

# VDTs pose radiation threat

by John Racovali  
and Tom Michibata

Humber College video display terminal (VDT) operators, concerned about the machine's health hazards, are bystanders in the crossfire between Humber's health and safety inspector and his union counterpart, over possible health effects of VDTs.

"There's no concern at this point," said Humber's health and safety inspector, Gary Jaynes, referring to possible radiation emissions.

Jaynes, who said Humber's VDT radiation standards are set by the Ministry of Labour, maintains college terminals do not pose radiation hazards.

He bases his reassurances on a Ministry letter—which originated in response to Continuous Learning Center operators' complaints of rashes—that said:

"I can only suggest you advise members of your staff the radiation emanating from VDTs are of

such nature and low intensity, they do not pose a risk to health."

But Humber VDTs have not been tested for radiation leaks.

Despite Jaynes' repeated requests, Ministry of Labour officials refuse to test the college VDTs for abnormal radiation levels. "The Ministry can do the

testing," said Jaynes. "They have the equipment to do it, but they just won't."

The Ministry of Labour was asked if tests had been done at Humber.

"I can't recall offhand," said Tony Muse, the Ministry's Non-Ionizing Radiation Consul-

tant. "I don't believe we've ever done them at Humber College."

In response to Jaynes' requests for VDT testing, Dr. M. Fitch, from the Ministry of Labour, writes:

"The reason for this is that after testing hundreds of them (VDTs), we have not found one that emits

any significant radiation. Consequently there is no point in continuing a procedure which could tie up our staff indefinitely and the result of which is known in advance."

Muse refused to check his files on whether Humber's VDTs had ever been tested.

"I'd really rather not," he said in a telephone interview. "I have other important things to do. It would be a big hassle."

But Jaynes' Ontario Public Service Employees Union counterpart, Bob DeMatteo, is quick to attack the Ministry's definition of "significant" radiation.

"Government regulatory agencies measure X-ray emissions (from VDTs), then say the radiation is safe if it falls within existing standards," said DeMatteo. "The question is, are the standards safe?"

"From what we know at this point, our radiation standards are criminal," added DeMatteo, who is OPSEU's occupational health and safety co-ordinator.

"These standards assume there is a safe dose of radiation and so long as it is not exceeded, there is no risk of damage during a person's lifetime," writes DeMatteo in an OPSEU booklet entitled *The Hazards of VDTs*.

"Studies suggest that radiation effects are cumulative and the risk of damage is greater with repeated

## Cinematography Program experiencing changes

by Cathy Clark  
and Steve Cossaboom

Humber's Cinematography program will be experiencing some changes next year, after recommendations from last year's Advisory Committee suggested the course wasn't meeting changing industry standards.

In a meeting last Friday, Creative and Communication Arts

Dean Larry Holmes, Chairman Al Michalek, and cinematography instructors outlined the basics of the course alterations, saying a shift in job opportunities for Humber graduates caused the review board to juggle the curriculum around.

Second-year students at the meeting, concerned both with a lack of money in the division, (which they fear won't allow them to finish filming projects already

partially completed) and how cut-backs in funds will affect their third-year classes, flooded Holmes and their instructors with questions.

One student felt particularly hard done by with the sudden money cut-off. "We got shortchanged this semester for film, now we can't complete a film," he said.

Holmes said while the thrust of

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**Safe or unsafe?**—That's the question. And while OPSEU spokesmen question the safety of Video Display Terminals, the Ministry of Labour has little interest in verifying their assurances of safety, reports John Racovali and Tom Michibata in today's banner story, above.

## A \$45,000 mistake

By Audrey Green

Humber College almost received \$45,000 from the provincial government for eight new portable practice modules in the music department which were never built, according to Humber's 1981 Multi-Year Plan booklet.

The Capital Requests Appendix for 1981/82-1984/85 lists eight new music modules as having been completed at the cost of \$45,000.

It documents administration as having requested financial reimbursement from the provincial government for the \$45,000 it never even spent on the modules.

Board of Governors (BOG) Chairman, Ivy Glover, said the college requests financial reimbursement from the government since it must initially fund the projects from its own resources.

"We didn't receive the funds for it (practice modules)," she said.

"It's obvious the project never went through," adds Jim Davison, vice-president administration.

"I don't know why we would say they were completed unless we had taken the money out of operating (funds) the year before," he said.

According to the 1978 Multi-Year Plan, eight practice rooms were completed in the music department and there were plans to build another eight modules in the near future.

Director of Physical Resources, Ken Cohen, said three years ago was the last time any type of music module had been built.

"I have no comment, I don't put the figures together," he said, adding, "I only know when things are built."

The Capital Request Appendix for 1980/81-1982/83 in the 1980 Multi-Year Plan says the building of eight new portable modules had been projected at a cost of \$45,000.

According to a previous Multi-Year Plan, the funding request for 1980/81 was \$5,000 less.

Both the 1980 and 1981 Multi-Year Plan state 20 modules exist in the music department and with the building of eight new modules there would be a total of 28 (at present there are only 20 modules).

The 1981 Multi-Year Plan says the modules have been completed, making 28 music modules in total.

"If it (Multi-Year Plan) is not a typing error then it must be an administrative error," said Doris

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## No agreement reached over possibility of extended school year

by Eva Blay  
and Rose Jansen

The decision to extend the school year into May is being blasted by all sides. Lakeshore 1 (LS1) Dean Richard Hook isn't enthusiastic about the extension, but he believes that it will be of benefit to students.

"Students will be getting more education for their dollar," he said.

Classes will be extended to May 6 with examinations running from the 6th to the 20th.

"The other Metro colleges are getting financial benefits by extending the year and some divisions of the college will benefit, however, there are no benefits for Lakeshore 1," he said.

Hook said all the colleges in Metro are 'doing it' and Humber is just trying to keep step. He also added Humber did not want to "engender confusion in the minds of students."

He said the deans of Humber College believe the hours of classes per week are too long. By extending the year, instruction can be incorporated into the course according to the needs of the program.

According to Hook, reading week will not be affected. "The break is a strong psychological factor for students."

In addition Hook said the extension of classes will not incur any extra costs to the student.

Meanwhile, LS1 Student Union (SU) plans to support the North campus Student Association Council (SAC) in their stand against the extension of the school year.

"It's the students who are going to feel the pinch," said SU Vice-president Carol Williams. "Our hands are tied."

"Ultimately, the students will suffer by having to pay extra living costs," she said. "The increase is enough to drive students into the work force before they have completed school."

Williams said the summer job market for Humber students will decrease. "Getting out in early May gave college students an advantage, now, we will have to compete with high school students for jobs," she said.

Watered down programs are also of concern to Williams. "This puts pressure on teachers and students alike."

"Lakeshore's community studies program has already dispensed with part-time teachers. Thus, the full-time instructors have a heavier workload and no time to spend with students who are experiencing difficulties," she said. "The frustration is building."

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# Ambulance attendant — man's work

by Donna Bishop

It is more difficult for a woman to get a job as an ambulance attendant than a man, "but six out of seven girls got a job last year," reports Doug Leonard, the Coordinator of Humber's Ambulance and Emergency Care Program.

Ambulance Service Graduate, Pam Munro, has a job in the town of Brampton, and says she and her partner "are the only two girls working together in the province as a team."

She says most of her calls are for car accidents, with her biggest problem being lifting "a 360 pound woman. We managed to lift her—but it was still a strain."

There are 28 female ambulance attendants working in Ontario, three of them in Metropolitan Toronto. Leonard says placement is high with 88 per cent of

graduates getting jobs as ambulance attendants and 6 per cent getting course-related jobs.

Each year 300 people apply for only 50 available slots in the one-year Ambulance and Emergency Care Program.

This year's class has only eight women, with a ratio of four males to every female.

With odds like this, it would seem more women would apply. Not so, according to student Sylvia Foxcroft.

"There is a lot of physical work involved which many girls shy away from."

Foxcroft explains that body mechanics make lifting easy, because a leverage system distributes the lifting weight evenly, minimizing stress on the back.

Leonard says, "In the past, 80 per cent of the people who applied were right out of high school, now

80 per cent who apply have been out of school from one to two years, many with post-secondary experience."

Student Lynn McCarthy was in a biology program at the University of Toronto before enrolling in the ambulance program. Another student, Cheryl Bradley, had a science background in anatomy

and psychology, which directed her into the program.

The program strongly emphasizes practical training. Students in their last semester spend four days a week at school and one day 'on the road' in an ambulance.

Theory is combined with hospital practice sessions.

At school, simulated emergen-

cies are set up so students learn to react naturally, says Foxcroft.

Men and women face the same career drawback: Burn-out is high, with few ambulance attendants ever reaching retirement age.

One must be able to handle the job emotionally, and physically it is very hard on your back.

## Lump-sum tuition payment may come in September

by Norman Wagenaar

Humber College Students may soon be paying their tuition fees in one lump sum before the beginning of the school year, according to College Registrar Fred Embree.

He said there are several reasons for the possible change from the

present two payment system. "Right now we have to mail out fee forms twice," said Embree.

Collecting tuition fees in one sum is "one of the streamlining things we have to do to cut costs," such as mailing and buying of fee payment forms.

He said the payment of one lump sum would also mean a firmer commitment by both the college and the student.

Students Association Council President Joe Gauci said he didn't think the single payment system was either a good thing or a bad thing, but wondered "what happens if someone doesn't come for the second semester."

Embree said the college may, if they decide to change the tuition payment, have to change their fee deferral policy for students who have to wait for OSAP loans and grants.

Because a single payment would mean students would have to put together a much larger sum of

money, Embree said the college deferral system "might have to go to something broader."

He said the President's executive council would decide on the single fee system, already in use in over half of Ontario's community colleges.

"The mechanics still need to be worked out," said Embree, but he added, "I would think that at some point in time we would fall in line with the other colleges."

## Modules

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Tallon, executive assistant for the president.

Glover said the sheets for the Multi-Year Plan are constructed ahead of time and when the Multi-Year Plan for 1981 was put together the administration thought the modules would have been built.

"It was our error...and it will definitely be changed," she said. "It (the Multi-Year Plan) should have been caught by the administration...but it wasn't."

Glover explained the music department needs better facilities for the amount of students in the program and by next September she hopes to have better alternatives for the students.

### Coven thought

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# Graduation successful

by Christine McLean

For the first time in as many years as can be remembered, Keelesdale students graduated in the library of their own campus last Wednesday night.

Graduation Co-ordinator Pat Hudson said the return of the ceremonies to Keelesdale was due mainly to practicality. "We use to have it at Lakeshore 1," she said, "but it was too crowded."

In addition to students from the York Eglinton Centre, Keelesdale graduates included those from commercial and english-related courses.

According to Student Union Secretary, Irene Perry, students attend classes for about 14 weeks prior to graduation.

Half of the students at Keelesdale are supported by manpower and unemployment insurance, says Student Union President Garth Barry, the other half are fee-payers. "This campus is small enough that people get to know each other" Garth said, "it's a good stepping stone to bigger institutions."

Student Upgrading representative, Pat Stocks, agrees adding that young and old attend Keelesdale and everyone mixes and gets along well.

Because there are no activity fees at the Keelesdale campus, Barry says every activity is organized and performed on a voluntary basis, including the graduation ceremonies. Master of Ceremonies, York Chairman Derwyn Shea praised their efforts and added "no graduation takes place by itself."

The graduation ceremony resulted from the joint effort of Hudson and Keelesdale students.

Dressed in traditional Humber College colors, the graduates will be able to watch the entire ceremony on Cable 10 Television, February 17 at 5:30 p.m., 6:30 p.m. and again at 7:30 p.m.

The platform party included



Keelesdale students graduated in the library of their own campus last Wednesday. It was a first for the Keelesdale students: Previous graduations took place at Lakeshore 1.

President Gordon Wragg who congratulated students and wished them "success in the future." However, M.P. Ursula Appolloni who was scheduled to address students in a farewell message, was ill and unable to attend.

Dean of Lakeshore 1, Richard Hook gave the farewell message

saying "despite education cut-backs, the province is doing it's best to support programs like Keelesdale."

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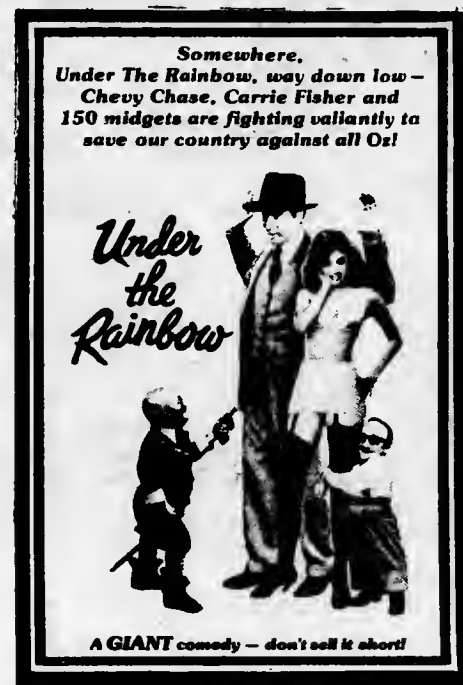
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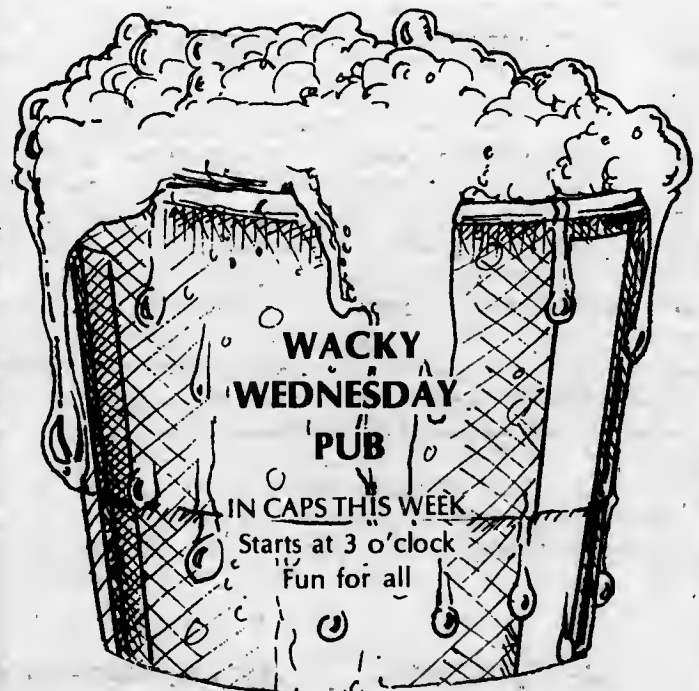
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### SUGGESTIONS

Have you got a better suggestion? Well if you have, we want to hear them. SAC is here to serve the students, and if you have any suggestions on how we can do that better, then deposit them in the new suggestion box in the SAC office.

# Coven

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## A question of safety

It is particularly interesting that those who repeatedly assure us Video Display Terminals are safe, are those not required to work with them.

And the issue of VDT safety is of particular concern to us, since reporters in all but the most primitive newspapers use VDTs regularly. We use them at Coven, and we wonder whether officials who brush aside suggestions of radiation dangers really give a damn about low-level radiation effects on the users.

Just listen to them: Dr. Max Fitch, at the Ministry of Labor, says, "...there is no point in continuing a procedure (VDT testing) which could tie up our staff indefinitely and the result of which is known in advance."

Why bother to test, he implies, when the people who use the things are probably quite safe. Maybe.

Tony Muse, the Ministry's Non-Ionizing Radiation consultant, says he has more important things to do than check to see of Humber's VDTs have been tested. Says Muse: "It would be a big hassle."

Indeed. Far be it from Mr. Muse to be hassled over someone else's job risks.

The overwhelming impression we get from the investigations of Coven reporters John Racovali and Tom Michibata, is that those in officialdom responsible for assuring the safety of VDTs don't care, because it doesn't affect them.

Well, we care, because it affects us, and we have a suggestion:

Every VDT should be equipped with a thin sheet of leaded mineral glass over its screen. Scientists agree any radiation emitted by the machines is low-level; such a barrier would be totally adequate to stop it.

The extra cost per machine would be well worth the peace of mind.

## Too high a price

Suddenly it's becoming very evident that Humber, like other Ontario colleges, is running into financial difficulties.

In all likelihood not only are tuition increases in the offing, but students will also be required to pay both semesters tuition in one fell swoop.

But fear not, students. The college realizes this may pose a problem. So more time will be given during the school year for students to work part-time jobs.

How, you ask? The college plans to extend the school year, giving fewer hours per week of class, therefore more time to work a job. A longer Christmas holiday will also be thrown in for good measure.

Great! The college collects interest all year on the tuition fees, then turns around and spends it on keeping the school open three weeks longer.

They want tuition paid in advance, but if a month is cut off of the summer—a time to raise money—how are we, the students, to pay?

Employers will be more likely to hire students ready to work in the traditional month of April. By the time we get out, we'll be competing not only with them, but with high school graduates.

In times when economic difficulties are affecting everyone, how will Humber's and other Ontario college graduates fare?

The Ministry evidently does not care if we obtain jobs. Once again, the Ministry puts financial expediency ahead of students' welfare.

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## Speak Easy



by Christine McLean

*I like to think I'm independent and quite able to take care of myself in any situation; but when it comes to cars I'm helpless.*

*I used to think any man would be glad to help me in my time of need. No more; not since my first flat tire on the 400 out in the middle of nowhere.*

*Stepping out of the car, I was almost knocked down by the wind-wash of a zooming transport truck—sure, I can change a flat tire, no problem.*

*Gathering my composure, I proceeded to my trunk and looked at my spare tire.*

*Shafied again—the spare tire was flatter than my flat tire.*

*What could I do? I sat on the grass (it was a nice day) and decided to wait for someone to stop and offer some assistance—after all I was a poor, defenseless woman totally ignorant of the mechanics of an automobile, right?*

*After an hour of waiting, I realized no one was going to stop even though I was sure I had been playing my role correctly—after all they always stop and offer assistance in the movies.*

*I refused to sit any longer. A course of action had to be taken. I spotted a farm house in the distance, between the highway, a barbed-wire fence and a large wheat field.*

*Amber waves of grain, to be sure. Beautiful to look at, but try walking through it when its six feet high.*

*I reached the house, and knocked on the door. A young guy opened it, looking at me like I'd just come out of the jungle.*

*"Can I use your phone," I asked, trying to catch my breath. Farmers aren't as friendly as you might think. The guy didn't look too overjoyed to see me. "Okay," he said, "it's right in here."*

*My last resort; who's a girl's best friend in times of emergency?...the one man who never lets her down?—her dad, who else? At least I used to think so. Guess again..*

*"What do you want me to do?" asked Dad. (I think I was better off sitting on the grass beside the highway.) "You have to buy a new tire, obviously; where are you?"*

*"Between Barrie and Toronto, somewhere," I replied.*

*"Well, call me back after you buy a tire." Click.*

*Sorry, girls, but I was left with no alternative: Crying is the only thing that works at a time like that.*

*He drove me to some small town and I bought a tire.*

*We drove, not around the field but across it. He thought wheat fields were great, especially going through them at 120 kilometers an hour.*

*He fitted the tire for me, partially restoring my confidence in the male of the species, and I drove away thanking him.*

*Since that time I have taken an automotive course and I change my own tires, thank you.*

## Writer uninformed

Re: recent editorial Grow up  
Should you have satisfied yourself that your small opinion was worth the ink with which it was printed, note your irresponsible diatribe was nothing but an exercise in stupidity. You are either misinformed or uninformed.

The piece did not reflect any legitimate research, yet you offer solutions you deem to be beyond the consideration of many student councils. Your awareness and appreciation of the situation was apparently in the dead zone.

To begin, the sit-in was not conducted "for the sake of some extra chairs." The results were well worth the effort. They include an increase in working space, more equipment, an increase in the time equipment is accessible (more than 20 extra hours every week) and a promise that future inadequacies will be compensated for by limiting course enrolment.

The guts of the matter, however, is there are still people who give a damn, people who care about quality education, people who will no longer allow themselves to be cowed around.

Let me tell you something you may not be aware of; there are instructors in Advertising Art here, today, who graduated from the same program years ago. Back then the course had the same problems and shortcomings as it still has despite continuous complaints and requests for improvements. After being ignored for that long, patience isn't the most practical virtue to have.

You continue with idiotic statements. You suggest that "perhaps all they wanted was some free publicity." You should realize that with a college workload, an entire class doesn't miss a half-week's work for "some free publicity."

Next time you'd do well to make yourself aware of all the information.

Martin Otto  
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# No nukes ...

# ... is good nukes

by Dave Silburt

It's going to be like a scene from the '60s: Hundreds of students will gather at the Trent University campus in Peterborough, in the cause of peace. At least, that's the way the organizers have planned it.

Students at Trent University will hold a "teach-in" on the nuclear weapons race during the weekend of Saturday, March 6, at the University campus in Peterborough.

A group calling itself WE-TRENT ("WE" stands for World Emergency), in a letter to Ontario universities and colleges, says the two-day conference is intended to make students aware of the issues surrounding nuclear arms, "so we can better understand the nuclear arms race and form a constructive response to it."

Whether the "teach-in" on nuclear arms really evokes shades of the Summer of Love, will depend on whether the world balance of terror can evoke student outrage, as the Viet Nam war did in those halcyon days.

Organizer Derek Rasmussen thinks students should be outraged, but he doesn't know what kind of attendance to expect.

"We have three plans—small, medium and panic," he says. "The panic plan is if over 100 people show up."

He doesn't think a neo-pacifist movement such as the one seen recently in West Germany will take root quite so quickly here.

Why not? "Because (U.S. President Ronald) Reagan isn't talking about fighting a nuclear war in our back yards."

(West Germans feel their country would be the first nuclear battlefield in the event of World War III.)

Yet, Rasmussen's group believes students, as the eventual heirs to Spaceship Earth, must take an active interest in issues of worldly import, such as nuclear arms.

In a news release announcing the rally, the group says Government cutbacks and tuition increases are usually at the nucleus of student interest in politics.

"Although these are important issues, we feel it is important to involve students in issues of worldwide scope," says the letter. Hence, the teach-in.

The planned teach-in will have all the earmarks of the peace rallies of the Summer of Love: Students are asked to bring a sleeping bag, and to donate money toward the cost of feeding the expected throng.

WE-TRENT asks those planning to attend to call them by Feb. 28, at 705-748-1234.

But what do the organizers really expect to accomplish?

Rasmussen, a former student at Trent, who left before he graduated and now describes himself as "a resister and an activist," says: "If people come and decide we can work together, we can start groups."

His proposed groups will be dedicated to educating people about the threat of nuclear war, and to resisting the war mentality he says is running rampant in the world.

And Canada, he says, is not free of the taint of weapon-making. One of the topics to be discussed at the teach-in, is the role of the Litton corporation, a Rexdale-based company, in the manufacture of one of America's most

Litton plant, distributing leaflets, buttonholing workers, and trying to convince them of the errors of their ways.

Have they had any success? "No," says Desroches shortly, admitting that Litton has taken no

telephone was tapped—he admitted his group's plans call for some kind of a demonstration.

"There will be a direct action—an act of resistance—on April 8."

The proposed 'direct action' will also be on the discussion agenda at the Trent University teach-in, according to their itinerary.

Also on the agenda, according to Rasmussen, are workshops dealing with ways and means of forming nuclear protest groups, and running them.

Workshops will deal with "consensus decision making," and organization of groups, he says.

In Rasmussen's view, the world threat posed by the Soviet Union is greatly overstated as a result of American propaganda efforts.

"The Soviet people have more disgust for war, I think, than the Americans," he says, referring to the Russian experience during World War II, in which they fought vicious battles on their own soil, in their own cities.

But aren't the Soviets bad guys? "I'm not trying to play good guy/bad guy," insists Rasmussen. "I'm not out to paint the Soviets as good guys—that would be extremely naive."

But he adds, "I think the Soviet intentions are better than those of the Americans."

The Soviet Union, he maintains, has only been out to protect itself, while the Americans are out for military superiority.

"I think the Soviets are reacting, playing catch-up." He also says the Soviets initiated the concept of nuclear mutual deterrence as an alternative to superiority, and that the Soviets "forced the SALT (Strategic Arms Limitation) talks to start."

An attitude like that won't win him many friends among the powers that be, he admits, but the attitude of Rasmussen, Desroches and others like them does not allow for giving up, even in the face of massive yawns from the powers they try to influence.

"Len Desroche once said to me, if he ever went down and looked inside a Cruise (missile)...he wouldn't see the electronic chips...he'd see the lack of love in our society."

And that's the attitude he wants to promote at the Trent University conference.

"At the conference, we hope people will come together who will oppose the arms race."

Rasmussen, who devotes a great deal of his time to his war against war, does not equate himself with the 1968-vintage pacifists.

"I don't claim to be a pacifist," he says, but he insists a pacifist need not be passive.

"I think a pacifist stance is a very aggressive one."

If the WE-TRENT teach-in proves to be a big draw, there could be a lot of pacifists up in arms at the gathering.

**"Although these are important issues, we feel it is important to involve students in issues of worldwide scope."**

sophisticated strategic weapons—the cruise missile.

Cruise missiles are the ultra-high technology descendants of the V-1 "buzz bombs" of the second world war.

They are a bone of contention in U.S.-Soviet arms limitation talks. And their guidance systems are manufactured by Litton Aerospace.

When Litton won their contract to produce the cruise missile guidance system, they also won their very own personal gadflies, in the form of the Cruise Missile Conversion Project.

The CMCP is a group dedicated to persuading Litton to "converting from building any

notice of their activities.

"It would be good if they would do that," he says somewhat wistfully. But his group has no intention of giving up, he maintains, though he sees no real possibility of Litton giving up their lucrative contract for the inertial guidance systems.

But he adds that his group's goals are more far-reaching than that. They seek to raise a groundswell of opposition to a world mentality that seems to increasingly accept the inevitability of war, and the need to constantly prepare for it.

They are even ready to resort to civil disobedience, he said.

**"There will be a direct action—an act of resistance—on April 8."**

military product, to building socially useful products," says spokesman Len Desroches.

To that end, Desroches says his people make daily forays to the

Though Desroches backed away from discussing a proposed act of civil disobedience to take place at the Litton plant—he suggested to a Coven reporter that his



**Give peace a chance**—That's all we are saying, maintains peace activist Derek Rasmussen, one of the organizers of the Trent University teach-in on nuclear arms. And the first step is to learn the nature of the enemy. Hence, the teach-in.

This may be 1982, but...Peace rally? Sit-in? Civil disobedience? Like Richard Dreyfuss said in *The Big Fix*, let's put on a Buffalo Springfield album, and pretend the tear gas is coming under the door. It'll be just like old times...

## A passive road to peace

by Dave Silburt

While some discuss ways of making love not war, others give serious thought to preparing for the war we all hope will never come.

Hans Sim, a peace activist of a different color, speaks for a group called The Social Defense Project, headquartered in Perth, Ontario.

Who is involved in the Social Defense Project? "Primarily myself," says Sim. "It's my own project."

The lone-wolf peace activist has some ideas of his own about how best to avoid the threat of war.

It works like this: The type of wars, and methods of fighting that carved out the present patchwork of nations on the planet, are obsolete. Gone forever is the concept of a front line, and discreet battlefields, maintains Sim. If there is another war, the front line would be everywhere.

"The age of total warfare has arrived," writes Sim in a press release, "and so has the need for total defense."

His concept of total defense involves the idea of preparing underground resistance movements, after the pattern of the French resistance to the German occupation in World War II.

"The object of SD is to get individual citizens involved and participating in their own security."

In other words, he thinks we're going to lose.

Although he doesn't suggest any nation forego its defense systems, he feels civil defense measures—i.e., building fallout shelters—is just not enough security in the event Armageddon arrives.

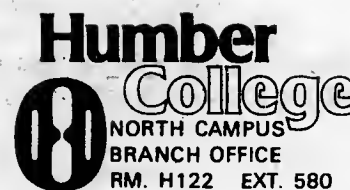
"Any increase in people's capacity to cope with armed force means a decrease in their dependence on weapons of mass destruction."

Therefore, Sim sees SD as the most logical route toward disarmament: By rendering any wartime victory useless, due to an advanced "Social Defense," or underground resistance, World War III can be put off indefinitely.

Sim will not be attending the Trent teach-in, but says he will be involved in a similar event, to be put on by a student group at Carleton University in Ottawa, March 28 and 29.

Their goal? "To explore the many means by which the disarmament question can be pursued," says Sim.

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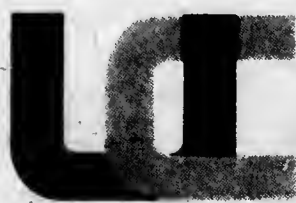
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# VDT's may be cause of health problems

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low doses than occasional high doses.

"The video display terminal has been associated with rashes," DeMatteo stressed to Humber operators. "Not just associated with them: It's a scientifically demonstrated cause."

The ergonomic (workplace-related) VDT problems in Humber College are also a hazard, said DeMatteo.

"Your employer is aware of all these ergonomic problems. Yet I went into the Continuous Learning Center and looked at the way VDTs were being utilized in there and, let me tell you, that's pretty bad stuff."

"I don't know how these people even look at those machines," continued DeMatteo in his criticism. "First of all, you work practically on top of them—about 12 inches away. The glare is enormous; the reflection from the light is enormous and

operators have got their heads twisted.

"Secondly, people work back-to-back on the VDTs—they can receive potentially a double blast of radiation. In one area people are cooped up in a corner where they can hardly move.

"The seating is terrible, there's no room for them to put their copy anywhere and there is a problem with the height of the chairs. No one has moved to change that situation.

"Ergonomically, Humber gets an F on its report card."

The college recognizes there is a "potential problem," said Ken Cohen, Director of Physical Resources. "We've already instituted a program where a person can't sit at a VDT for more than two hours at a time."

Jeynes said, "We (Humber Physical Resource administrators) have formed a college committee to look into VDT terminals. There are no concerns as of right now;

we're looking into the concerns raised at the (OPSEU VDT hazards) meeting."

The committee will meet at the end of this week.

"We got assurances from them that the machines are safer than a television set," said Paul Petch,

Director of Computing Services, who said he checked the VDT manufacturers radiation level tests before purchasing his department's units.

Petch, who is responsible for maintenance of the VDTs, said he contracts the manufacturers to

service them, and does not know if the procedure involved a check for abnormal radiation levels.

Asked to provide Coven with the maintenance company's telephone number, Petch twice refused to give that information.

## New outlook for Cinematography

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third year will shift to a higher percentage of production, rather than in-class theory, no actual time will be cut out of the schedule.

"Course content may have moved around, but class time has not disappeared—the titles have been changed," the Dean said. "We'll be cutting back a bit on the art side of it."

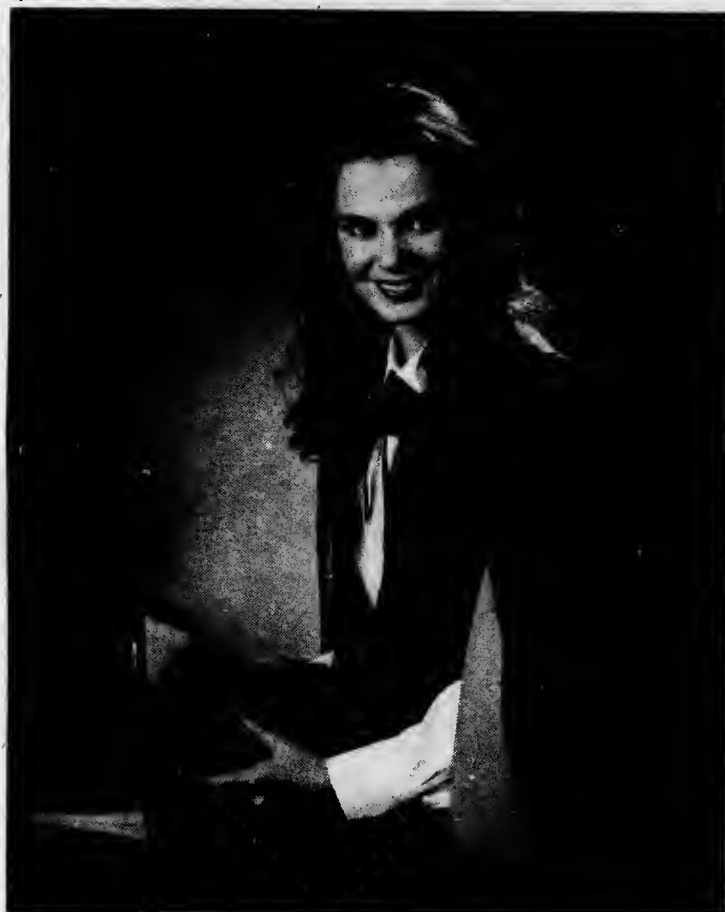
Both he, and present Coordinator Pat Kearney (who will be resigning his position to Conestoga new-comer Bob Bocking to return to teaching) stressed that all

emphasis on feature films is being phased out, and more time will be spent on documentaries and commercial techniques, because that's where people are getting hired now.

The other major change in the

third-year curriculum will be the elimination of the pathway system. Instead of specializing in one certain area, every student will have the chance to become equally skilled in all cinematography techniques.

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# Brewjays are flying high and winning

by Bernardo Cioppa  
The BrewJays scored two empty net goals in the final minutes of the game against the Weasels to secure the intramural ice hockey championship at Westwood arena last Monday.

## Catch up game

Both teams came out shooting in the final of the best of three series. The Weasels seemed to be playing a 'catch up' game to the BrewJays who kept a slight scor-

ing lead throughout the game. The final score was 6-3.

"It was a close contest game," said Betty Carter, a second-year Recreation Leadership student and intramural assistant. "It was an exciting game to watch."

Carter, who organized intramural ice hockey, said the series between the two teams was played well. Both teams came into the final game with a win behind them.

The BrewJays won the first

meeting 3-2 while the Weasels took the second game 4-2.

It was the first lost for the BrewJays this year and only the

"A nucleus of five people are the guts of the team."

fourth in the team's four year history, according to team captain Dan Emerson, a second-year

Public Relations student.

The final game saw the BrewJays open the scoring in the first period only to be tied minutes later by the Weasels. No other

Jays who scored two goals to lead 3-1. In the final period the BrewJays were silent while the Weasels came back with two goals and tied the game, three all.

The score remained the same until the final three minutes of play when the BrewJays went ahead 4-3.

The Weasels then pulled their goalie and the BrewJays responded with two quick goals that assured them the win.

Even though a total of 10 goals were scored, both goalies played a strong game.

## Winning team

The BrewJays were presented with an intramural ice hockey trophy by Peter Maybury, assistant athletics director, and also received a certificate of intramural championship.

"We've won it every year," said Emerson who attributes the team's success to a good team effort, good coaching and to "a nucleus of five people who are the guts behind the team."

The Weasels received a certificate of intramural athletics.

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