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"Beer has gone up 30 cents a bottle to \$3.95, but there was no GST last year, and the price hike is all tax."

Gregg McCardle  
last year's  
Caps director  
of Publicity  
and Promotions  
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# Humber gets into plastic

by Ricardo Brathwaite

Humber College is striving to become the leader of the plastics training industry.

Humber and the Society of the Plastics Industry will receive \$1.4 million from the provincial and federal governments to create a Canadian Plastics Training Centre (CPTC). The centre would aid in the training of technicians in the plastics field and would be the first such training centre in Canada.

Starting in September 1992,

Humber will introduce a new Plastics Technician program.

"The provincial government was very adamant that Humber implement a two-year diploma program in the Plastics Technician field," said Kris Gataveckas, Humber's vice-president of Business and Industry.

The program was initially accepted by the Liberal government when they were in power but when the NDP government came in over a year ago, the Liberal's commitment was deferred,

Gataveckas said.

Humber had to change a few of its original proposals because of the new government and the existing economic climate. The college was to build a new facility for the CPTC on the North Campus, but now they will just lease industrial property close to the campus.

"Humber is not grossly disappointed that we didn't get to build our own facility," Gataveckas said.

Funding from the provincial government fell slightly from the

original plan. Humber will receive \$730,000 from the provincial government and \$700,000 from the federal government to work on the start-up phase of the project.

"This phase covers the leasing of the facility, the moving of equipment to the facility, and basic improvements on the building," Gataveckas said.

In September 1992, Humber will open the CPTC and start the Plastics Technician course, although no site has been chosen yet.

## Book store and food services merge

by Chris Vernon

Director of Campus Stores Brian Hawkins has resigned, paving the way for John Mason, the director of Food Services to fill the position.

Mason will oversee the running of both the Food Services and the Book Store at the same time and will report to Vice-President of Administration Rod Rork. His new title will be Director of Ancillary Services.

"It's a dual role. I will develop the budget and ensure that both areas continue to grow through innovative projects," Mason said.

One project Mason is implementing is a new computerized inventory system in the book store to provide greater customer service and fewer empty shelves.

"We want to be able to provide the merchandise and services that students and faculty need," he said.

Mason said his new position, effective October 7, will be a good opportunity.

"It will be a challenge, but the managers in these areas have taken on additional responsibilities," he said.

Blair Boulanger, manager of Campus Store Services, assumes new responsibilities including purchasing and budget monitoring, parking, lockers, photo I.D. and Graphic Sign Services. Lesley Classic, store operations manager, takes on customer service, merchandising accounts payable and warehousing at each campus. David Griffin, general operations manager for Food Services, will be responsible for the every day operations of the department.

"The managers are very strong. They're motivated and have the knowledge to do a good job," he said.

The restructuring and intergrating of the two departments is an attempt to share resources and costs.

"The issue is to pool our resources. Especially in sharing the cost of training," he said.



**Force-fed chemicals** — This young pig is being subjected to the LD/50 (Lethal Dose 50 per cent) test. In this test, animals are force-fed toxic substances until half the animals in the experiment die. This determines the maximum toxicity concentration for that particular product.

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# Support staff union turns down contract

by Carrie Kortis

Last Thursday, members of the Ontario Public Service Employees Union voted 83 per cent against the Council of Regent's offer of a 43 cent an hour wage increase.

Humber was consistent with the average, voting 82 per cent against the offer.

According to Humber College Support Staff Union President Don Stevens the next step in negotiations is to resume talks on Wednes-

day, Oct. 23 and Thursday, Oct. 24. He added that if there is an improvement in the offer there would be another vote.

"If there's no more there for us," says Stevens, "then we'll go for a strike vote."

Stevens said the union was originally willing to accept a 4.6 per cent wage increase. The Council of Regents, through the media, appeared ready to offer a 5 per cent wage increase, Stevens said.

The Council of Regents blames

the provincial NDP government for not being able to offer such an increase. "It's hard for us to know whether it's the Council of Regents doing some strange bargaining or whether it is the NDP holding it down," said Stevens.

The rejected offer averaged out to a 2.7 per cent wage increase, or an across the board pay hike of 43 cents an hour.

At Humber, 310 support staff members voted to reject the offer, 67 to accept it, and nine ballots were spoiled.

# Humber greens unite to fight waste

by Kim Cavanaugh

The North Campus Environmental Club and the Residence Environmental Club have combined forces to form one committee representing Humber College North.

The new Humber Environmental Committee met for the first time Thursday, Oct. 10, and recently appointed President, Ynesz Geroly, a General Arts and Sciences student, said there's already a large agenda to keep members busy.

One matter Geroly said she feels needs to be emphasized is the wide range of issues the term "environmental" encompasses.

"We want students to see there's more to environmental issues than recycling. There's food, make-up, cleaning products, etc. They need to see beyond the blue box."

Some of the committee's concerns include, bringing in reusable dishes for the school which would cut down on the amount of non-

recyclable waste, distributing information pamphlets and sample products that are environmentally friendly and making sure the new styrofoam recycling program is implemented.

"We're going to start relatively small, and with each accomplishment, hopefully, we'll generate more productivity and interest," said Geroly.

Other activities the committee is considering include a fundraising effort at CAPS and a table at an upcoming student fair scheduled for October 23. The committee has tentative plans for the fair to try to generate interest in environmental issues through store promotion, displays and other paraphernalia. They will also have a sign-up sheet for anyone interested in joining.

The environment committee has 10 members so far, including Arboretum Representative Karen Ashby. The committee is being sponsored by the Student Association Council (SAC), and Geroly

will meet with Vice-President, Brent Mikitish, this week to discuss a budget allotment.

Lakeshore Campus already has its own environmental program called Students and Staff Advancing a Valued Environment (SAVE), which is similar to the North Campus' new program. Geroly says an invitation will likely be extended to Lakeshore, once the new committee is settled in, to come and discuss the possibility of working together on certain efforts.

Peter Maybury, manager of Student Life at Lakeshore, said "the students would more than welcome the idea. I'm sure the response would be very positive."

The Humber Environment Committee meets again at 4 p.m. Thursday, in room KX102 and from there moves on to the Humber Arboretum. Geroly said anyone interested in sitting in on the meeting or joining the committee, is welcome.



PHOTO BY KIM CAVANAUGH

Ynesz Geroly — New president of united green club.

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Cano, Marjorie Abuloc  
Caputo, Sabrina  
Caravaggio, Daniela Patri  
Cardoso, Sandra  
Cormier, Ralph John  
Couturier, Veronique  
Covino, Aniello  
Cray, Barry Alexander  
Crescenzi, Elisa  
Crowder, James Allan  
Cutler, Verna Kay  
Daghighian, Siavash  
Dandenault, Allain  
Dewey, Heather Darlene  
Din, Imran Haider  
Dipasquale, Nadia  
Diroma, Michael Paul  
Dunn, Paul Stephen  
Duran, Luis  
Iltimovski, Peter  
Iabris, Peter Vincenzo  
Pasulo, Marianna Elizabet  
Fish, Christina Marie  
Fisher, Patrick McGregor  
Franco, Angelo  
Fritz, Sean M.  
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Greene, Jennifer Marilyn  
Gunsou, Mike  
Harling, Andrew Don  
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Henderson, Brian James  
Hogeman, Moira  
Howell, Mark Dominic  
Iadnardi, Lucy  
Johnson, Brent Edwin  
Klas, Helen Rose  
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Kwato, Francis Rubin  
Kyle, Kevin James  
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Nordenson, Erik, Svein  
Nowak, Anita Barbara  
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Oesenas, Steven Joseph  
Oliverio, Salvatore Sal  
Parsan, Ravi  
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Patzner, Tim Ronald  
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Perna, Sonia Diana  
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Sawano, Yasutoshi  
Simpson, Sondra Rose  
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Swatuk, Craig  
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Tsan, Menh Phan  
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Wen, Katherine Anne  
Westlake, Karen Marie

## Group inspiration

# Writers group a novel idea

by Andrew Fratapietro

Calling all authors or would-be authors — a writing group is being formed at Humber's north campus.

The proposed group is the brainchild of Jesse Beckow, a student in the Ambulance program. Beckow took the idea to Antanis Sileika, a communications teacher, and together they managed to spark an interest among faculty and students.

Sileika said the concept is to allow a forum for writers to get feedback from their peers.

"Writing is a great thing, but it's very hard to do," said Sileika.

"We want to break the isolation writers have with their work ... and

offer a supportive atmosphere."

The group's format is loosely based on the Iowa Writers group in the United States whose members include Canadian author W.P. Kinsella of *Field Of Dreams* fame.

**Joe Kertes, director of marketing won 1989 Stephen Leacock Memorial Medal**

Humber's faculty boasts its own accomplished writers, many of whom have already agreed to participate in the fledging group. Included are Joe Kertes, director of Marketing Services and winner of

the 1989 Stephen Leacock Memorial Medal For Humor for his book "Winter Tulips," economics professor, Gary Berman, former comedy writer in Los Angeles, and journalism co-ordinator, Nancy Burt, who just finished her first novel, a murder mystery.

Beckow, an avid writer, said all forms of literature are welcome, from fiction to poetry to plays. Future meetings could include guest appearances from well-known authors and a workshop on how to get published.

The group's first meeting is scheduled for Oct. 22, in room E453 from 3:30 p.m. to 5 p.m. All are welcome to attend, whether to participate or just observe.



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# Ethics play lead role in forum performances

by Scott McLaren

Starting today the Presidential Task Force on Ethics will be holding a number of forums for college employees to look at the ethical issues that may be of concern to the college community.

In an effort to get more employees involved, the task force, with the help of Theatre Arts students, will be presenting a number of skits reflecting several ethical concerns brought up in a survey this past summer.

Humber President Robert Gordon set up the task force last spring to look into ethical concerns at the college.

The task force has defined ethics as the principles that govern the professional conduct of all members of the college. Among the issues being looked at are racism, sexual harassment, nepotism, discrimination and confidentiality.

All the divisions at the college are represented on the 26 member task force. Barbara Semenick, Student's Association Council vice-president of finances, will represent the student body.

"At the moment Humber does not have a written code of ethics," said Ken Harrison, co-chair of the task force. "Ethical conduct of staff and students is dealt with by department heads and although there are other guidelines for the conduct of people at the college such as the Human Rights legislation, the students responsibilities and rights and the collective agreement with the unions, there is no concrete set of guidelines that everybody knows and can follow."

In dealing with ethics, President Gordon said, "there are many questions in the 'gray' areas that are not covered by existing regulations and procedures."

"The normal administrative apparatus is not very well equipped to deal with ethical issues...because everybody has a different set of values."

The "gray" areas include such things as student-teacher relationships and how school property is used.

"The one thing that must be strongly stressed is that the task force was not set up because of a rash of unethical conduct by staff and students," said Task Force Co-chair Jim Knight.

While law, medical and other professions have codes of ethics,

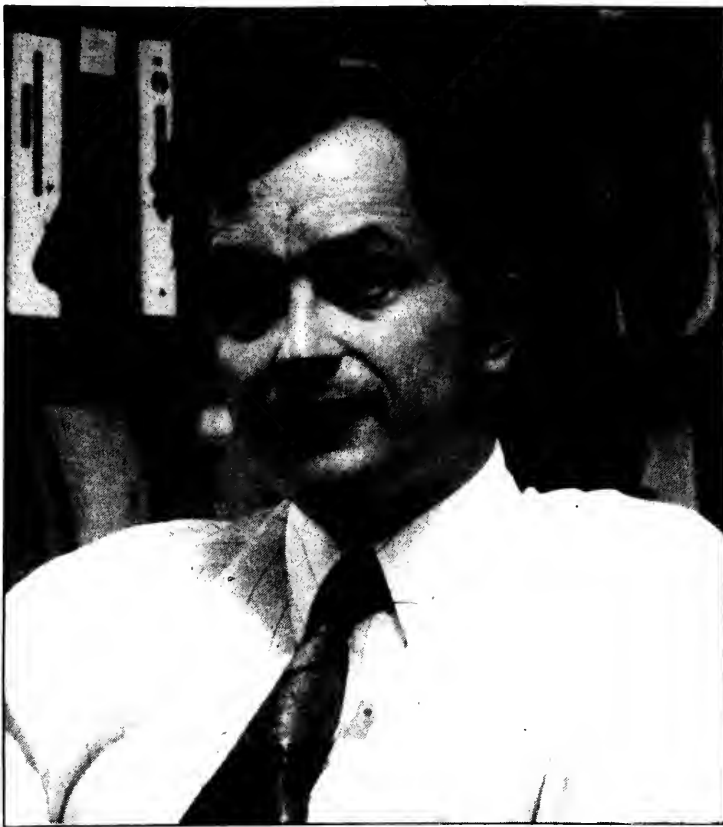


PHOTO BY SCOTT MCLAREN

**Code for thought**— Ken Harrison, co-chair on the college's task force on ethics, is developing a program to deal with ethical codes of conduct. Along with his partner, Jim Knight, he has arranged for Theatre Arts students to participate in the campaign.

community colleges do not. "I believe we are the first college in Canada to look into writing a code of ethics for a college," added Knight. "We're on the leading edge."

Changes in our society dealing with multiculturalism, demands for equal rights, violence and violent crime has made institutions re-evaluate their ethical outlook.

The task force is looking for a good turnout at the forums to get the widest range of comments and opinions.

The forums, with Theatre Arts students role-playing ethical situations, will be held at the Lakeshore campus today in the SAC Lounge between 12 p.m. and 3 p.m. Forums at the North campus will be held on October 22 between 12:40 p.m. and 3:30 p.m. and October 24 between 3:30 and 6 p.m. in the Community Room. Keele'sdale will hold their forum on November 6 in the library between 1:30 p.m. and 4 p.m.

## NEWS BRIEF

### Photography at Arboretum

Rick Manners, noted wildlife artist and photographer, will conduct a two-part photography session at the north campus Arboretum.

The session, which takes place Sunday Oct. 20 from 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., includes a hands-on equipment demonstration, a photo session of the Arboretum landscape and wildlife, and a discussion on the use of photography to develop a painting.

Participants should bring their best slide or print for a critique, as well as a camera and film.

Cost of the workshop is \$15. Lunch and refreshments will be provided. To register, call the Arboretum at 675-5009.

## Live in concert

by Don Jackson

Humber music students will be performing monthly concerts, starting November 27, in the lecture theatre.

Program Director of Music, Eddie Sossin said, "There's a \$5.00 admission charge and it's \$3.00 for seniors and students." All shows will begin at 7 p.m.

The Fall Showcase on November 27 will feature Big Band One, the Vocal Jazz Ensemble and the Small Jazz Ensemble.

The concerts will start up again after a December break on January 29. Big Band One will perform and a guest artist will also be appearing.

The Spring Showcase will take place on April 15. These performances are course requirements.

Music students will also be performing on Wednesdays and Fridays from 12:30 to 1:30 p.m. at the Pipe.



PHOTO BY DIANNE DENN

Tuning up

## Designing for dollars

by Elesia Skeene

The stakes are high and the competition fierce for Industrial Design students who are entering their display design projects into a prize winning contest.

Tony Parsons, instructor of Industrial Design was approached by Xpo Tech about the competition. Xpo is a company that's in the business of creating exhibit booths for corporate clients, trade shows and major exhibits. To make the contest more interesting, Xpo Tech has offered money to the students — the first prize is \$1,000, second prize is \$500, and third prize is \$250.

Money isn't the only reward. "There is a possibility of employment," said Parsons. "Some of these exhibits may be produced and shown at the Ottawa business show in May."

The memo put out by Xpo Tech states that students must "produce a complete display which must attract the audience for the benefit of the booth personnel who will be collecting contact information. The display will stand out from other exhibits and therefore the students must make imaginative use of the space."

Xpo Tech has proposed that the students who win the competition do a presentation at a major conference for the exhibit and the clients. "There's going to be a lot of publicity for the students," said Parsons.

Winners will be announced October 23

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### Stirring the pot

Some controversial remarks about the new constitutional proposals made by Pierre Trudeau have recently landed the former Prime Minister back in political hot water.

In a nutshell, Trudeau suggested that in assuring Quebec a right to a distinct society, with specifically a francophone majority, this would allow the province to deport non-francophones.

While this scenario may be extreme to the point of being absurd, Trudeau has at least expressed his view that Quebec is being over-accommodated. And, more significantly, his remarks have slapped awake the dozing giant known as the Canadian public.

Perhaps it was the poisoned apple of Meech Lake that has, understandably, left a bad taste in people's mouths, or simply a lack of faith that any acceptable solution can be found to keep the country unified. Whatever the reason, Canadians have expressed more interest in Eric Lindros' refusal to play hockey for the Quebec Nordiques than in amendments to their constitution.

But now, in response to Trudeau's imagery of non-francophones being actively shipped out of the province simply to maintain a french majority, people are beginning to ask questions. They are discussing specifics of the new proposals, and wondering what effect some of these will have on the country's future.

It is, after all, the constitution that fundamentally defines Canada, and the rights of its citizens.

So despite whatever outrage Trudeau's latest commentary has generated, perhaps Canadians owe him a bit of thanks. He got them to pay attention to something they can't afford to ignore.

### MPs cross line

Progressive Conservative MPs have not yet crossed the invisible line beyond which the Prime Minister will reprimand them for their words and actions.

Brian Mulroney has shown that this threshold is not defined by sexist and racist attitudes.

Mulroney refuses to acknowledge the ramifications of two MPs who allegedly made sexist and racist slurs against fellow members in the House of Commons.

Three weeks ago Deputy Liberal Leader Sheila Copps said Bill Kempling (Burlington) called her "a slut" in the Commons. Last week Jack Shields (Athabaska) allegedly told Windsor's black New Democrat MP Howard McCurdy to "shut up, Sambo" during a Commons debate.

Both New Democrat Leader Audrey McLaughlin and Liberal Leader Jean Chretien have urged Mulroney to fire Kempling and Shields as parliamentary assistants to cabinet. The Prime Minister has refused because he says verbal attacks have infiltrated the House of Commons since he came into power seven years ago.

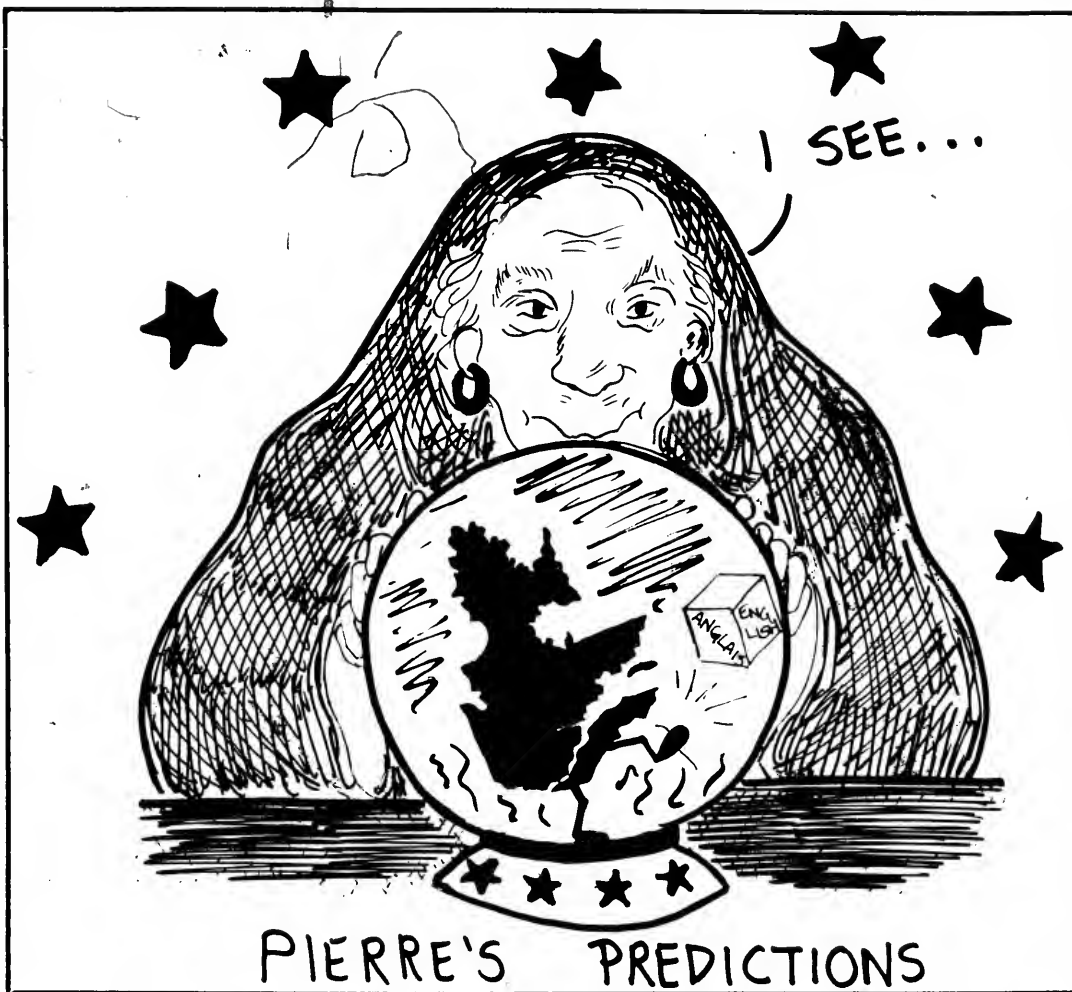
Mulroney labels Liberal and NDP slurs on his government as "calumny, smear, and character assassination." Chances are, however, they were not sexist or racist insults.

Mulroney also commented that this experience was "the worst, most degrading spectacle in the history of parliamentary democracy in Canada." Why then is Mulroney allowing this immature name-calling to continue?

These issues have been swept under a rug like an unsightly ball of dust.

In fact Kempling, who refused to resign but instead gave a forced apology to Copps, has been sent on a week-long trip to Tokyo at the taxpayer's expense. This is merely an attempt to keep Kempling away from the media until this issue is replaced by another.

Certainly these are not isolated instances. If these attacks go unpunished by the nation's leaders then what kind of example does this set for other close minded Canadians.



**Elizabeth Baxter**  
 1st Year  
 Pharmacy

"They should so we can get an accurate listing of which race is doing what, not just one particular one."

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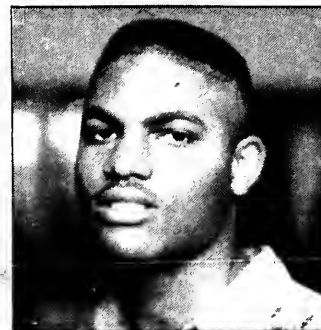
by Roy LaPorte  
 and Brixton Lagac

Do you think police should compile crime statistics according to ethnicity?



**Gold Ifejika**  
 1st Year  
 Computer Information Systems

"Crime doesn't relate (or) have anything to do with any particular race. It happens within any race."



**Ian Daley**  
 1st Year  
 Business Administration

"No. By compiling (statistics) on blacks, of course, it makes all of us look bad. The reason why people do crime is because of poverty, not because of your color."



**Tammy Willman**  
 1st Year  
 Industrial Design

"No. The reason for the police report is to find out who's been killed and such. I don't find color or race or whatever really important."



**Gil Louie**  
 1st Year  
 Advertising Graphics

"Well, I guess it's not really important with race. I think it's more in the individual communities. It's not like, say, all blacks or all orientals that are the major cause."

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# INSIGHT

## Still a long way to go to end animal testing

by Janet Piotrowski

Every year 200,000 animals are used to test cosmetics and household products in Canada.

Although the situation is improving, animal rights groups say there is still a long way to go.

Tests used for cosmetic and product testing include the Draize Eye Irritancy test, in which a concentrated substance like shaving cream or deodorant is dripped into the eye of an animal, usually a rabbit, until the eye bleeds, ulcerates or melts.

In the LD/50 (Lethal Dose 50 per cent) test, animals are force-fed increasing amounts of a toxic substance until 50 per cent of them die. This is the test used mainly for household cleaners.

The skin irritancy test uses rabbits, guinea pigs, mice and sometimes pigs or dogs. The fur is shaved and high concentrations of a substance are placed on the exposed skin, and the reaction is observed.

Public pressure, the determination of animal rights activists and a new breed of entrepreneurs are responsible for the reduction in the use of animals in research to date. In fact, animal use in cosmetic and product testing has decreased by one-half in the last decade.

"Ten years ago, animal testing was industry standard. Everyone tested on animals," says Tracey Goldfinch-Brown, the cosmetic and product testing campaign coordinator for the Toronto Humane Society.

These days consumers have a choice. Many companies now

offer products not tested on animals.

The Body Shop, a beauty product store, reflects this new attitude among entrepreneurs. Anita Roddick is founder of The Body Shop franchise, which has grown to include more than 600 stores worldwide, including 89 in Canada. She told Maclean's magazine, "this is not just a fad. Businesses can be run on much kinder values than profit alone."

Not everyone agrees.

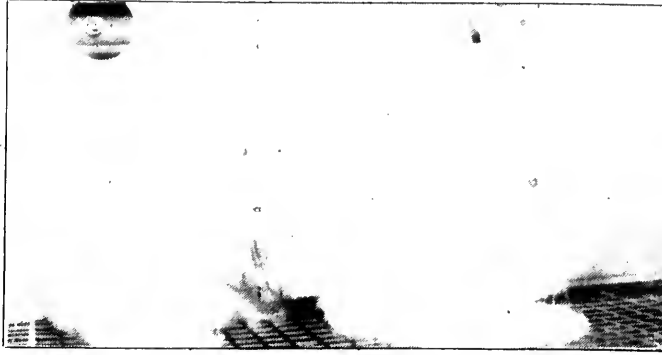
Dr. George Harapa, the head veterinarian for the University of Toronto, says "if somebody developed an alternative (to live animal testing) that guaranteed safety, you can bet your boots companies would buy it." He says alternatives provided so far can only be used as adjuncts, in addition to animal research.

"There's really no excuse," says Goldfinch-Brown. Alternative methods are "totally as effective (as animal testing)."

Goldfinch-Brown explains that "there are always people a little resistant to change." She says L'Oreal, for example, has reduced the use of animals, but won't eliminate it.

Estee Lauder, Clinique, Christian Dior, The Body Shop and Rialto cosmetic companies have all released corporate policy statements that say they do not test on animals.

Boyle-Midway, makers of Easy-Off, Sanifoam, Black Flag, Mr. Bubble and various hair sprays, has not stopped testing on animals. But a spokesperson for the company says they are feeling the pressure.



Ailing rabbit — Animal subjected to Dermal test.

Alternative methods used today include tissue and cell cultures, which do not require testing on live animals. In these tests, single cells from human or animal tissues are grown outside the body and tested upon. These tests are especially useful for toxicity and irritancy testing.

The CAM (choriollantoic membrane) test is an alternative to the Draize Eye Irritancy test. The substance is placed on the membrane of a chicken egg, which has no nervous system, but like the human eye has many blood vessels.

An interesting alternative proposed by David Suzuki in a recent episode of the CBC program The Nature of Things, is a database which could be shared by all companies around the world that contains research data from previous tests. This solution would reduce or eliminate duplicative research.

The Humane Society admits there may not be an alternative for every type of animal model used today. For certain disinfectant products and medical research, no vi-

able alternatives are available.

However, the alternatives developed for cosmetic and product testing on animals have been proven effective, and many companies are now using them.

What can the consumer do to stop the suffering of animals? The Toronto Humane Society suggests buying products that are not tested

on animals. They produce a brochure called the Humane Shopper's Guide, which lists companies that do not test on animals.

No federal law or regulation provides protection for laboratory animals. Ontario is the only province with a specific act pertaining to animals. However, this law sets only minimal standards for animal care and it does not pertain directly to testing. In other words, as long as conditions are acceptable in the cage while the animal awaits its fate, researchers can still burn, mutilate and poison experimental animals.

Animal activists insist that only when enough public pressure drives the government of this country to create a law for the protection of animals will more companies finally invest in research into ethical methods of ensuring product safety.

## Getting a buzz off of life

Living in a dream world is no way to spend your life.

I know, I've been there. Drugs are prevalent throughout society. We're introduced to them at an early age and they're not difficult to find. There's no age limit for buying pot in a high school parking lot.

It's easy to let them become a part of your social life. If your friends all do drugs, it becomes the focal point of your relationships.

At 26, I still know people whose social lives revolve around drinking beer, smoking dope and watching TV. To me, that's a waste of potential.

American television programs promote the use of alcohol by showing scenes of people drinking (on average 1.2 times per hour) without presenting the negative effects.

When I was in first year university I moved into residence after Christmas and lived there during my second semester.

I drank every day. Looking back, I see a lifestyle I no longer wish to live. It was fun, exciting, inhibitions disappeared, women were easier to meet and I have lots of great stories.

My grade average also dropped from 75 to 58 per cent. I failed two courses and left school for two years because I was wasting my time and money.

With our economy in the shape it's in, and the poor job prospects out there, average grades are something no one should be shooting for. If you're not preparing for the workforce now, you're going to be in trouble when you graduate



by David Bingham

When I refer to drugs, this includes alcohol. It's one of the biggest fallacies in our society to distinguish between the two because one is legal.

Alcoholism is the greatest drug problem cited by Canadians seeking addiction treatment.

By far the most commonly used drug, alcohol is consumed by 88 per cent of Canadians between the ages of 18 and 24.

Insecurity is a large part of drug abuse. The escapism aspect allows people to run away from their problems. As the saying goes, those same problems are still there in the morning.

It's a compounding effect. The more I ignored school, the more I had to drink to forget the work piling up.

When drugs become a part of young peoples' lives, personality development is hindered. Self-confidence can only be achieved when youths accept responsibilities and take charge of their lives.

Drugs can also take your interest off sex. The "chemical orgasm" from getting stoned can sometimes be more powerful than the real

thing.

As the pressures of school intensify so too does the temptation to get loaded and forget about working.

I'm not saying that people should become monks and live a Nancy Reagan life of just saying no. However, moderation is the key to becoming a productive person.

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# LIFESTYLE

## Will that be stirred or shaken?

by Elesia Skeene

Add a dash of enthusiasm, a pinch of creativity and a teaspoon of ingenuity. Pour into a classroom and stir vigorously. Voila, instant bartending class.

This year's class of student bartenders is gearing up for the Bartending Championship coming October 29 at 6:30 p.m.

They will be judged on their execution, ability, and confidence, said professor of Hotel and Restaurant Management, Dan Reeves. "They will also be judged on their presentation of the drink and all the other things that make a good bartender."

He added, "any of the guests who come will be drafted into being a judge. If the students know that people are coming in to judge them, it will give them the motivation to make an excellent cock-

tail."

Students will have to make an original cocktail with all the ingredients. It can be anything from a shooter to an ice cream drink like the Humber Delight. It requires one ounce of Swiss Chocolate Almond, four ounces of chocolate ice cream, half an ounce of Cherry Brandy, and one scoop of chocolate ice cream.

"The taste panel will mark drinks on taste, appearance and presentation," said Reeves.

Last spring, two Humber students competed in the Canadian Junior Bartending Championship and placed third and fourth.

Honorable guests may include members of the industry like Martini and Rossi and other distilleries. "It's almost critical to the success of the program that we are recognized," said Reeves. "It's important that they (people in the industry) are involved as much as

possible."

The class is not all mixing and shaking. It involves serious bartending management which leads to a certificate.

Over a period of eight weeks, students learn to make over 200 drinks. They also learn about the law pertaining to operations. "For example, the liability of a bartender serving too many drinks — what we do is preach responsibility," said Reeves.

Not all students are there just to drink, some are there because they would like to run their own establishments.

"My parents purchased a building in Chicago called Old Fashion," said student bartender, Bernadette Urbansk. "I've learned a lot more than what I would have learned on my own. I think I will be able to run the bar more efficiently because I'll know what is going on."



PHOTO BY ELESIA SKEENE

**Cocktail capers** — student bartenders creating the perfect mix. The bartending championship is scheduled for October 29.

## Force fights back

by Lara Thais King

Humber's Task Force on Violence is getting prepared to start street-proofing.

Chairman of the Task Force on Violence, Barry Saxton said he will try to get Constable Stewart Davidson to conduct a Street-proofing Program.

The purpose of the seminar is to make female staff members more aware of the possibility of violence in the community and around the college.

A recent report stated 50 per cent of Humber students are not aware of violent acts on the campus.

This program trains women to reduce their vulnerability as targets of violent crimes, said Saxton.

He said women and children are the main targets.

"Hardening the target means don't make it easy for someone to get you," said Saxton.

He is also hoping this seminar will initiate similar programs for Humber students.

"It's sad that this has to be done but that's the reality," said Saxton.

Last semester the Task Force held a seminar on Date Rape.

A date for the seminar has not been set, but Saxton expects a good turnout.

## Lakeshore and youth program join to help community kids

by Sasha Paul Sabga

The Humber College Lakeshore campus will soon be hosting a new youth program designed for the 14-16 age group.

The program is entitled "The Lakeshore Youth Program." It is a partnership involving the Lakeshore campus, Equally Healthy Kids, and the Etobicoke Parks and Recreation Department. Their combined efforts raised \$13,340.

The program is designed to provide indoor sports activities, group discussions, and counselling for youths.

Art Lockhart, teacher and appointed chairman of the Youth Program, received a formal proposal from the Youth and Recreation Committee of Equally Healthy Kids and agreed to facilitate the program at the college.

Different areas of the college will be used, including the gymnasium where there will be a variety of sports activities available. The school cafeteria will also be used as a place for youths to discuss things that are of interest to them.

Peter Maybury, manager of Student Life, said the community has seen the need for a youth program. The college is attempting to meet these needs.

"We feel that we have a respon-

sibility," said Maybury. "We feel that this program is very positive, and it is very important to us that the college be viewed in a positive way. Giving something back to the community is a way to accomplish this."

He continued, "We are running a structured program. It's not going to be a joint for these kids to just come and hang out." Maybury said they will enforce rules and regulations.

"We are granting a privilege to these kids. All we are expecting is for them to act responsibly," said John Liphardt, dean at the Lakeshore campus.

The program will be available to youths 14-16 only, and will be held at the Lakeshore campus every Friday night between 7-10 p.m. until December.

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## Price too high for booze

by Renée Shute

Canadians are turning up their noses to booze more than ever now because of high prices and health awareness.

Greg McCardle, a doorman at Caps, said he isn't sure of the exact figures but he knows the pub isn't making as much money as it did last year.

"Beer has gone up thirty-cents a bottle to \$3.95, but there was no GST last year and the price hike is all tax," said McCardle. Caps has also implemented new rules that have angered pub-goers.

Caps is expected to monitor drinkers by weight and cut them off when they reach their legal limit. A person weighing 120 lb should be cut off after four drinks because after this many he/she is over the legal blood-alcohol limit.

Latest findings from Statistics Canada show people 15-years-old and over are spending an average of \$471 a year on alcohol. That's up from \$463 last year.

The Statistics Canada study reported Canadians spent almost \$10 billion on 2.5 billion litres of beer, wine and spirits. And of the 2.5 billion litres of alcohol being bought and consumed by Canadians, this year's favorite seems to be imported beer.

Imported beer sales rose 62 per cent while domestic beer sales fell two per cent from last year.

Caps, however, dropped Amstel beer (imported from Holland) because it wasn't selling, McCardle said.

"I would guess that the favorite beer in the pub is Molson Canadian," he added.

But all Canadian-made booze dropped three per cent in sales, the study found.

So, why have Canadians lost their interest in pounding back booze?

The Addiction Research Foundation said Canadians are focusing on healthier lifestyles, and have greater consumer awareness than in the past.



# ARTS / ENTERTAINMENT

## Beer steins and music do not an Oktoberfest make

by Bernadette Lindsay

Students raised their custom-made beer steins in celebration of another Oktoberfest at last week's pub.

Caps footed the bill for the large plastic beer mugs decorated with the Oktoberfest and Caps logos.

Just under 400 people joined in the festivities. While there was a good turn out, this was just another pub with a couple of polka songs and complimentary mugs.

The traditional items of Oktoberfest were not present. Sure there was a lot of beer drinking, but what about the polka dancing, the hats, and the German food?

Gary Hermans, a third-year Landscaping student, said, "It could be better, 'cause it's Oktoberfest."

Andrew Beattie, also a third-year Landscaping student, said, "There could be more school spirit."

Both Hermans and Beattie were the highlight of the evening wearing the traditional Oktoberfest floppy hats.

Although lacking in spirit and tradition, not all was lost. Those in attendance seemed to have a good time. They rocked to the extremely loud tunes of the DJ duo, DJ Doc and MC Brat.

Other colleges are celebrating with more than just a pub. Sheridan and George Brown have plans for this festive occasion.

Sheridan organized their festivities around the actual day, Wednesday, Oct. 16.

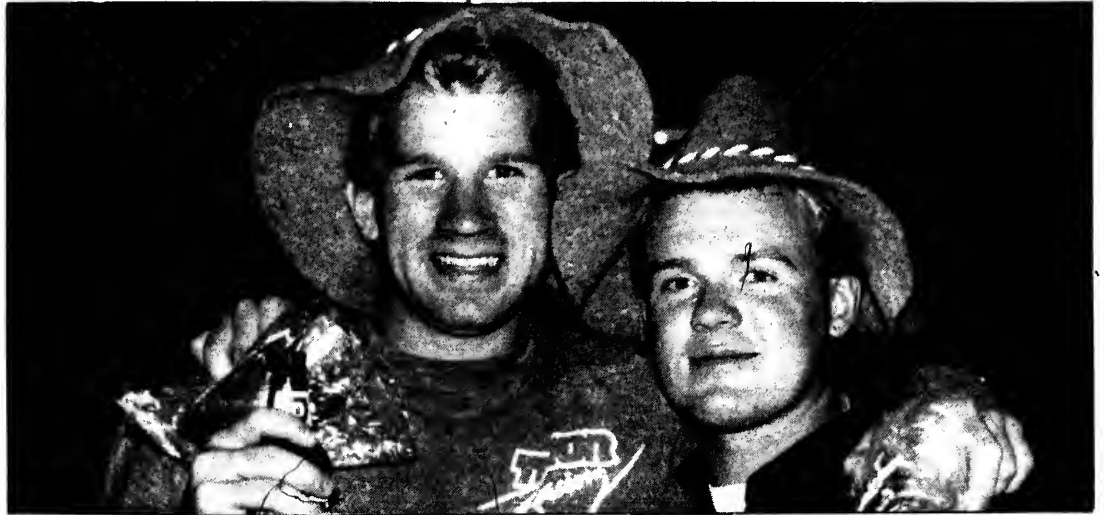


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**Sprechen de deutsch?** — While school spirit dwindled at Caps' Oktoberfest last week, some people took the German celebration seriously ... well, maybe not too seriously.

## Scared, Weird, Little Guys bent on fun

by DeAnne Oram

Comic/Band duo Scared Weird Little Guys put on a great show last week at Caps, as part of their first Canadian tour.

The group performed an unusual mix of acoustic guitar, wide-range vocals, strong comedy and a dab of a cappella music.

"We're a group and all (of our) songs have a comic bent. (We are) a musical vocal comedy duo with a

cappella," said John Fleming, half of the comedy group.

The duo also performed Prince's song Kiss in hilarious versions of country, opera, thrash metal, reggae, and rap.

Their original songs certainly had a comic bent with funny lines such as "it's lonesome in my saddle since my horse died," a song done in country style, and "I clean my bathroom with nuclear waste"

in Trash the Planet.

For a year-old group, Scared Weird Little Guys have come pretty far. In Melbourne they've been featured regularly on a radio show and have played a variety of clubs and bars. Right now they are touring Canada, doing the college circuit.

The band originally from Melbourne, Australia, consists of Fleming, 25, and Rusty Berther, 24.

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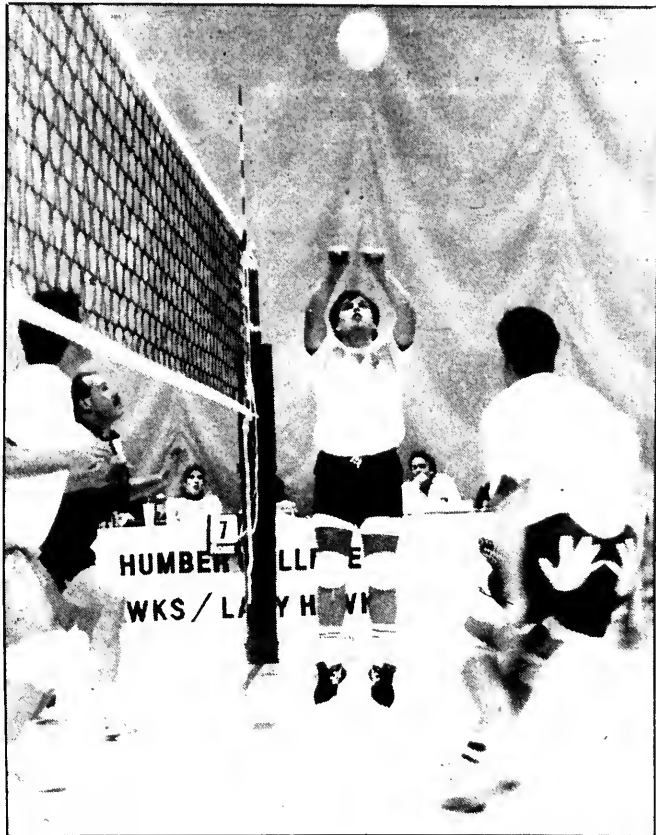


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**Set to Spike** — Scott Ellis and women's volleyball coach Dave Hood look on as Wayne Wilkins sets up the ball for a spike. The alumni team won both games.

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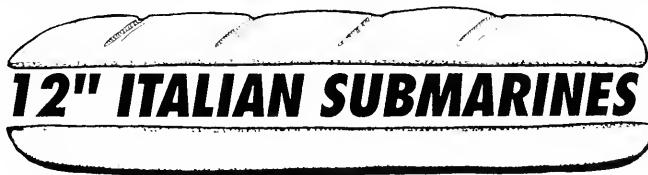
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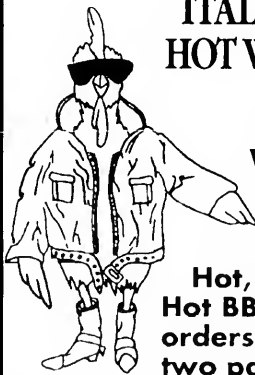
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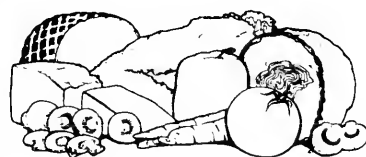
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