidents and insurance coverage."

The release form fails to say exactly what the College means and shouldn't have been signed.

But at least 2,100 students did sign the form. And only a few recognized the reacted to its obvious ambiguity. This may not seem too important in this case, but it's the principle that counts.

God help those students who sign documents without understanding fully what they are getting into.

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## Letters

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Over 1,000 students enjoyed the beer and food fest at Carling's breweries on September 11.

## Rexdale transit, "critical"

By Mary Kelly

"We realize that the transportation problem in Rexdale is critical and we intend to do everything possible to rectify the situation," said Dr. Richard Soberman, director of the Metro Toronto Transportation review.

At a public meeting held at the Albion Library Sept. 24, scores of Rexdale residents vigorously protested the proposed extensions of arterial roads in favour of a more extensive and adequate public transportation system.

The residents suggested that an express bus be routed along Martin Grove Rd. to Rexdale Blvd. then south on Hwy. 27 to the Queen Elizabeth and then into the city. They said that they would be willing to pay as much as a dollar fare one-way instead of taking the normal hour or hour-and-a-half trip on one bus and two subways.

"The only solution to the whole problem is the Georgetown-to-Union Station Go-train," suggested Dr. Soberman.

The Georgetown line is expected to be operating by September, next year.



For many Humber students, the one TTC bus arriving at the College is the only way out.

(Photo by Judy Fitzgerald)

### Dr. James Daly

## Slams education

By James Adair and Barbara Gravel

"Students are constantly lowering intellectual standards by permitting themselves to expect less from their efforts," Dr. James Daly said here last week.

Dr. Daly, noted historian, educational critic, and columnist for the Toronto Star contended that students follow the path of least resistance, "because our educational system is based on the idea that you have to feel good while attending school." He pointed out that our concept of success can be summed up by the statement, "What the hell does it matter if the kid can't spell as long as he feels good?"

Dr. Daly terms his approach to education as the "essentialist

ideal," and criticised methods differing from his.

"The romantic view suggests that the children learn what they like and when and how they want to — or learn nothing," he said. "The other romantic method is to teach students to hate society and to destroy it for the foundation a new society. But it is the liberating elite that is molding the child to what they want." This, contends Dr. Daly, is wrong.

Dr. Daly said schools have lost a sense of their proper role. He stressed the necessity of a curriculum and the restoration of "what schools are all about". Schools can only do certain things. "They can teach certain intellectual skills," he said.

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Our front page photo credit for the September 28 issue of Coven, was inadvertently left out.

We apologize to Eva Dziluns, a 2nd. year photography student, who took the picture of unfinished lockers.

# Classes pulled from course

By Barry Zabrack

All first-year Journalism students have been pulled out of the Communications 2 course offered by the English department.

Jim Smith, co-ordinator of Journalism, issued a memo dated September 20 which stated that all students enrolled in the Communications 2 program were to be "exempted until further notice."

There were two reasons for this move according to Mr. Smith:

Communications 2 is not a specified subject in the Journalism program until the second semester and there are many overlapping areas which are already covered in the Journalism courses offered to the students.

All students at Humber who are enrolled in diploma courses must take either Communications 1 or Communications 2 depending on the results of a test. The test is divided into various sections covering reading comprehension, efficiency in the use of language and mechanics of language. The students submit two writing samples which are read by two teachers. The designation of the students into Communications 1 or 2 is based on the merit of the student's work.

Mr. Smith feels that the setup of Communications 1 is valuable to Journalism students:

"English 1 (Communications 1) should prove to be a valuable course for our students especially in the topic areas of grammar, spelling, vocabulary and the writing of the short essay"

However, Walt McDayter, senior program co-ordinator of the English department, explained that students have the option of

taking Communications 2 in the first or second semester.

As a result of discussions between Mr. McDayter and Mr. Smith, plans are now being completed to set up a special program for Journalism students to eliminate all repetition.

## Varsity golf meets par in first match

By Neil Urquhart

On Sunday, September 23, 61 golfers played in the Third Annual Humber College Business Division Open Golf Tournament at Cedarhurst Golf Course in Beaverton, Ontario.

Frank Morettin, Business Administration, shot an even par 72 to take first low gross. One stroke behind, at 73, was another Business Administration student, Mike Paxton. First low net went to Richard Munding, a guest in the tournament.

The match was the first of two qualifying rounds for the Humber College varsity golf team. The second round was played on Wednesday, September 26 at Glen Eagles Golf Club in Bolton, Ontario. First place was taken by Jeff Howard, Marketing, who fired a six over par 78. Larry Stevens, Accounting, took second place with an 80. Three strokes behind him was Frank Morettin at 83. There were 35 golfers in that tournament.



"State of Seige," a film set in Uruguay, is a frightening documentary which parallels the FLQ crisis in Canada a few years ago.

## "State of Seige" Frightening documentary

By Nancy Abbott

Director Constantin Costa-Gavras, noted for his European tours with movies such as "Z" filmed in Greece, and "The Confession," shot in Czechoslovakia, has decided to change the scenery. He has turned his cameras on the oppressed country of Uruguay.

"State of Seige," which opened at the Odeon Fairlawn September 21, followed the direct-line documentary form which reminds

one of the recent FLQ crisis. The irony and the fate of the picture follows the typical "he'll get his in the end."

Frightening is the documentation of America involvement in the political life of other countries. The role of undercover agents with American support, in training Latin-American police in modern methods of suppressing political "unmentionables", reveals an inside view of American im-

perialism.

Yves Montand, who has played in all but one Costa-Gavras film, acts out the life of an American diplomat, Dan Mitrione, who Gavras faithfully assures us, was a true agent and actually executed.

With this kind of political awakening to our neighbours' world-wide interference, it is no wonder the film was rejected at the inaugural showing at the John F. Kennedy Center in Washington.

### Student Union Elections

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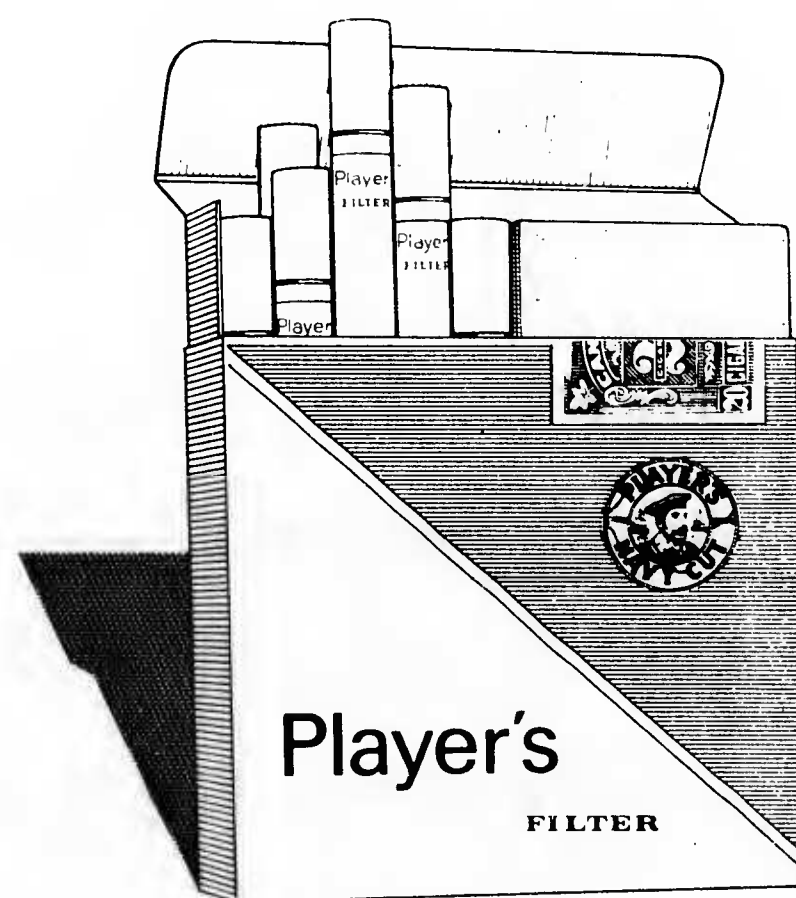
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A group of course credit cards will be produced for each student who has met all registration requirements. You are to either pick up your course credit cards at your division office, or receive them from your program co-ordinator, to be announced by your division.

**YOU ARE REQUESTED TO SUBMIT A COURSE CARD TO EACH INSTRUCTOR FROM WHOM YOU EXPECT AN EVALUATION, BY 18 OCTOBER.**

Unless you submit a course credit card to an instructor you will not receive an evaluation for the course, nor will the course appear on your records for registration purposes or final grade report purposes.

**REMEMBER—IT IS YOUR RESPONSIBILITY TO OBTAIN THE CARDS AND FOLLOW THE PROCEDURE OUTLINED IF YOU ARE TO OBTAIN A REPORT AND CONFIRM REGISTRATION IN YOUR COURSES.**

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