

# Purdie is talking tough

## SAC prez says 'don't pay fees' if teachers strike

by Alexander Molnar

Humber's Student Council president is taking a strong stand as teachers in Ontario's 22 community colleges ready themselves for a strike vote on Feb. 18.

If a possible strike date is set for this September, as suggested recently by Faculty Union President John Huot, then SAC President Jim Purdie will advise students to take action.

"I recommend that if teachers go on strike in September, students should withhold their tuition fees," Purdie said.

Purdie added that he understands the position of the teachers as well as college administration, "but the bottom line is students will suffer the most."

However, Purdie's recommendation to students has not drawn praise from the college's Registrar, Martha Casson. She contends that students will only victimize themselves through such action.

"It's a surprising comment," Casson said, coming from the SAC president.

"I can't in any way see how this action could benefit

Humber students."

The results of the 1984 three week strike caused a lot of chaos, Purdie said. "I was in that year, and I didn't know what to do during that time."

"I'm going to have to work more closely with John Huot (Faculty Union) to find out what is going on."

He said this will help him to better inform students on what is going on and take appropriate action in April if a vote for a strike is made.

SAC will also have to work closely with college administration to ensure that students who do withhold their tuition fees out of protest will not be penalized.

Purdie said historically Humber has not refused what students want, and therefore would not penalize students.

The president of the Seneca College Student Federation Council, Blake Beam, is also Chairman for the Ontario Community College Student Presidents Association (OCCSPA). Student action against a possible strike will be discussed at the next OCCSPA conference on Feb. 11.

Concerning Purdie's student protest proposal, Beam said students have no guarantee that if they withhold their tuition they would not lose their places.

"Students pay a deposit to reserve a spot. Unless a formal letter saying why you are not paying is sent, the college will give your spot to someone else."

Beam added there are so many people dropping out or leaving "there would be no way for the registrar to tell whether a student is protesting or just leaving."

Casson agreed, but added even if a letter of protest is written, a student has "no assurance at all that the space will not be given to someone else."

She said, "the number of tuition fees we receive tells us how many students will be returning."

Casson sympathizes with the students' feelings of helplessness. She said the college will make sure that all Humber students are taught quality education.

"We didn't like the last strike and everyone is working hard to ensure that if a strike does happen it will be a short one."

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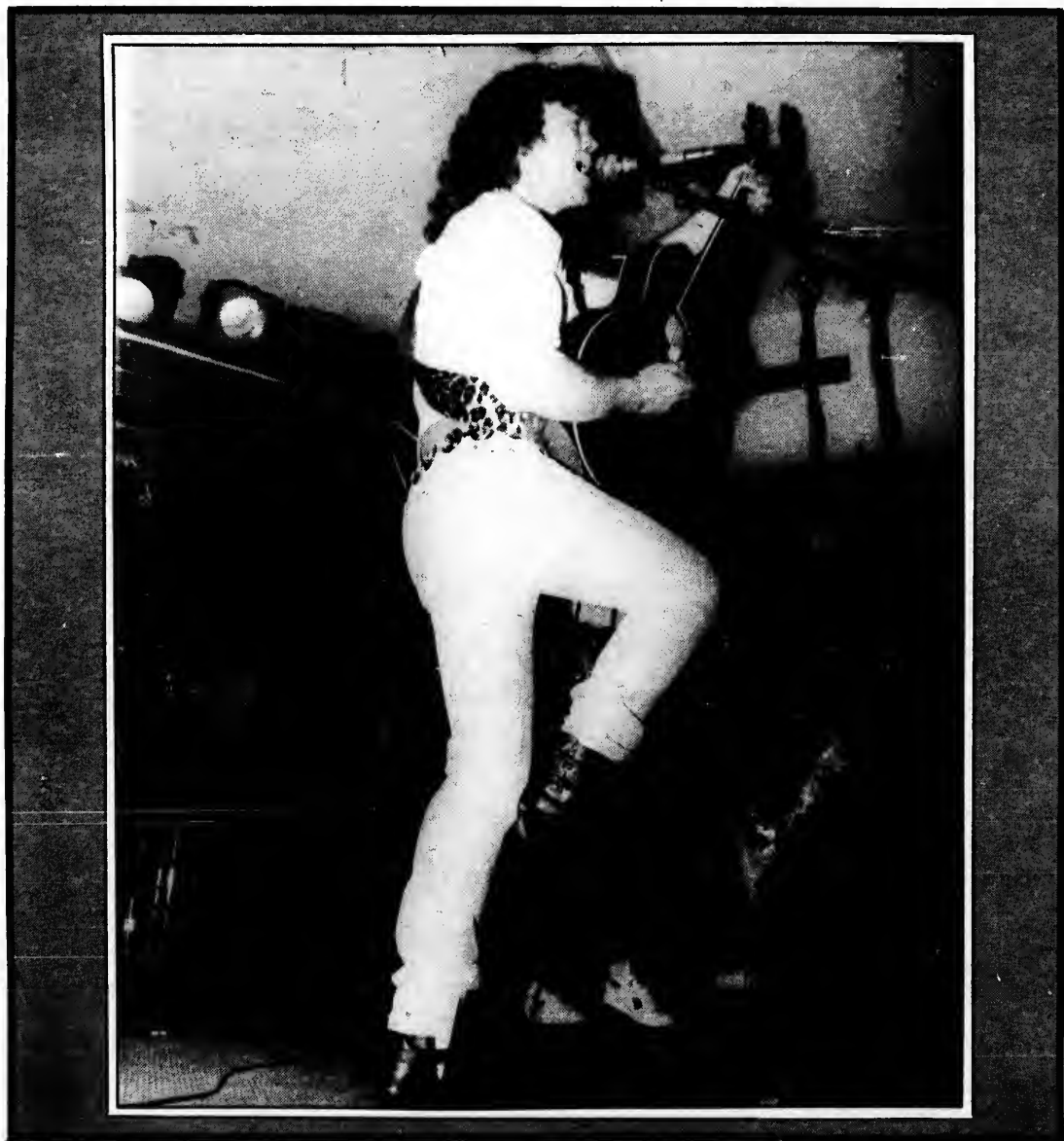


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**R-O-C-K at Humber!**— John Mellancamp lookalike Andy O'Connor led the Markham-based band Rumbleseat through a Lonesome Jubilee tour at last week's pub.

## Gordon says deal benefits teachers

by Kelly Zimmer

While the community colleges' teachers' union is calling their new contract offer a "concession trap", administration believes it is justifiable.

Both sides must reach a contract agreement to avoid a possible strike.

Teachers at the province's 22 community colleges have been without a contract since Aug. 31, 1987. During that period only about 30 full days of negotiations have taken place.

The union says it's against the new contract offer because it gives management the right to increase workload. However, the contract also offers:

- extended and new fringe benefits
- 4.3 per cent increase in salary for teachers
- two-month vacation for counsellors and teachers
- early retirement program
- re-employment after extended maternity leave

President Robert Gordon doesn't think the Ontario government will offer much more to teachers.

"I don't believe the government is in any mood or any position for the competing demands they have from health, housing, senior citizens, day care...the list is endless," Gordon said. "It's not possible to pour the money into the kinds of things the union is requesting."

Gordon also said the government's resources are limited and hopes faculty will realize the contract offer is a good deal and not want to strike.

After the 1984 strike, he said Humber College hired about 80 new teachers to decrease the workload. To do this, the government had to supply funds to the college.

"We're not in a game where we put a gun to the head of the government and they give in to what the unions want," he added. "They gave in the last time because it was justifiable. There were major workload problems."

However, the union maintains the new contract offer would increase class sizes and force teachers to instruct an extra class per semester.

But, Keith McIntyre, head of the management bargaining committee, said that is not true. "I challenge them to prove that...right now I think they're just trying to create controversy."

Gordon said much of the talk is only union rhetoric adding, "I just don't believe the faculty now are hard done by...I am opposed to raising the rhetoric to a level where it looks like they're getting screwed."

The province-wide strike has yet to be approved by the colleges' teachers, however, 80 per cent voted against the new contract. Humber teachers will be voting Feb. 18, on a strike mandate.

### Axe to hit SAC?

The adoption of the new SAC constitution may result in removal of council members who have poor grades.

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### More Sex info.

Osler residents got safe sex tips and more at a seminar held last week. Check it out.

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### Album review

Last year the Humber College Big Band cut an album entitled 'Humber At Expo '86'. The album sells for \$10.

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### A fond farewell

Hawk all-star dribbler George McNeil is near the end of an illustrious career. His number will be retired on Feb. 3.

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# NEWS

## How do you spell dismissal?

# Low grades may axe SAC reps

by Stewart Brown

SAC's decision to use its new constitution (which has yet to be approved by the Council of Student Affairs) could lead to the removal of some SAC members from council because they have a failing average.

SAC President Jim Purdie said that he knows of some members who have failing averages, which is a grade-point average below 60 per cent.

"I am waiting for word from Student Life because some of the council members are appealing their marks," he said. "The Student Life department would look at it if their averages were close. They (Student Life) would bring the issue to me, or what they might do is discuss it with that person."

Elizabeth Ganong, Student Affairs Liaison for SAC said that any word about SAC members' averages being below the new requirements is just hearsay. Ganong also denied that Student Life keeps track of SAC members' marks, as marks are confidential.

## Then there was one

by Tom Kjaersgaard

After some controversy, North Campus SAC finally has only one new vice-president.

Shawn Reed, former Technology rep, was chosen as the SAC executive's final candidate and voted into office by the council.

A new vice-president was required when former Vice-President Michelle Willis resigned.

About 10 days ago, SAC was in an uproar over a last minute decision that saw two vice-presidents elected instead of one.

However, SAC's decision to fill the v.p.'s seat with two members was quickly ruled to be invalid and unconstitutional by council. The two council members originally selected were Tracey Martin-Parnell and Shawn Reed.

### unconstitutional

SAC was forced to re-run the candidacy selection procedure just days later and declare only one council member as vice-president.

According to former SAC President Bart Lobraico, this was a move which SAC President Jim Purdie and the Student Affairs liaison should have known was unconstitutional.

"If they are going to create a new v.p. position, they can't do it in their year," Lobraico said. "They can do everything in their year, but actually open the position up and have someone fill it. That would have to happen next year. If Jim (Purdie) and Liz (Elizabeth Ganong, Student Affairs liaison) were both doing their homework, they would have known it."

Purdie and Vice-President of Finance Kelly Sherwin, presented their choice to SAC in an emergency meeting last Friday.

"We feel council did a great job and followed by the constitution

"Right now there isn't a system in place to set that up, so we are working on a future system," she said. "Until something is written into the constitution and it's approved by CSA, there isn't a process set up."

The 1987-88 constitution states that all council members must "be a full-time student in good standing." The member must maintain

a 60 per cent average or better throughout the academic term served on council, and carry a full course load (as outlined in their program calendar). Anyone who is not meeting this requirement would be removed from office immediately without a vote from council.

The 1986-87 constitution stated that in order to become a SAC rep,

the applicant must have a 60 per cent average. Former SAC President Bart Lobraico said that it was understood by council that members had to maintain that average. In response to Ganong's statement that there was no system in place for monitoring SAC members' marks, Lobraico said that it was "bullshit."

"Liz is supposed to know and

do that," he said. "Liz has access on the computer system to look up any student number, and look up their marks and the subjects they're taking."

"When I was there as a rep, vice-president and as president, it was common knowledge in council that you had to have a 60 per cent average before you ran in the election," he added. "While you were on council, you had to maintain at least an overall average of 60 per cent. When I was a rep, I had to give them my transcript in the fall and in the spring."

Lobraico said that last year's SAC Vice-president Glenn Zembal almost got kicked out, and was put on probation by council because his marks were below 60 per cent. Also last year, Lakeshore's president Gideon Luty was put on probation, and then forced to resign because both his fall semester marks and full-time student status were in question. Back on October 26, Ganong reminded North SAC that they must maintain their academic standing.

## Tuition reduced

by Robert Bacchin

Humber's registrar has reduced tuition fees for student's in the Package Design internship semester after reading a story published in the Dec. 3, issue of Coven.

Registrar Martha Casson chopped the \$350 fee down to \$125.

"I looked at (Package Design) the day the story came out and looked at all the teacher-student contact hours and determined that the facts presented were exactly right," said Casson.

Casson reduced fees in the Audio-Visual, Public Relations and Radio-Broadcasting internship semesters after deciding the programs had "minimal student-teacher contacts", therefore excluding the college from receiving government funds.

The Package-Design program was passed over, but further investigation by Coven proved that the PD internship semester had fewer contact hours than the PR program.

Package Design co-ordinator Vas Klymenko, who called the original pass-over "ridiculous", was pleased with the fee refund.

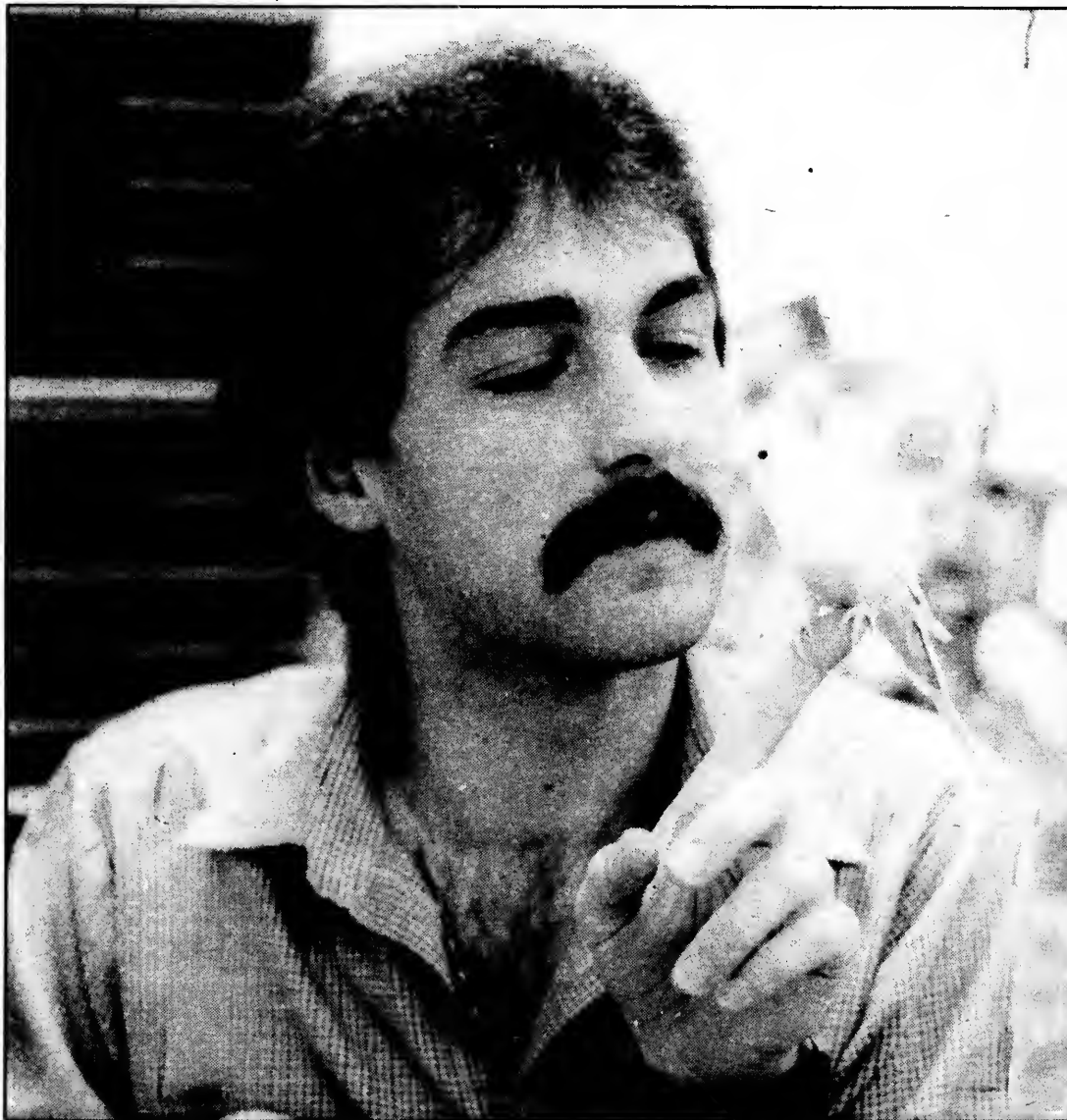
The third-year PD students were sent a refund and a letter stating "further to the story in Coven, I've taken the opportunity to review your curriculum and I've determined that what was in the paper was valid."

Students who feel they are being charged unfairly can present their protest to their division dean.

However, Casson says that these reductions are not set in stone.

"If changes to the curriculum are added, say an increase in the teacher-student contact hours, then the fees in all these courses will go back up."

Peg Eiler, the associate dean of Applied and Creative Arts, stated that the programs that received the reduced fees are currently under review due to concerns among the various deans in ACA that the quality level is declining.



FILE PHOTO

**I thought I saw a Purdie tat!** — Former SAC president Bart Lobraico must be feeling a bit like Tweety in the clutches of Sylvester these days. Sylvester, in this case, is this year's president Jim Purdie, who recently knocked Lobraico for failing to get the new constitution approved by the CSA while he was in office.

and worked together," Purdie said.

Although disappointed Parnell said "I'm not going to let this discourage me from representing my students. Outlining concerns over the way the issue was handled Parnell said "I'm very disappointed in the way Jim and Kelly handled the matter...they didn't do their homework at all."

### head may swell

As for the plan to create a new position on SAC executive, Purdie said now is not the time.

"I hope there are no personal hard feelings," Purdie said. "Now let's work together and do what we do best."

Reed was glad to hear the good news.

"My head may swell, but I'll try my damn best to do a good job," he said. "I hope there's no hard feelings, and I'm glad we could kick it in the butt and stop it after the thing became such a big fiasco."

## Constitution chaos

by Stewart Brown

**SAC president Jim Purdie is blaming former president Bart Lobraico for not getting the 1987-88 SAC constitution approved by the Council of Student Affairs (CSA), prior to this academic year.**

**SAC recently approved the constitution after a motion was made by Hospitality rep Michele Jacobs.**

**But, Purdie said accepting the new constitution was an invalid move because it needs CSA approval.**

**"SAC has approved it but CSA has not voted on it because it was never presented to them," Purdie said. "It was Bart's year that they approved the new constitution and Bart should have taken it to CSA. That was his responsibility."**

**Lobraico, SAC president during 1986-87, is surprised that the constitution was never received by the CSA and does not feel he was responsible for presenting it to them.**

**"I have no idea why it wasn't received at the annual general meeting, unless there wasn't enough time. Most likely what happened if it didn't go to CSA last year, then it is supposed to go to CSA this year."**

**"Ultimately, every responsibility is going to fall on the president, because when I was president the finger pointed at me, no matter who did what. I took the blame for everything that happened. I had absolutely nothing to do with the constitution, because that is the vice-president's job."**



# Purdie set to tackle more issues

by Jennifer Ellis

In a recent interview, Student Council President Jim Purdie talked candidly about last semester's events and discusses his plans for the remainder of his presidency.

Purdie says he doesn't know if he will run for re-election, but added he is looking into two other options for the future — travelling and writing a book.

**COVEN:** What was the major accomplishment(s) last semester?

**PURDIE:** Basically, there were three goals that were accomplished. One is I think we have better communication with the students. We have worked well as a team for the betterment of SAC. The second was the smoking policy issue. The students voted on whether to sell or not to sell cigarettes in Caps. I took the smoking results to the Board of Governors, and they thought it was inconsistent and unfair for the students. I think our college is very fortunate to have an administration that we can talk to about issues. Most colleges do not have

that tight link. Thirdly, I think the long term planning of the student centre was a major success. Students should be very fortunate to have two student centres.

**COVEN:** Judy Craig and Michelle Willis resigned last semester. Did these adjustments affect your plans for SAC's future?

**PURDIE:** It slowed SAC at one point, but in any organization you go in peaks and valleys. You just have to make the best of it.

**COVEN:** What are your remaining plans for this semester?

**PURDIE:** We have seven more issues we are going to tackle this semester. Four of them will be proposed to council within the next couple of months. One is a class representative system. The second issue is getting administration to sign a written agreement on incidental fees. All these years, SAC has had just a verbal agreement which says SAC receives the incidental fees (\$40). This will

help eliminate possible threats from administration and protect the students in the future. We are going to see about extending the hours in the pub for the future residence.

**COVEN:** What is your long term recommendation?

**PURDIE:** We should be better economists. The Student Associa-

tion Council should be more independent and able to run their own operations their way. You first have to get the constitution economized.

**COVEN:** Are you going to seek re-election as SAC president for the 1988-89 year?

**PURDIE:** I'm holding off comment until the end of February.

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*The winner was selected from 35 perfect tests. To be eligible for the contest, a student had to be full-time.*


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**Shake it baby, shake it!**—Next Thursday, guys and gals can strut their stuff sweating off a few pounds down at the Lake. The athletics department will be hosting an Aerobathon for charity.

**At the Lake**

**Spring Fever kicks off**

by Kathy Kenzora

Humber's Lakeshore Campus is making *The Great Escape* starting Monday, Feb. 1, when Spring Fever kicks off.

The day begins with the ever popular *Dating Game*. Beginning at 12:30 p.m., students can win a dinner for two at Kobi's and a Spring Fever hat or frisbee.

At the same time on Tuesday, students will be entertained by Jeff Brady, a juggler/comedian. Both events will take place in the cafeteria.

In the afternoon, fitness testing will be done by the athletics department as the final step towards the *Fit Four Life Program*.

Starting Wednesday at 11:30 a.m., Baskin Robbins will be sponsoring a *make-your-own-sundae* event. Until 1 p.m. you can create your own masterpiece for \$1.50.

The next day, Thursday, will be a busy one, starting with Hat Day. Wear a crazy hat and you could win two tickets to that evening's pub. It will feature Beat-A-Mania, a tribute to the Beatles.

Earlier that day, the athletics department is hosting an Aerobathon, *Dance for Heart*. The money donated will go to the Heart and Stroke Foundation. From 3 p.m. to 6 p.m., students can exercise for charity.

Friday, the last day to make *The Great Escape*, features a submarine eating contest sponsored by *Subway*. Teams of four are needed and students can sign up in the SAC office.

**AIDS victim may lecture**

by Tanya Fuller

A second AIDS lecture will be held Feb. 2 at 11:15 a.m. in Humber North's Lecture Theatre. It may feature a speaker with the disease.

Earl Reidy, a Humber instructor and member of the Toronto AIDS committee, is the event organizer. He is trying to arrange the appearance of a *Person With AIDS* (PWA).

However, he said this success will depend upon the health of the PWAs that have agreed to speak.

"It is very difficult to schedule a PWA. Today they could be perfectly well, and tomorrow they could be hospitalized. We just won't know until Feb. 2," Reidy said.

The first lecture on AIDS, in the fall of '86, received an "excellent response," Reidy said. "The Lecture hall was jammed."

Although very little new information will be presented in the upcoming lecture, "education is crucial," according to Philip Shaw, AIDS committee Media Relations officer. Reidy agrees.

"We have to keep hammering home the point. Students simply don't know enough about the disease. But nobody can tell anyone how to run their life. All we can do is give information, and hope people do the right thing."

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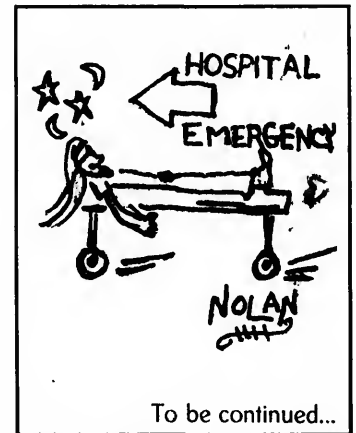


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**Lest we forget!** — What is that white stuff anyway? We're wondering if any of you Humberites remember what this fluffy white powder is. Do you know? We sure don't. It seems they only get it in the more secluded northern towns of our great land. Hmhmhmhm!

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## J.L. Kraft is my hero

by Anita Heyna

It's hard enough to take your mind off school work but, it's worse when your only other thought is debts.

Christmas and New Year threw my cheque book even more out of sync. I long for the day when the numbers in it go forward instead of backward.

The reality of what it's like to be a starving student has crept up on me once again. Yes, it always creeps.

Few seem to acknowledge the warning signs even though they've been eating macaroni and cheese for the past week.

Macaroni and cheese is a student's gift from the heavens. This, along with Chinese noodle packets and good old Campbell's. Without such luxuries, truly our hallowed halls would be hollower.

I read somewhere that it's healthy for an individual to be in debt at such an early age. Something about "established credit rating". Frankly, I'd be happier if mine wasn't so "established".

I'm not very good at being poor, some people are. I envy them.

My friend Ange says she owes more money than I do. She insists that it's a "living hell".

I thought of these words when:

a) She sent me a postcard from somewhere in Europe.

b) She asked me to hang up her sweater and I couldn't find a space in her closet to put it.

c) I bought her a Christmas present and she sang me a song about "how she would have loved to have bought me one but..."

Ange's good at being poor.

I can remember when I was about eleven and I owed money for library books. I thought that was scary.

I would look in the mail box everyday for the warning letter stipulating I couldn't use my card anymore until I paid up. I had nightmares that, when I tried to take out a book, a siren would go off and a cage would drop down over me. Everyone would crowd around looking at me with disgust, fingers pointing accusingly

I was a weak person. I avoided libraries for about three years or so.

I'm terrible at being poor.

I owe about \$3,000 dollars now and it haunts me. I think about this \$3,000 twenty-four hours a day; red dollar signs cloud out my dreams.

Sometimes, I think about paying these debts but, I'm still a weak person.

I'm a step closer though. Now, I go to libraries.

## Hypocrisy is the drug

by Robert Bacchin

If someone was to ask you on any given day what you thought was the greatest danger facing the world today, the usual answers would probably spring to your mind.

Pollution, war, drying up energy reserves and food shortages, to name a few. Good answers that are definitely threatening our accepted civilizations.

But one of the answers few people would say is hypocrisy.

Hypocrisy, although subtle, is one of the major stumbling blocks that prevents people in this world from working together and finding solutions that threaten the existence of the human race.

Prime examples are the ideologies of the two great superpowers the United States and Soviet Union, including their satellite countries.

Since World War II this planet has been embroiled in a cold war between the powers of democracy and communism that has led to the creation of nuclear bombs and all the horrors associated with abuses of human rights by puppet countries controlled by these nations.

It isn't a matter of which system is better than the other, it's a question of which system *controls* its population better than the other.

Focusing in on Central America, the

United States has continuously supported ruthless dictatorships because these puppet states ensure control of a population. Democracy has just become a historical word thrown about when the controlling forces of communism are threatening American interests.

This hypocritical attitude is preventing peaceful solutions from being executed in Central America.

Another form of hypocrisy can be found in the daily atrocities being committed in the Gaza Strip.

The Jewish race has suffered great atrocities and has been prosecuted from land to land.

But now the Israelis have found themselves rulers of a land that has a volatile minority, the Palestinians.

It is ironic to see the Israeli army employing methods of beatings, murder and forced starvation to control the refugees of the Gaza Strip.

Again the hypocritical lie of human rights abuse is thrown away when circumstances force a nation to deal with a subversive population.

Domestic and foreign states should stop hiding behind hypocritical ideals and forms of control and start working toward measures that ensure basic human dignities.



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### SAC action

On Feb. 18, teachers in Ontario's 22 community colleges will vote on whether or not to go on strike. In the event of a strike, students will suffer the most.

In a call to action, last week's Coven suggested that returning students withhold their tuition fees until they are assured there will be no strike in September. The call for students to take action has now received the support of SAC president Jim Purdie.

As a leader and representative of Humber College students, his position in this issue is important. It shows that the student body through SAC is concerned that negotiations between management and the union must be resolved for the benefit of students at Humber.

Withholding tuition fees may not solve the problem. In fact, students could lose their spot in a course if they fail to pay their tuition fees on time according to College Registrar Martha Casson.

This comment probably refers to freshman students. It is unlikely that this would affect most returning students.

The fact is students should, and must, take action to show that they are concerned about a possible strike.

### Fees reduced

The recent decision by Registrar Martha Casson to reduce tuition fees in the Package Design internship semester from \$350 to \$125 is an important step for all Humber students.

It shows that the college is trying it's best to reduce fees for students who are spending most of their time outside of the college at their internships.

It only seems fair that our fees should be reduced if we aren't in the classrooms full - time.

The reduction of fees in the Package Design program should prompt students in other courses into similar action. All it takes is a simple letter to your division dean.



### Letters to the editor

#### Castration?

Re: Sexual Assault — The Silent Crime.

It's encouraging to finally see an article in the Coven which addresses a serious women's issue.

However, I find the Police suggestions unacceptable. To "avoid going out at night alone" and to "travel in groups or with a male escort" is a ludicrous proposal.

Women are human beings and have every right to the streets as men do. Not going out alone etc., in my opinion, is only condoning male violence.

Instead of leaving all responsibility to women to "protect"

themselves or to "not go out," why isn't there more strict legislation against rapists? How about castration?

Sarah Campbell,  
 1st year, Public Relations

I feel many other students feel the same way about the statistics.

Also, I feel the figures help those students who are not sure of a career. I guess seeing those employment rates make some people, like me, more determined to succeed.

Naresh Singh  
 G.A.S. student

#### Employment

Dear Editor,

I am writing to compliment Humber on the graduates employment rates. The employment rates were helpful to me. I personally found the figures really good.

Also, seeing the rates made me more aware of the career I have chosen for myself and it's job figure for that position.

#### Letter writers:

Letters can be dropped off in room L231, way at the back of north campus. Or, letters can be mailed to The Coven Editor, 205 Humber College Blvd., Etobicoke, Ont., M9W 5L7.

### COLLEGE VIEWPOINT

By Alexander Molnar

#### QUESTION:

## Does the possibility that teachers will strike bother you ?



**Maria Farace**  
 1st year Accounting  
 Yes it does because we pay our tuition. If the teachers aren't around we can't learn anything.



**Scott McKean**  
 1st year Nursing  
 Yes it does. The college is suppose to be a service. If the teachers go on strike all the students are going to be cooked.



**Al Aerts**  
 1st year Music  
 Sure it does. You lose all that time and education.



**Linda DeJong**  
 1st year Fashion Arts  
 Yes it does. I pay a great deal of money for my education here and I'm displeased with the way things have been handled.



**Ingrid Tiffe**  
 1st year Fashion Arts  
 I suppose so, since it's going to be my last year.

# FEATURES

## Keeping the flame alive

by Sharon Boord

Running with the Olympic torch is an honor granted to a mere 6,000 Canadians.

Out of an estimated six million entries, Ken Baker, a Humber College Program Coordinator, was one of the lucky ones.

Baker, 37, who coordinates Special Projects in Technology at the Queensway Campus, ran with the torch Jan. 5 in Guelph.

"It was the chance of a lifetime," says Baker, when asked why he entered. "It's never going to come to Canada again, at least during my lifetime, and I thought it would be a great opportunity."

"When I got the letter saying I was picked, I was ecstatic."

"I only filled out about 80 entry forms," he says. "Every time I went to get gas, I'd pick up a ballot."

### millions applied

The Kleinburg resident narrowed his chances down considerably by choosing the outerlying Guelph area on his ballots, instead of Toronto. "I figured millions of people would enter to run by City Hall," he says.

After answering a skill testing question ("your standard  $1+2=3$  kind of thing"), Baker had to submit an essay on why he wanted to run with the torch.

"Then, just before Christmas, I was told what kilometre I was to

run. Then I went out and actually drove the route, just so there would be no surprises," he says.

How did it feel the moment he was passed the flame? "They told us during the briefing we had to hug the person who passed us the flame, and the person we pass it on to. And I was so happy, I grabbed the torch and took off like a bat out of hell. After about half a kilometre, I just ran out of air. I ran too fast at the beginning. I had to stop and catch my breath."



They are given seven minutes to run the kilometre.

When asked if anything happened along the route, Baker admits, "We were told to hold the flame up and out, so the flame wouldn't blow out. But four pounds can get awfully heavy af-

ter a few minutes. The flame actually went out on me twice, because when I let it drop, the wind blew in the canister part of the torch and blew it out. Then they had to stop the procession, and get another torch from inside a van."

Each runner was given a jacket, pants and toque to wear during the run, which are basically made of a shell type material, not made for warmth at all. 3M, makers of Scotch Tape, donated all of the jackets and pants, made of a prototype which claims to "breathe" while repelling water. Baker hasn't been made an offer yet for his suit, and wouldn't sell it if he had. Would he wear it in public? "Oh, yes, of course," he says.

### still get tingles

Despite the freezing wind chill factor, the fact that the torch went out on him twice, and he lost his breath, he says he would do it all again.

Any lasting impressions? "I still get tingles whenever I see the commercials on TV," he says.

But come February, Baker will have to settle for watching the Olympics on television. Unless his name is picked from all the runners to carry the flame into the Olympic Stadium.

But until such time, Baker will have to settle for the tingles, and the memories of the part he played in Canada's history.



He's off and running — Humber coordinator Ken Barker begins his historic trek through Guelph.

## Trying to make sex safer and comfortable

by Betty Resendes

"What Every College Student Should Know", that was the title given to a safe sex seminar held at Osler residence last week.

The seminar presented by Mary Carr, one of the health nurses at Humber's North Campus, was aimed at informing the residents about sexually transmitted diseases.

"You may think you know it all but I hope by the end of the evening you will have learned something new," Carr said at the opening of the seminar.

Carr encouraged audience involvement throughout the seminar and started off by asking the girls which sexually transmitted diseases (STD) they were aware of, which included Aids, Gonorrhea, Syphilis and Herpes. One of the STDs given special attention to during the discussion is one of the hardest to detect, Chlamydia.

Close to 500,000 cases of Chlamydia, an infection of the urinary tract and vagina, are diagnosed annually in Canada according to Canadian Disease Weekly Report. It's estimated

another 500,000 cases go undetected because females with the disease may never show any symptoms.

The disease is easier to detect in men and is easily treated with antibiotics. The danger according to Carr is that it will go undetected and eventually cause infertility in females.

Aside from informing the residents about STDs, Carr also said the seminar was aimed at putting the girls at ease with discussing the subject of safer sex and the use of condoms in particular.

Carr said one of the best methods of preventing STDs, besides abstinence, is using a condom. She said the condom must be made of latex and contain Nonoxynol-9, which provides a chemical barrier against STDs, to be effective.

Some of the girls brought up the fact some males are against the use of condoms. Carr responded by involving the girls in a role playing activity which provided possible female responses to common male lines of opposition.

Carr also had the group practise putting a condom on a partner's fingers. Carr said the main purpose of the activity, besides showing the girls the proper way to put on a condom, was to make them more comfortable about discussing the subject of condoms.

Ultimately if a girl's boyfriend is against the use of a condom, Carr said she has to think about herself.

"You're the one who suffers the consequences" added Carr.



Healthy advice — A recent seminar on safe sex at the Osler residence draws some very curious onlookers (and a question or two!).

## College Flashback

by Kevin Hebib

Not far from the TTC stop outside the college's front door sit three tarnished pennies poking out of the mud. They've been there at least four days with no takers. Like anachronisms, they are signs of the times, serving as blatant reminders of the nagging cost of public transit for some students.

However, the same three pennies in the same spot about 10 years ago might have evoked a different emotion, or even provoked a fight between two or more student 'transiteers' bent on loose change.

With the adult fare for the TTC now ringing in at \$1.05 since Jan. 1 of this year, the time may be right for students to rally and chant, "play fare TTC!"

That indeed was the case on Jan. 30 1978 when Humber's Student Union vice-president Henry Argasinski announced a petition with the support of George Brown College to force a TTC fare reduction for students from 55 cents to 35 cents (that's right, 35 cents!).

Said Argasinski, "They just can't afford \$150 a year to come to school, which is what the average student pays."

With the cost of a Metropass going up to \$46 per month and the fare almost doubling in 10 years, someone should really give those pennies a home.



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and many, many more!!



# ENTERTAINMENT

## Return to '70s

# A night at the Hotel California

by Steve Darling

'Hotel California' brought a little of the seventies back to Caps last Thursday night.

The Eagles cover band has been touring the southern Ontario pub and college circuit for two years now, and its program blend of Eagles, CCR and Stones tunes seems to be successful.

An impatient capacity crowd sat waiting for the band to appear, and after powerful renditions of 'Already Gone', 'Witchy Woman' and 'One Of These Nights', the dance floor came alive with the playing of 'Take It To The Limit'.

The band was a definite crowd pleaser, keeping everyone dancing and screaming to old favorites.

The group has had some major personnel changes, with its lead singer, bass player and drummer being new additions.

Lead guitarist Tom Robertson said the band is happy with its Eagles format, but they plan to start playing original material

within the next few months.

"A lot of people down-talk cover bands for selling out and using the material for a free ride, but we're no different from a top forty band," Robertson said. "It gives you the freedom (money) to create your own material and a good way of marketing it."

He said the band has had inquiries from record companies but hasn't made any definite plans regarding a record deal.

The band plays anywhere from 200 to 300 gigs a year and Robertson said the group may go south of the border in the spring.

"We've had lots of offers to go south."

"I find that the local audiences, especially Toronto audiences are a lot more demanding," Robertson added.

He said the Eagles influence will always be a part of the band's music.

"We're preserving something that happened in the seventies and the people appreciate that."



PHOTO BY WARD LaFORME

**California dreamin'** — 'Hotel California' has been successful with its blend of Eagles, CCR and Stones music. Pictured is lead singer Mike Gresco.

## Concert disrupted due to technical problems

by Ward LaForme

'Rumbleseat', the John Cougar Mellencamp cover band that played the campus pub last Thursday, has two things in common with Mellencamp.

First, the lead singer Andy O'Connor, resembles the singing star in appearance. Long wavy hair, tight grey denim jeans and three-quarter-cut black leather boots.

Second, the band's success has a lot to do with its sound. Basically, it has achieved the Mellencamp sound.

It may seem odd to the members of Rumbleseat, but they have even created their own following.

Mary Zicari, first-year radio student at Humber, is a die-hard Mellencamp fan who has seen Rumbleseat at Rock and Roll Heaven. She said she was impressed with the show at Humber, regardless if the band wasn't.

"These guys put out 100 per cent tonight," Zicari said after the show. "I was definitely impressed."

O'Connor, however, had other words to describe the group's performance. "That was the worst gig we've ever done," O'Connor said.

Monitors, which supply feedback sound to band members, failed to work throughout most of

the show. The system failed as the band prepared to sing 'Jack and Diane'. Yet, as is always the case with live bands, the show went on.

O'Connor was upset with the overall quality of the show. Even though the group played burning renditions of 'Play Guitar', 'R.O.C.K In The USA' and 'I Fight Authority', O'Connor said, "We've never had people walk off the dance floor before. Because of the monitors, it was a poor show."

### coincidence

It was a coincidence that the monitors failed. O'Connor said the same thing happened to Mellencamp when he played in New York. He gave the audience their money back.

As compensation, Rumbleseat invited those in attendance to come and see the band free of charge at the Riv.

Mellencamp's success with his latest album 'The Lonesome Jubilee', has also increased Rumbleseat's success.

"We (as a cover band) are probably the most in demand because Mellencamp's albums and videos are number one on the charts. The band's money doubled when his album came out."



Andy O'Connor

## Humber singer is 'sultry'

by Geoff Chambers

Mention student concerts and you immediately remember high school talent nights that featured performers with more nerve than talent.

However, last Friday's free lunch hour concert, presented by students from Humber's Music Department, put to rest any preconceived notions.

The hour-long show featuring the vocals of Tracy Callahan, a second-year music student, was a

much welcomed musical vacation from the concourse's ghetto blasters and CHRR's bland radio programming.

The show opened with a smooth horn intro by Bob Rice, which created a laid back atmosphere for Callahan's sultry rendition of the classic, 'Summertime'.

The dim lighting, combined with some dry ice effects, made it very easy to believe one had been transported to a smoky jazz club for the last set of the night.

Callahan followed with a varied selection of music, ranging from hits by Swing Out Sister, Debarge and Miami Sound Machine to Joanie Mitchell's Pink Paradise.



Tracy Callahan

### Album review

## Humber at Expo '86

by Sharon Boord

When the Humber College Big Band set out to play at Expo '86, group members didn't plan on cutting an album.

They didn't plan on entering the Canadian Stage Band Festival competition either, but they did and they won...for the third time.

The band then decided to preserve that summer at Expo '86 by recording songs played to the thousands of visitors at the Ontario Pavilion and selections played in the competition. The songs were recorded on an album entitled 'Humber at Expo '86'.

Side one is made up of the songs which won the band the festival's Gold Award Open Class.

'Four Kisses' is a dreamy piece with a haunting alto sax played by Ken Speller.

Side two is comprised of a few familiar pieces such as 'A Place To Stand'.

Cole Porter's original 'I Get A Kick Out Of You' is definitely hit material. Lisa Martinelli's clear, pure vocals are a delight. With tremors reminiscent of Streisand, her voice projects the jazz sound as so few singers can.

'Tribute To Duke' features some Duke Ellington including 'Caravan', 'Don't Get Around Much Anymore' and 'Satin Doll'.

'Louisiana' is a bebopping rendition and 'Doing It Right' is a snappy, uptempo version of the hit by the Powder Blues Band.

This album is a wonderful compilation by a college band showing a high level of professionalism. Under the direction of Ron Collier, who is on sabbatical this year, it has won the Gold Award Open Class three times.

If you want to pick up a copy, albums are available in the Music Department, Room D225, at a cost of \$10.

## Lion and the Cobra

by Eva Piattelli

Sinead O'Connor's 'The Lion and the Cobra', is hissing and roaring its way to the top of the new music charts.

The title, taken from Psalm 91, is perhaps a near perfect description of this LP's quality.

Twenty-year-old O'Connor serves up a tasty dish of raw love ballads and straight ahead rock.

This Irish gem has a singing style so hauntingly unique that once heard, will not be easily forgotten.

Her singing style has led many critics to compare O'Connor to an early Kate Bush.

O'Connor has taken her talent one step further as she wrote and arranged eight of the

nine tracks on 'The Lion and the Cobra'. She did this while she was eight months pregnant.

Perhaps the most outstanding track on the album is 'Jackie O', a soul-stirring, climactic release of passion.

O'Connor whispers, "God, how I love you," with what is seemingly her last breath. The effect is enough to send shivers down one's spine.

Taking into consideration that she did not buy a record or listen to any one type of music until the age of 16, O'Connor has developed a style that is distinctly her own.

She does credit much of her style, however, to The Smiths, the first band she ever listened to.

# SPORTS REPORT

## Consistency the key

# The Iceman can handle the heat

by Jack Brown

The world of competitive sports is not all fun and games. There exists many pressures, especially for those who are classed as 'exceptional' or 'talented'. Those who can't handle the pressure, give in; those who can, earn the status of 'superstar'.

Humber is proud to claim one such over achiever as one of their own: Humber's 'King of the Courts', George McNeil.

"The Iceman", as he is known in Humber's basketball community, has stalked the centre court of the Gordon Wragg Centre for the past four seasons, easily identifiable by the double fours on his jersey. The vision of number 44 streaking across half-court, head up, legs pumping, eyes scanning the defence, is an all too familiar sight to Humber basketball fans.

Unfortunately, it is also a sight that will exist in memory only, when McNeil finishes this his final season.

On Feb. 3, when the Hawks host the first-place Seneca Braves, Humber College will retire number 44. It will mark the first time any athlete, in any sport at Humber, has had their uniform retired.

### "so obvious"

"It was just so obvious," basketball coordinator Doug Fox says.

Cohayne Sutherland, a personal friend as well as teammate of McNeil, agrees with Whyte's assessment.

"He's one of the best players I've had the pleasure of playing with," Sutherland said. "We do look to him when the situation gets tough."

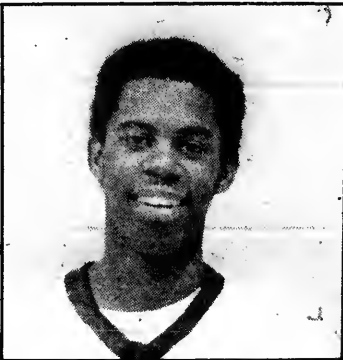
So, when the heat is on, the Hawks look to the man wearing double fours. Does the Iceman deliver? Just look at his accomplishments in so-called 'pressure situations'.

In six tournaments over the last two seasons, McNeil has been named MVP three times. In the other three, he was named to the all-star team. That includes two consecutive MVP awards in Hum-

ber's own Metro Cup tourney in which Humber has also won for the last two years.

Still not convinced?

He was named an all-star in last year's OCAA 'Final Four' championship tournament, as well as being named to the all-Canadian team. The all-star teams are picked by the coaches, and, barring a calamity, George McNeil's name should be on the rosters again this year.



George McNeil

"The coaches are the same," Fox says. "And, he's having a great year."

Just how great a year is McNeil having? Well, in the very first game of the season, he became the all-time leading scorer in Humber history. Currently this season, he's averaging more than 23 points a game, and should break the 1,000-point barrier sometime in early February.

While McNeil is enjoying a lot of success now, his basketball career at Humber was not always so sweet.

When he first came to Humber from North Albion Collegiate, he was not a guard. He played centre at high school and his ball handling skills left a lot to be desired.

Although his ability and skill are easy to see now, it was not always that way.

"I remember his first practice," Katz says. "It (his ability) wasn't that obvious. He had trouble handling the ball." "I wasn't used to dribbling the ball," McNeil smiles. "Every-

time I dribbled the ball, someone would take it away from me."

But, with the help of drills from coach Katz, he improved steadily.

"He would come to practice early and do some ball handling exercises," Katz remarks. "He's improved every part of his game every year."

In his first two years, McNeil was still learning and playing behind some other talented players. But, his patience and hard work paid off as he came to the forefront as a player and team leader.

"In the last two years, he's really come to into his own," Fox says.

"I'm not sure he's extremely comfortable with the leader role," Katz says. "But, he realizes he has to become that person. He's grown since he's been here. He's matured a lot."

The leadership position may be new to McNeil, but it's not something he shies away from.

"My first year I was a follower. I like the challenge of being put in a leadership role," McNeil reveals. "The coach uses me as an example. I go out and practice hard, to give the other players something to follow."

The example he's setting must be a good one, because he has earned the respect of everyone he's met at Humber. Part of that respect exists because of the personality of the man himself. For an individual who is so talented, he is surprisingly modest and soft-spoken.

"He's a nice guy, who's very confident. You can see that by the way he plays," Humber centre Justin Liddie says. "From the way he talks, you can see he's not conceited."

### a challenge

Winston Pryce, the assistant coach of Humber's women's basketball team, played against McNeil in high school. They were also teammates at Humber.

"He's got great leadership ability, on and off the court," Pryce adds. "Everybody else respects him as a player and a person. He's done everything for this team."

Well, almost everything. The only thing that remains for McNeil to do is lead his team to the Canadian championships.

"I'd like to put that feather in my hat," McNeil says. "I want to win the whole thing, say I've been there. Then, I'll have accomplished what I wanted."

Other than that team-oriented goal, the Iceman has no specific basketball goals in mind.

"I'm the all-time leading scorer at Humber, and that's an accomplishment in itself," McNeil reasons. "Anything else is a bonus. When I first came here to play basketball, I didn't dream of the spotlight."

And McNeil almost stepped into the spotlight at a different school this year.

"Last year George was offered a scholarship from Acadia University," Fox explains. "He opted to stay here and finish his course."

McNeil did visit Acadia, and helped with a basketball camp for kids, but that didn't change his mind.

"I didn't like it out there," he explains. "They (Acadia)

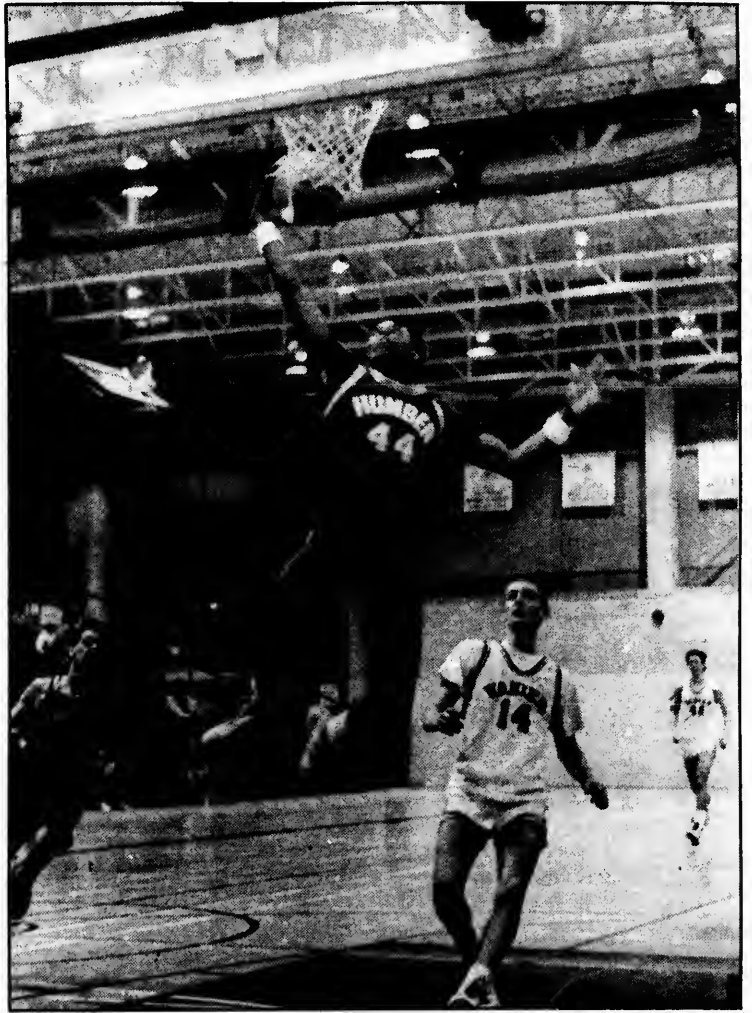


PHOTO BY JACK BROWN

**Goin' skyward** — George McNeil displays one of the moves that makes him one of the top college players in Canada.

wouldn't give me credit for the time I spent here. I would have had to start from scratch."

Fortunately for Humber fans, they will be able to see the Iceman finish his final season here at Humber. It will also be his last season of competitive basketball anywhere.

"After this year, that's it. No more basketball," McNeil reveals.

With basketball out of the way, the Iceman can pursue his dream of success in the business world.

"I want to be the head of a big corporation," he confesses.

He's got a good start. When he leaves Humber at the end of this year, McNeil, an A student, will take two diplomas with him (GAS and Recreational Leadership). Not bad for a guy who started out taking architecture.

"I thought I'd like it," shrugs McNeil. "Some people have their career paths all planned out. Mine just happened. I try to go with the flow."

While he has no timetable for a family of his own, McNeil's present family is very important to him.

"We're a close family," he says. "Sometimes I bring my little sister to our games."

His little sister, Shelly-Ann, is nine years old, the youngest of the brood. The McNeil family unit is rounded out by mother, Monica, and younger brother, Larry, 19. George's father, Lloyd, is still living in Jamaica.

"He doesn't like this place (Canada)," McNeil explains. "He thinks it's too cold. He was already established down there."

The McNeils came to Canada when George was nine, but he has hopes of returning to his boyhood

home. "I'd like to get married in Jamaica, and live there awhile," he admits. "I miss him (his father)."

Meanwhile, George must continue to be the 'man of the house' at the McNeil home.

"I'm kind of a father figure at home," he explains.

"See, I'm always setting an example for someone," he adds, smiling.



"The Iceman"

As a good example it is. He has engineered a very successful basketball career, without sacrificing his education. He also has no complaints.

"I'm happy," he laughs. "Life's been good to me."

His dedication and easy-going nature has endeared him to many people, who only hope the best for him.

"It would be nice to win a championship before he leaves Humber," Katz says.



PHOTO BY JACK BROWN

**More hardware...** — McNeil and teammate Otis Wilson show off the Centennial Classic championship trophy.





**Not a pretty win**

**Cagers take brutal bout**

by Jack Brown

Whoever said basketball players aren't tough obviously missed last Saturday's game between Humber and the St. Clair Saints at the Gordon Wragg Centre.

Humber prevailed, 80-55, but it wasn't a pretty win.

In a very physical contest, the Hawks committed 29 fouls, as St. Clair scored 32 of their 55 points from the free throw line. The fouls, rather than reflecting a poor performance by Humber, were in-

dicative of a poorly officiated game.

"I didn't think it was the sharpest officiating," Saints coach Dave McGuffin said. "There were a lot of bad calls, or non-calls."

The questionable performance of the refs did not please the players, as three technical fouls — two on Humber — were called.

"I don't know where they get these guys from," Humber's Cohayne Sutherland said. "Our

players got frustrated."

Those frustrations translated into a lack of concentration, as both teams seemed to have trouble getting into a groove.

"We didn't play as sharp as we can," McGuffin conceded.

According to some players, the game became intensely physical because the refs lost control.

"They were letting the rough stuff go," Humber guard George McNeil said. "It wasn't consistent."

"The refs allowed it (to get rough)," Hawk centre Donovan Howell said.

Four players fouled out of the game, two from each side. The Humber victims were centre Justin Liddie and the Iceman himself, McNeil.

In spite of fouling out with six minutes remaining, McNeil still managed to lead all scorers with 24 points. Donovan Howell, Humber's rookie centre, continued his recent fine play as he potted 20 points. He also crashed the boards well, showing no ill effects from an early season injury that slowed him down.

"In the first half (of the season), I had a toe that was jammed back into the socket," he explained. "It's getting better."

The victory improves the Hawks record to 9-1.

McNeil will be honored at the Hawks next home game, Feb. 3.

Humber will tangle with the first-place Seneca Braves and the evening has been dubbed "George McNeil Night".



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**Swoosh** — Humber's ski team, only a week-old, carved out a win in their first meet of the season.

**Skiers take first event**

by Anita Heyna

Humber's ski team, which took form only one week before their first meet, has already proved they have the potential to dominate the college skiing circuit.

Competing against the likes of Mohawk and Sheridan, Humber's team took first place in the men's competition, second in the women's and first overall.

Tom Browne, coach of the ski teams, believes his team "comfortably put to bed" their first competition of the season and is relieved to have seeded team member Hank Shannon first.

When the time trials were run at Blue Mountain a week prior to the Jan. 22 meet, the best times went to Malcolm Campbell with 25:84 seconds for the Giant Slalom and Jiosecho Setten

with 26:41 seconds.

Browne, however, decided not to seed Campbell first for Friday's race because Hank Shannon, who is enrolled in Humber's Ski Area Management program, has more experience.

Shannon is director of the race program at Dagmar and, considering the outcome of the first race, Browne feels good about his move.

"It's nice when a gamble pays off," he said. "If it works you look smart. If it doesn't you look like one of the original dummies."

Shannon came first with a time of 32:73 seconds.

Out of the five women on the team, Kirsten Schwartzkopt came third with a time of 37:97 as Laura Bombier of Sheridan finished first in 36:16 seconds.

**Lady Hawks pull off another quick win**

by Larry Laciak

When you're hot, you're hot!

That is the case with the women's volleyball team as they won their fourth consecutive match at the expense of the Mohawk Mountaineers last Wednesday.

In the first game, the Lady Hawks jumped out to a 10-1 lead and never looked back, demolishing Mohawk 15-4 in 12 minutes. Humber won the remaining two games in less than 45 minutes by scores of 15-8, and 15-4, respectively, defeating the Mountaineers 3-0 in less than an hour.

Two weeks ago, Sheridan met with similar fate at the hands of the Lady Hawks.

Hawks coach Don Morton feels

the key to his team's victory was their aggressive front court attack provided mainly from player-of-the-game Joanne Stevenson.

"We hit the line on the attack more frequently than we normally do," Morton said. "I think that's one reason why Joanne got player of the game because she was hitting down the line and scoring just about everytime she got the ball."

Morton also was pleased by the way his team blocked.

"Our blocking was solid which has always been a strong part of our game," he added.

Humber had its chances to put the Mountaineers away early in the second game, but untimely service mistakes allowed Mohawk to stay close.

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