



ALAN SWINTON

Rockin' the student centre — Rhythm and Blues band East 2 West, featuring Humber Grad Laura Lynne, were one of the feature events at the Student Centre last Wednesday. Story on page 8.

SAC may provide The Pill at cost

by Anya Chiovitti

Humber may be one step closer to having the birth control pill available on campus.

A proposal will be made by S.A.C. vice-president Dennis Hancock early next week to create the service without raising student activity fees.

The plan will allow students to obtain the birth control pill conveniently and cheaply. If council approves, the pills will cost students approximately \$7 a package.

"It's a way of cutting through the administrative cost and not paying a service charge. It's an excellent student service," said Hancock.

His original plan called for an increase in the medical coverage portion of student fees to include the cost of birth control pills. He attended a regional meeting in December to discuss health insurance coverage for all colleges in the area.

The figures released at that meeting show that all Humber students now pay 62 cents per month out of their student fees to pay for medical coverage that does not include the birth control pill. To expand coverage to include this cost, each student would have to pay \$4.83 per month. This expense would raise the current activity fee of \$57 a year to approximately \$95.

According to Mary Carr, a registered nurse in Health Services, this kind of price increase would create too much controversy within the school. She stated that many men, married students and women not on the pill would likely object to paying for a service they would not use.

Hancock agreed with Carr and added that it would be "political suicide" for SAC to propose this increase.

Hancock has chosen a more comprehensive medical plan that extends student coverage in the areas of accidental death, out of province injuries and drug reimbursement. Overall coverage will increase by thousands of dollars and each student will pay 72 cents a month, an increase of only three cents.

Hancock's plan is to have SAC front money to start up a birth control clinic on campus two days per week. Although many details are still to be worked out, the proposed system would require students to get a doctor's prescription and file them with SAC. Hancock said that it may be necessary for SAC to hire a nurse to administer the program.

If council approves the move, students would pay SAC directly for a proof of purchase, which they would then exchange for the pills at Health Services.

Hancock said the money will be more than well spent. However, he does not want students to think that SAC is promoting unprotected sex. For that reason, free condoms are available in the Health Services office and from Residence Advisors on all floors. Condom machines are also located in the Caps washrooms and the basement washrooms in residences.

Equine program considering private funds to survive

by Marg Land

Humber College's equine program may continue without funding by the college according to the manager of the equine centre.

At the January 11th Board of Governors meeting, Barry Thomson said he would be willing to put together an equine program with private funding if Humber College was not willing to back the program.

The college is planning to discontinue the program due to financial problems caused by decreased funding and limited enrolment.

Both Thomson and Jake Howard, chairman of the Equine Advisory Board, put forward business ideas during the meeting aimed at the relocation of the program off campus.

According to the plan put forward by Howard, Thornmark Properties, which owns property near Humber College, would lease land to the college for the new equine centre. The location would be at Leitchcroft Farms, located near the corner of Highway 7 and Bayview Avenue.

Although this property does fall within Seneca College's area, Humber

College President Robert Gordon believes there will be no problems with Seneca if Humber decides to go with Howard's plan.

"It has nothing to do with Seneca College," Gordon said. "In other words, they're out of the horse business so it's not a conflict from that point of view. Secondly, it's a private location."

According to Thomson's business plan, the equine program could be offered at Claireville Ranch, a riding facility operated by Equine Recreation Enterprises Ltd. (ERE). Thomson is president of the ranch located along Highway 7, west of Humber College, on land owned by the Metropolitan Toronto and Region Conservation Authority.

According to Thomson's plan, Humber College would agree to a 10 year commitment with ERE and the equine program. Robert Gordon did not believe that the college would be able to meet this commitment.

"You want a 10-year commitment for (the) program when we don't even give a one-year commitment to any program," Gordon said.

In the outline supplied by Thomson, it would cost approximately \$720,000

to develop the area into a suitable equine centre. The outline also stated that 80 per cent of the funding would come from a development loan from the Royal Bank.

During the meeting, it was decided that equine faculty would be given an extra month to work on possible business deals aimed at the relocation of the equine facility. This decision came despite hesitation from Robert Gordon.

According to Gordon, the equine program is a "marginal program" to the college and may lead to a "funding spiral."

"If we don't change our programming anywhere, we can not afford to open any new programs," Gordon said. "If we take out the 75 students in equine, we can put 75 students in another program."

Gordon also voiced concern regarding the low number of job placements for equine graduates. According to the statistics supplied by the board, placement rates have decreased from a high of 89 per cent employed full-time in the 1986-1987 school year to the current 45 per cent employed full-time.

"The data does not match the enthusiasm," Gordon said.

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Head of U. N. peacekeepers speaks at U of T

by Sean Garrett

General Lewis MacKenzie, the native of Nova Scotia who "rewrote the rules" as head of United Nations peacekeepers in shattered Bosnia-Herzegovina, spoke at the University of Toronto January 13.

MacKenzie's appearance was timely because of his announcement the same day that he would resign this spring as provincial head of the Canadian Forces, to devote himself to the talk circuit. MacKenzie spoke of his efforts trying to keep the peace and funnel relief into the divided city of Sarajevo, and the West's redefining of its global military role.

The general said Canadian peacekeepers face an ethical "minefield", given the risks posed by the world's increasing fragmentation.

"(U.N. Secretary-General) Boutros-Gali says that in ten years there will be 400 countries," said MacKenzie on the subject, "This month Czechoslovakia split. We now have 180 nations, and many more will become independent by non-peaceful means. Whereas, before, Canada

participated in regular peacekeeping missions, they (the U.N.) will now ask us to hang on, to stick in there. We're talking about countries which may become U.N. directorates or protectorates — I don't know what they'll name them, but it's going to happen."

Interfering with a region's business raises many ethical dilemmas, he said. For example, prolonged peacekeeping poses the risk of U.N. efforts "becoming a part of the local market economy." Either plan, he said, could escalate existing problems.

Few in the Canadian-French contingent led by MacKenzie into Bosnia-Herzegovina predicted that they would find themselves in the midst of feuding ethnic factions, he said. Sarajevo was chosen as the U.N.'s sector headquarters because it was deemed a "nice, tranquil... jewel of a city where it was thought we would have a neutral location to run the (U.N.) operation in Croatia."

The start of extensive shelling of the city by Bosnian Serbs in early April changed that, however, and MacKenzie quickly regretted being "more than four hundred kilometers in front of the front line."

Adding to the security "nightmare" was French President François Mitterand's hastily announced visit June 28.

MacKenzie said he wasn't sure if the announcement was legitimate. "(I) couldn't phone him



General Lewis MacKenzie

back to confirm it wasn't a drunk," he said, recalling the night he was notified, "(I said) tell the president there's a tank battle in the airport, shrapnel in the runway, three wrecked cars in the runway, mountains on two sides, both sides of the runway are claymore mined, and it'll be dark in an hour. I've no radar, no lights. Other than that — love to see you."

Mitterand's visit cleared the way to opening Sarajevo's air-

field, allowing about 250 tonnes of food a day to be irregularly flown in. MacKenzie said he ensured that the food was proportionately delivered to the city's three main ethnic communities.

Although Bosnian Serbs were "largely responsible" for atrocities in the area, MacKenzie enraged some Bosnian Muslims by alleging they were targeting their own people. The plan of the minority responsible, he said, was to lay the blame for the deaths on ethnic Serbs, thereby angering the global community and paving the way for foreign intervention, which the Muslims desperately needed if they were to retake their territory.

The general also "wrote the rules of engagement" as he went along. This included amending the U.N. rule of identifying and firing back at an enemy in self-defense.

MacKenzie praised "professionals" who assembled the Canadian peacekeeping team; units from Montreal had only to be diverted from Germany to Croatia. He also praised "the real heroes" in the region — the International Red Cross and other free agencies.

MacKenzie is not overly opti-

mistic about the future of the Balkan conflict. And breaking Bosnia-Herzegovina up into enclaves would be "the best of the worse options."

Violence may also flare up in the former Yugoslav province of Macedonia, which could embroil Greece or Turkey and spark a true Balkan war, he said.

He neither favors nor opposes physical Western intervention to curb this danger, but said this particular option poses more dilemmas than Operation Desert Storm.

"In Saudi Arabia you had one big sandbox to play in," said MacKenzie, "You had the infrastructure (to fight effectively.) The coalition came in and the Saudis had it taken care of in five months. We could just drive north to the theatre of operations. How do you intervene in Bosnia-Herzegovina? There aren't any friendly countries nearby. An amphibious assault would have to go through... Croatia... Do we parachute men in? It would be one of the greatest feats in history."

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Self-defense training for \$10!

by Robert Hookey

Humber's human resources division has planned a number of activities designed to help female students and staff protect themselves against sexual assaults.

The events, organized under the title "Safety Awareness Days" are primarily for women and will take place on January 21 and 22 in the North Campus Concourse.

The program will include information booths, displays and a workshop on crime prevention in the home. A self-defense training session will take place on January 26.

"Safety Awareness Days will provide a good opportunity for students to better educate themselves on personal safety," said Sandra DiCresce, consultant for Human Resources.

"We really have to thank (Colleges and Universities Minister) Richard Allen for providing us with \$10,000 to increase student awareness of personal safety."

"Most of the events like the self-defense session, are geared towards women, but the crime prevention workshop will be available to all students," she added.

The college has used \$3,000 to hire a group called Out of Harm's Way to conduct the self-defense training session.

"The total cost of the workshop is \$30, and the college is picking up \$20 of that, so this really is a great deal for the student," said DiCresce.

Metro police will also lend their support to Safety Awareness Week. Officers will conduct a street proofing program for women on January 22 in the North Campus Community Room.

Allen said Ontario's post-secondary institutions can expect continued provincial support for similar programs. Allen announced that his ministry will provide \$402,000 to help schools combat date and acquaintance rape, and another \$1.5 million to improve campus safety in general.

Student groups disagree on approach towards funding higher education

by Sean Garrett

Plans by a provincial student coalition to raise tuition fees and alter financial assistance procedures have critics worried education will no longer be considered a basic right.

The Ontario Undergraduate Student Alliance (OUSA) proposes raising tuition fees ten per cent in each of the next three academic years. Humber students can already expect a seven per cent tuition hike next year.

However, the provincial government and private sector would also pull their weight according to the plan, entitled "Students for Change: Access, Student Aid and Financial Recovery for Post Secondary Education in Ontario." OUSA's manifesto, submitted in November to Queen's Park, is introduced as "the basis for the long term recovery of the province's ailing system of higher education".

Changes announced by Minister of Colleges and Universities Richard Allen reflect several of OUSA's proposals including a tuition hike for 1993/94 and an income contingent loan repayment plan. Under the plan, graduates would repay loans as a part of their income tax, depending on their incomes.

As well as this "sliding scale" approach, under the OUSA plan, graduates would not need to repay their loans until their incomes reached a median level,

and any remaining fees unpaid after 15 years would be waived. This proposal might mean more accessible higher education, especially to poorer students terrified of plunging into debt.

But Ken Craft, chair of Canadian Federation of Students-Ontario (CFS-O), thinks OUSA is playing into the hands of the province.

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However, Craft balks at accusing OUSA of compromising with political and corporate powers.

"I wouldn't use that word," he said, "It's our belief that Ontario taxpayers are already compromising by ... largely paying for higher education. Higher education is a basic right."

OUSA is by no means a fringe group. Originally out of Queen's University, it now has five universities under its belt, and its numbers will swell next week, said Alliance chair Titch Dharamsi.

"(The University of) Western Ontario will be coming aboard on January 27th and they've got a large number of students," Dharamsi said, "I also spoke to the student president and vice-

president at Ryerson (Polytechnical Institute), but we got some conflicting signals from them."

Ryerson is a CFS-O member, and Dharamsi said it would not have been prudent for his coalition to actively promote itself there.

"The last thing we want is to get into a conflict with another organization," he said. "That's obviously not in the students' interest."

He said OUSA would only actively sell itself to a college or university where the majority of students would respond favorably to its beliefs.

The core issue of OUSA's ideology is whether higher tuition fees would hinder student access to higher learning.

Sources cited in OUSA's plan report that lowering tuition did not improve the social makeup of students in Quebec and Australia.

Tuition is just one of many factors swaying potential students — like the cost of living, the location of a school, career prospects and the possible unwillingness of parents to pay a student's fees for cultural reasons.

Strategies aside, action must be taken now to resolve the problems at Humber and elsewhere, said John Shalagan, a media relations officer for the Ministry of Colleges and Universities.

"You have to look at the reality before you," he said. "The revenue just isn't there."

Teachers oppose destreaming: want it postponed until 1994

by Debbie Jenkins

Ontario secondary school teachers are calling for the resignation of education minister Tony Silipo over the recent New Democrat mandate to "destream" secondary students.

The Ministry of Education wants destreaming — whereby grade nine students are not channeled into either general or advanced programs — in place by next September.

"It means so many different things to so many different people. What it means for us is that grade nine general and advanced level classes have been blended and the students in those classes are all together," said Barb Wright, a Vice-Principal at Thistletown Collegiate Institute in Rexdale.

Thistletown is one of two pilot project schools in Etobicoke, and destreaming there is in its second year.

"It means smaller classes, more nurturing, and teachers working together as teams," Wright said.

Until the ministry insisted that grade nine be entirely destreamed next fall, many trustees for the Etobicoke Board of Education supported the concept, said Thistletown trustee Suzan Hall, "It allowed us to be authors of our own destiny."

Hall cites teacher retraining and re-writing the curriculum as the largest costs involved. York University is offering teachers a retraining course, but there's no recognized curriculum at the moment.

But last December, every trustee except Hall voted to postpone the move until 1994 in spite of being legally obliged to follow the ministry's mandate. "We are,

I understand, the only board in Ontario that has gone that far," Hall said.

The very purpose of destreaming, according to Rights of Passage, a 1990 research document prepared by the Ontario Institute for Studies in Education (O.I.S.E.), is to eliminate labelling and the possible damage it does to a student's self-esteem.

Dubbed the bible of destreaming, the document was commissioned by former premier David Peterson's government.

It states that when adolescents are told they're not capable of advanced achievement, they'll live up to the expectation. But the solutions proposed in Rights of Passage are, essentially, the only province-wide guidelines available.

"There's no uniform model and the pilot projects haven't even filed their results yet," said Dennis McDermott, a teacher at Applewood Heights secondary school.

"The problem, as I see it, is the New Democrats have mandated destreaming without any funding, and without consulting the teachers. We weren't even asked," he said. "We simply need more time."

It's still too early to predict whether destreaming will affect future enrolment at Humber, but the concept itself has been in operation here for some time.

Joe Aversa, Chair of Humber's Communication Department, said students are "admitted into programs first, and then they are put into courses that are streamed."

"I don't like labelling people, especially when it's done too early in one's educational career because, for various reasons, people may blossom later or — sooner or later," he added.



Suzan Hall

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Kissing off the universality myth

Almost imperceptibly through a series of seemingly casual hints by the federal government, universality — the glorious myth that all Canadians are created equal — has become a thing of the past.

For most of the past 40 years, Canada's social net kept expanding and its hallmark was universality. The notion was that everyone was entitled to everything so that those who really needed assistance would carry no stigma.

Advocates of universality argued against the alternative — the means test — as a process that divides, discriminates, humiliates and invades a citizen's privacy.

It was a wonderful, very Canadian idea, even if it has been abused and no longer is working. This year ushered in a new child tax benefit, which merged the old family allowance with the refundable child tax credit. The change will eliminate the allowance for high-income earners while lower-income families will receive sharply increased payment.

Just as the family allowance — universal, nondiscriminatory, — had been the model since 1944 for national social security, what has happened to it now sets a pattern for the other federal health and welfare programs.

In today's survival economy, the government has no choice but to dilute universality and eventually eliminate the myth entirely. Sacred cows like health care, old-age pension and unemployment insurance can not be exempted.

It may satisfy ideologies to portray cutting universality as part of a mean-spirited plot to strip Canada of its humanity. But the truth is much simpler and dispiriting.

Governments of all political stripes do what they must in tough economic times. No matter which political party wins the next election, it will have to make some tough choices.

Canadians also will have to decide what kind of support system they want and how much they are willing to pay.

For example, old age pension is in the red and the next generation fully realizes it will not see any of its benefits. Nevertheless we continue to believe in the myth by making contribution to the fund.

Reality is that there is never likely to be enough money in the coffers to bail out the program.

Noticeably many elders — such as those snowbirds which have the luxury to enjoy six months vacation in Florida, pumping up the American economy and enjoying Canada's social benefits — have long recouped their contribution.

This is hardly just when there are other elderly people who truly continue to need assistance in their old age.

Eliminating universality in social benefits such as old-age pensions may seem heartless and mercenary but it is not a new idea.

The first attack on universality came in 1985 when the Mulroney government attempted to eliminate indexing from old-age pensions and family allowance. The government provoked a revolt among angry and very vocal seniors. The government reinstated the full indexing of old-age pension but the children were quiet and the partial-indexing of baby bonus slipped by.

Many Canadians, old and young, may be reluctant to face the impending arguments over social programs. But the debate is inevitable and the issue is not whether these programs must be re-evaluated, but how soon.

It will matter very little who these programs affect if no one has the money to pay for them.

This small first step to eliminate universality was long overdue and necessary. This is not time to be sending pension cheques and other social assistance from the federal treasury to those who don't need them.



Do you think the police should be able to exercise their right to remain silent when under investigation by the Special Investigation Unit?

by Dawne Grummett & Paul McDougall



"Police need to speak-up to defend themselves and publicize their view."
Tara Cannon
Pre-health



"Hell no. Due to the special position the police have in our society they must be accountable."
Wayne Harris
CIS



"Our sense of safety comes from placing trust in the police. When they are unwilling to account for actions they violate our trust."
Andrew Wing
Business Mngt



"They are human beings like everyone else. Why shouldn't they not have the right just because they have a badge."
Lorena D'Ambrosi
General Arts & Science



"Police aren't above the law and they should have to answer to the SIU."
Randy McLennan
Culinary Arts



"They have their rights as any citizen and why should the jeopardize them before the law."
Nino D'Avolio
Business Mngt

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CHEERS ✓ AND JEERS ✗

CHEERS ✓ To those residents of Georgetown who showed their disgust for the KKK by confronting Klansmen who tried to pass out literature in their city this past weekend.

CHEERS ✓ To the provincial government for protecting the Rouge Valley and establishing a parkland.

JEERS ✗ To Buffalo sportscasters for their suffocating enthusiasm. Let's hope Buffalo loses the Super Bowl - it's worth it just to shut them up.

JEERS ✗ To SAC for putting on a Stud's contest. All students should be proud of a council with such lofty aims.

JEERS ✗ To North York Hydro for having the kindness to shut off a family's heat during the dead of winter. Why do they call them public utilities anyway?

JEERS ✗ To the individual(s) who stole nearly \$24,000 worth of food from a Mississauga food bank.

JEERS ✗ To the Clinton administration for spending over \$30 million on the inauguration ceremonies. Thank goodness it's not being spent on another space toilet.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR: *Ed*

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STOP THE PRESS

Activism breeds intolerance

by Don Jackson

Once again, our city's social activists made the headlines last weekend. Two "fur people" took off fur coats and paraded naked in downtown Toronto. First, it's sad that the media can be manipulated into giving a free platform to any lobby group that's willing to give a cheap thrill to the masses. But what's truly pathetic is these people who take an issue and blow it up into a mindless chanting display of human intolerance.

Granted, maybe we could be a little more kind to our fellow animals but is running naked through the streets really doing anything to promote this? Are the human chain idiots that block abortion clinics impressing the general public into accepting their viewpoint? Or maybe if they blow up a building, that will help the Pro-Life cause. What kind of an ill-conceived statement are they trying to put across? That killing is wrong unless the people you kill don't happen to share your particular views.

We live in very self-centered times. Intolerant people approach you every day in this city, telling you how to live, what to spend your money on and how to worship your God. Doesn't it ever cross their minds that they could be wrong. Or that there may be more than one way of living life.

We're in the age of the sidewalk fanatic. We've all heard their problems and what they want done about it, so why are they still there? Do they think there's anybody left who hasn't already heard their jingles and puns. And, they're all so clever. "I'd rather go bare than wear fur," "Say 'yes' to life," etc.

There's nothing wrong with having, or expressing a personal viewpoint. It's a problem when you go out into the public and assault total strangers with these beliefs. If I was wearing a \$5,000 mink and some closet fascist in a "Greenpeace" t-shirt walked up and actually spit on it, he/she would have some much more immediate problems than the fate of Atlantic sperm whales. Chinchilla farms in Montana become somewhat less important when you're crawling on the sidewalk trying to locate your teeth.

Even the names of certain activist groups carry such black and white, good and evil stigmas, that don't leave any room for argument with their opponents. Groups that are against legalized abortion call themselves pro-life. This implies anybody who opposes them must be pro-death. On the other side of the abortion controversy, the people in favor of legalized abortion call themselves pro-choice, implying their opponents are anti-choice.

The whole concept of democratic process is to rationally discuss our problems and let the will of the majority decide our policies. While we certainly don't have to agree with these decisions, we should respect the process and work through it to promote change. Otherwise, we end up with thousands of little pressure groups trying to impose their views on the majority, whether the majority wants it or not.

In essence, if you think that the fur industry is cruel, don't wear fur. If you think abortion is murder, don't have one. But more important than these issues of our time, is the issue that people have been fighting over for all time; the right to make your own decisions and live your own life in your own manner.

Who says crime doesn't pay

by Sarah Cabott

What is it with society's television-fixation on femme fatales?

A new trio has emerged in recent weeks. No, it's not Fawn Hall, Jessica Hahn and Donna Rice.

It's much better.

It's the Bambi-Amy-Julie saga.

Everyone remembers the "Run Bambi Run" headlines in the news as we watched the tale of a lady cop from Milwaukee unfold. She was accused of killing her husband's ex-wife and hiding out in the chilly Canadian north.

Well, now the recently freed Lawrencia (Bambi) Bembek, who copped a guilty plea to second-degree murder, is having a mini-series made about her life.

And Tatum O'Neal is going to star.

And of course there is the beaten-to-death tale of woe of the "Long Island Lolita", Miss Amy Fisher.

While she didn't rate a mini-series, the "vaaaarry sowry" Fisher, who offered the rights to her story to anyone who would post her two million dollar bail, was bestowed with the honour of a version of her story on all three major U.S. networks.

Personally, I felt Drew Barrymore played the little vixen best.

If you ask around, you'll find that many people watched all three movies so they could compare and contrast.

Actually, the best things to come out of the Amy Fisher deal were the many spoofs on Saturday Night Live (With Danny De Vito as Joey Buttafuoco, natch), and In Living Color.

Because at the heart of comedy is the realization of truth: both satirical shows alluded to the fact that had Amy Fisher been a black woman, she wouldn't have been courted by Hollywood and given millions.

Why is it that Hollywood is compelled by the white woman who kills?

Is it the perception that it is more of a shock when a nice white suburban housewife open fires on a roomful of children-puppies-ex-husbands than it would be if it were a woman from a different race or background?

It is rare for women to be involved in violent crimes, period.

Now the trend of women who are enthralled in

criminals proceedings sell their movie rights, has continued north of the border.

In the last few days it has become known that Julie Bowers, who was acquitted in 1990 of murdering her baby son Dustin, will be consulting on a movie based on her story.

The Kincardine woman's case was interesting. She was found not guilty of the heinous crime, yet few people continue to believe in her innocence.

It was Bowers herself whose "dream" led to the discovery of her son's body in a snowbank.

It's the kind of stuff producers dream of.

So what's the deal with all these women selling the rights to their sordid life stories?

I'm guessing that if they haven't been found guilty of the crime, then they can get cash from the networks. (The Son of Sam law (U.S.) makes it illegal for a convicted criminal to earn any money as a result of their crimes).

Julie Bowers, who was found not guilty, will reportedly receive an unspecified amount of money for her contributions to the movie.

And apparently her own father is disgusted with her.

It is unfortunate that these women, regardless of

their innocence or guilt, all have cooperated with the television crews, because while they might see themselves as tragic figures, that is not the image the public is getting.

It is even more ridiculous though, that with or without the help of the Amy's and Bambi's, movies about white women criminals will still be made (The Pamela Smart Story, Small Sacrifices) because people want to watch them.

If Jeffrey Dahmer acted as a consultant on the movie made about his creepy little life, (and one has been made) everybody would be freaking out.

But I guess it crosses the unwritten boundary to have a male criminal help out producers.

It made me think about us as a society, and why we find this specific type of crime so intriguing. And I'm not so sure that I want to know the real reasons.

But I do know one thing.

When I kill my boyfriend's ex-wife's sister-in-law's husband's next door neighbor's mistress, I want Julia Roberts to play me.



Last communist regime struggles to survive

by Rachel Brown

War is raging in Croatia. A genocidal war. One which was planned long ago and with great care.

The annexationist and ideological war that Orthodox Serbia and the former Yugoslav Peoples' Army has waged against Catholic Croatia has been going on for quite some time now.

What is the origin of this war?

It can't be ethnic because the majority of Serbs are not involved. The assaulters are not just attacking Croats; the assaulters are also attacking the Czechs and the Hungarians who live in Croatia.

Because of this, there is a lot of heartfelt concern in Canada. There are many Croats, Czechs and Hungarians now living in Canada who still have relatives in war-torn Bosnia and Herzegovina. All they can do is sit back and learn of all the pain and suffering their people are enduring.

This war is not simply religious in origin. The assaulters are former communists and therefore must presumably be atheists.

This war is a political war. A war in which the ruling Serbian imperialists are using crime as a political function.

At the very beginning of this conflict,

around January 1991, 15 Croatian policemen were massacred in Borovo Selo. The main culprit of the murders was looked upon by fellow Serbs as a hero. He even went so far as to appear on Belgrade television and publicly stated that he had killed six policemen, and that he was prepared to kill 606 more if necessary.

Since that incident, the trail of bloodshed has been continuous. In Croatia thus far, thousands of innocent men, women and children have been needlessly murdered. Hundreds of schools, churches and monuments of great historical and cultural value which have survived since Roman times have been leveled to unrecognizable heaps of ash. So many hospitals have been destroyed that the wounded are being cared for in buildings that are unsuitable for the healthiest of people. There have even been incidents where surgery has been performed without anesthesia.

All of this physical and mental anguish because of the imperialistic idea of a "Greater Serbia" which would rise from the ruins of Tito's fallen communist Yugoslavia.

According to a piece published in July 1991 by *Vecernji List*, the most widely read daily newspaper in Croatia, the collapse of Tito's Yugoslavia began sometime before the fall of communism in Eastern Europe. It was started by the heirs and advocates of a Greater Serbia who revoked the autonomy of the provinces of Kosovo and Voivodina.

By this act, the Yugoslav federation was destroyed and it paved the way for the beginning of Greater Serbian expansion in areas that were never Serbian.

The Serbian communists probably held on to power to maintain the old Serbian imperialistic policies of expansion. This is in contrast to all other republics in former Yugoslav federation and all other countries

of Eastern Europe who have declared independence and who are trying to make a go of democracy.

In order for Serbia to make this vision complete, it turned to its natural ally, the Yugoslav Army, which is largely dominated by Serbians.

Serbia, of course, could not openly state its aim so it used the excuse that it was trying to save Yugoslavia — thereby making Yugoslavia the key to obtaining ultimate power for Serbia.

Croatia and Slovenia had held referendums, and both voted overwhelmingly in favour of independence from a centralist, federative Yugoslavia in which Serbia reigned. The Yugoslav Army invaded Slovenia and shortly after, they decided to retreat. They are now trying to take over Croatia.

The war being waged against Croatia is a tragic consequence of the last communist regime in Europe striving to hold on to power and spread its rule at whatever cost necessary.

It is a cost that will by far surpass any known atrocity, with exception of the Holocaust, but I guess murder, crime and destruction are an inescapable part of any war.



Students want changes to residence security

by Amie Heaslip

Though the front desk policy at residence may be close to that of other new residences across the province, students at Humber College say that the policy is not being properly used.

Humber's residence works on a identification tag system where the tags are checked each time you enter the building. Some students say the system could be better.

"I think they could at least check (the tags) when you walk in, because I came home from the mall, and walked in. I showed her my I.D. but she didn't even look up, and a whole group of students walked in, and she didn't even check them. So, I think there could be a better system," said Laurie Green, a first-year Legal Assistant student.

Humber employs a 24-hour desk staff that checks identification, signs guests in, and completes various other tasks. They do check identification most of the time, but other activities at the

desk prevent the checking of all the tags. Some students are checked constantly.

"I actually think they're pretty good this time. When we first came here they didn't really care, but I think that now they're really good. They always check your card, at least every time that I've been around," said Patricia Holloway, a first year Nursing student.

Other students like the idea of a keyed entrance to residence, similar to that of Loyalist College in Belleville. Loyalist has a 280 room residence in three buildings.

"There is only one front desk for all three buildings, with two people on staff through the week. There are security patrols in the one building in the evenings," said Maureen Corrigan, director of Residences at Loyalist. "We have three different buildings, each building has a hotel card key to get you in your own building. They (the cards) can't get you into any other building. Students like this idea."

Lesley Knights, a first year



AMIE HEASLIP

Security Concerns — Some students, believe security needs to be tightened at Humber res.

Nursing student said, "we should have a keyed entrance, but we should still have some sort of security guards here as well. A friend of mine said she would come over, and she just walked right up because the people at the front desk were busy. I think a keyed entrance would be great, even if they just put a door where the mailboxes start," said Knights.

The new residences at Ryerson

are run on the same system as Humber's residences. "Any guest must be signed in. Students living in residence have room keys and residence identification. There is a security staff in the building to sign in guests. The front desk is separate from this. The security staff do perimeter patrols and the entrance of the building only. They only go into the building if they are called. There are two

staff members per floor and they tend to deal with any problems themselves," said Brian Muscat, Director of Residences at Ryerson.

Ryerson's residence has been open for two years. "In that time we have had no major problems in regards to sign in procedures. We have only had to terminate one contract, for another matter," said Muscat.

New contraceptive finds favor in U.S.

by Susan Magill

A Baltimore school with high pregnancy rates is offering Norplant, a surgically inserted contraceptive to students.

In 1990, one in 10 Baltimore teens between 15 and 17 gave birth. Baltimore has the highest rate of teen pregnancies of all cities in the United States with a population of more than 500,000. A consortium decided that they

would make Norplant available in a school clinic for the students. The clinic already offers oral contraceptives, diaphragms, and condoms.

Norplant is a contraceptive in the form of six capsules, each about the size of a matchstick, that are surgically implanted in the arm. The implants are effective for five years and release the hormone levonorgestrel, daily. Norplant insertions are performed

with a local anaesthesia by a doctor or a nurse. The procedure takes 10-15 minutes and requires no stitches.

In Toronto high schools, condom distribution is a problem because some parents are rejecting the idea and say it encourages teenage sex.

"A lot of people still think that knowledge advocates sex. This attitude must change. But it takes decades to change some ideas,"

said Ruth Greer, a public health nurse for the the Etobicoke Health Department. "Teenagers who know the most about sex, delay pregnancy and their first sexual encounter. How can knowing or education be harmful."

Greer explains that Norplant is effective for teenagers because it avoids missing pills and is less expensive than oral contraceptives.

"Compared to \$20 monthly for

oral birth control for five years, it is more than Norplant. The only problem is that the \$300 cost of Norplant is needed all up front and some young people might not have it," said Greer.

Greer said it might be less expensive in Canada when it is available. "It is not available in Canada now but we are looking at it. Typically, Canada researches anything 'to the nines' before accepting it," said Greer.

The Health Protection Branch of Health and Welfare Canada follows the Food and Drug Act, to control the manufacturing, sale and distribution of medicine and medical devices such as Norplant. "Norplant has been notified we are checking but they have not received a notice of compliance. Nobody will be able to get any pre-market information from a government office. We don't even tell the company how discussions are progressing. Wyeth, (Norplant's manufacturer) won't know a thing until they are accepted," said Sharon Merkley of the Drug Inspection Unit.

Canadian birth control clinics are not expecting Norplant in the near future, and implementing it into clinics may take some work. "For insertion there might be a certain physician specialized in this procedure only, or a certain pool of physicians could work on it," said Greer. She added that it might bring trained physicians into the clinics.

Side effects for Norplant include a change in bleeding patterns, spotting, headaches, mood swings, acne, and some missed periods.

Controversy surrounds Norplant in the United States in response to legislation that offers financial support to females on social assistance, encouraging them to use Norplant. In some cases, women convicted of drug abuse or child abuse would be required to use Norplant.

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TIZIANA SCORRANESE

Moving on — Humber President Robert Gordon says goodbye to Human Resources manager Dennis Stapinski at a reception on January 15.

Stapinski says goodbye

by Tiziana Scorrane

Humber College's Human Resources Department bid farewell to one of their own on Friday, Jan 15, at a coffee and cake reception in the President's boardroom.

Dennis Stapinski, manager of Compensation and Employee Relations, has accepted a temporary placement in the Staff Affairs Department at the Council of Regents.

In his former position, Stapinski was responsible for a wide variety of issues such as salary and benefit plans as well as general relations with managers and employees. His new position will include special research projects regarding these issues, but on a system-wide basis for Ontario's 23 colleges. He will continue to teach his part-time course on compensation at Humber.

Stapinski said he is excited about his new position, but will miss the people at Humber. "I'll also miss the youth environment and the energy in the hallways."

Nancy Hood, Director of Human Resources, said that Stapinski will definitely be missed. He has a good reputation and always treats people with respect.

"The secondment (temporary placement) is for one year and may be shorter because we won't be able to live without him," said Hood.

Sandra DiCresce, Human Resources consultant, agrees with Hood on Stapinski's excellent reputation and courteous treatment of college employees.

"He is one of the most respected human resource professionals in the system and a wonderful teacher," said DiCresce.

Stapinski's most memorable experience at Humber was partic-

ipating in Humber's International program. He travelled to the African country of Lesotho, and taught there for a week in 1991.

Another highlight in his 17-year career at Humber came in 1979 when he suggested and consequently implemented Placement Services at the Lakeshore campus. Previously, students at that campus had to rely on services provided at the North campus.

The Human Resources Department has not yet decided whether to replace Stapinski. Hood said there would probably be shuffling within the office rather than hiring outside help.

Stapinski will not speculate on whether he will be back after his contract expires. As for the college accepting him back, Robert Gordon, President of Humber College, said, "he is welcome to come back anytime."

Lose and win

by Robert Fortney

If you want to lose weight, Humber Athletics will give you an added incentive with their "Lose and Win" contest, scheduled to begin after Christmas.

The program, similar to the current "Quit and Win" contest, which helps people to stop smoking, is being coordinated by placement students in the Recreation and Leadership Program.

"You have to be 18 (or older), a full-time student or staff member at the college, and all you have to do is fill out the entry form and what we do is weigh (you) at the beginning," said Lorrie Powless, the organizer and assistant fitness coordinator in the Athletics department.

The goal is to lose 12-18 pounds between the start date, January 30 (which is also the last day to register), to March

31. Names of successful participants will be entered into a draw to win a mountain bike.

Powless is optimistic that the success rate will be better than last year when out of 50 participants, only one actually lost weight.

"There is usually a pretty good turnout for that (the contest), but it's just whether or not they stick to it. I'd imagine maybe ten people will actually stay with it the whole way through," said Powless.

Food Services will again be sponsoring the event, along with new sponsor Evian Water, who will provide water at a seminar on nutrition, to be held sometime in March in conjunction with the contest.

"Even if they don't lose that specific weight, it teaches them how to lead a healthier lifestyle and how to get into exercising, and eat proper foods," said Powless.

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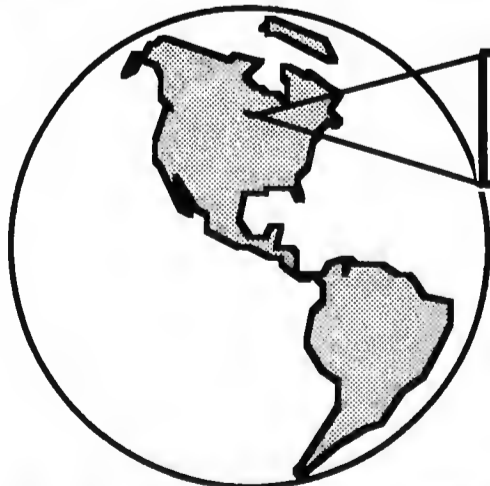
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Student Centre buzzes with home-grown talent

LIVE SAC gives local musicians a chance to shine and free entertainment for students

by Alan Swinton

The Student Centre came alive with the sounds of comedy and music last Wednesday.

The event featured comedian John Pattison and his puppet Garloo, soul and R&B band East 2 West, and a caricature artist.

Pattison opened the show to a hard room of roughly 200 people. He fought a noble battle to entertain them, but people farther away from him couldn't see his puppet, which cut out his sight-gags. People closer to the comic got more laughs.

In the meantime, about 30 people took the opportunity to get caricatures done of themselves for a dollar each.

The band East 2 West was the highlight of the event.

Lead singer and Humber honors grad Laura Lynne danced about, engaging her strong vocals to masterfully perform songs usually reserved for deeper, more masculine tones.

Songs like "Mustang Sally" and "Hard to Handle" pounded away in the fast-paced two hour event. The band maintained roughly 200 spectators in the student centre with some students walking through between classes and others sitting and watching from the cafeteria.

The band received \$500 for the show, an amount suggested to Students' Association Councillor John Johnstone through a survey he conducted in the Student Centre in the fall of 1992.

Johnstone created the SAC directorship of planning events in

the Student Centre. He said he is trying "to get new people in the Student Centre, not just the same crowd of kids ... the Student Centre is for everybody."

Warren Freeman, bass player of East 2 West said the band selected their music from the smash-hit movie *The Commitments*. They also cover songs by the Blues Brothers and the Black Crows.

East 2 West started up in April of 1992. In addition to Lynne on lead vocals, there is fellow Humber grad Mike Shaw on guitar, and Humber music students Sam Warren, bass guitar, Sam Cino, drums and Tyler Viane on the keyboard and saxophone.

"It's a totally new line-up since the band first started. The only members left from the beginning are myself and Tyler," said Freeman.

Freeman said Humber music student Atilla Baraczka, the band's sound, man was essential to the band.

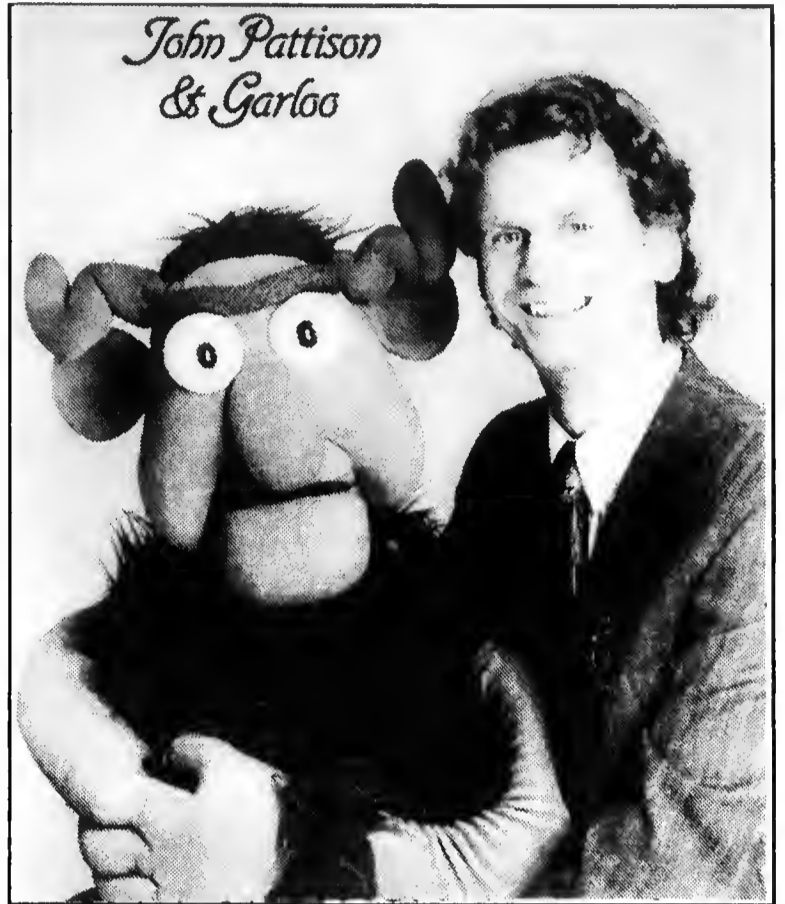
"As far as we're concerned, he's the sixth member of the band ... the gigs that we've done without him — they've sucked for sound," said Warren.

Warren believes Humber is a good place to find good musicians.

The band approached Johnstone after learning he was looking for Humber talent to liven up the Student Centre and responded to Johnstone.

"Well, one (band member) came in one day and wouldn't leave me alone ... it took a little while to get going, but I finally got 'em here and I'm very happy," said Johnstone.

The crowd remained still for most of the concert, applauding



Who said that— comedian John Pattison and his friend

during the few pauses the band took between songs.

"It's hard to do dance songs when people aren't in the mood to dance," said Freeman, who echoed the band's sentiments saying, "It was fun to play here."

East 2 West itself was formed "to make money". They have appeared at the Black Swan and Downtown Browns.

"Basically, we're into doing any type of engagement that pays," said drummer Sam Cino.

Freeman also plays in a Phil Collins tribute band. Cino said the band manages their time carefully, so they don't double book. He said his first priority is to East 2 West.

"Almost all of us are in other projects and some of them are original so that we can fill our actual need for original music," said Cino.

Freeman said he enjoyed being at Humber, but wished the music program contained more of the promotional aspect of music. His experience has taught him not to get "pissed off" with people when they don't return his calls. He just keeps calling them. It took him six months to make an appointment with one promoter.

His advice to other bands is to be patient and persistent — the promotional package is the most important aspect of the band — and to keep the number of members to a minimum. Keyboardist Tyler Viane doubles as sax player and has three types of horns programmed into his keyboard.

Cino echoes Freeman's remarks.

"Musicians are notorious for being late and forgetting things. The more guys you have the more hassles you have," said Cino.

Johnstone is still looking for bands to play in the Student Centre, hoping people will come to expect them and it will become a "regular thing".

SAC set aside \$5000 for entertainment in the student centre, and Johnstone said upcoming events include a battle of the bands and a "how-to-walk-on-hot-coals" seminar.

Students at the college would be able to compete in the battle of the bands, which is still tentative, but will hopefully take place in early February. The winner would go on to the next level of competition at the nightclub, *The World*, facing off against other college and university bands. The winner would get \$1000 and the chance to record a single.

East 2 West will be appearing at the Black Swan on the 30th.



ALAN SWINTON

Strike a pose— a Humber student takes advantage of Centre activities and sits for a caricature artist.

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Angels rock at RPM

by A.J. Jenner

Some went to see Stevie Ray Vaughan's old band, Double Trouble.

Some went to drool over Charlie Sexton's thick lips.

And some just went to play pool.

Arc Angels, consisting of Charlie Sexton and the boys from Double Trouble played Saturday night at RPM.

Fronted by Minneapolis band the Jayhawks, Arc Angels appeared at about 10:30 to a sold out, but static crowd. People did not bop or mosh. There was the rare toe-tapping. Apparently, RPM has this unspoken non-bop policy for every band that plays there.

Arc Angels has the usual rock and roll "oh, baby, baby" lyrics. Their new hit "Sent by

Angels" contains traditional infatuated love prose: "Then I'll know you're so wonderful/ And I know you're not from this world".

The song, "See What Tomorrow Brings" with references to the death of Stevie Ray Vaughan is bubblegum too. The song states simply that his death makes them feel anger. "Why do things have to happen this way/ I felt so much anger/ When they put away Stevie Ray".

Some songs do show the dark, dry sense of humour the band is capable of. In "The Famous Jane", a woman who is everybody's ex-lover becomes famous but, nobody remembers why. Jane becomes immortalized. "(She) now becomes an addiction/ and Janie's gotten serious and she carries a gun."

They also deglorify the concept of perfect love in "Spanish Moon".

Giving and caring are not always equally balanced in relationships.

"Everybody's looking for a little bit of love/ Not a lot of love being given".

Lyrically, Arc Angels is not the greatest band. But, they're not known for what they say but how they play.

Live, the band adds a heavy blues edge to their music. Most songs are highlighted by instrument solos which reminds you of why you are there.

These guys really know how to play.

Apparently, not everybody was infatuated with them. One dude said, "I just came to play pool".

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New release for Texas trio

by Robert Fortney

King's X have once again created a masterpiece of grand proportions with the release of their fourth record, *King's X*.

The trio, based out of Houston, Texas, will undoubtedly please long-time fans with the release, which further defines the King's X sound, which incorporates the best elements of hard rock, funk, folk, progressive, soul and metal.

A standout feature of the band is their use of vocal harmony, which goes far beyond the normal limitations of a trio.

Heavy metal fans who demand quality song-writing and enjoy perhaps a slightly different approach in musical textures will appreciate King's X.

With songs like *The World Around Me*, *Not Just For The Dead* and *The Big Picture*, bassist/vocalist Doug Pinnick, guitarist/vocalist Ty Tabor, and drummer/vocalist Jerry Gaskill have taken their Christian spirituality a step farther.

"We believe in the teachings of Jesus Christ, but we're not preachers, we're not out to save the world," said Pinnick, in a video press release.

The vocal soulfulness of Pinnick's Afro-American heritage, and the band's thick guitar sound create an eccentric listening experience when combined with their melodic tendencies.

Like *Faith Hope Love*, *Gretchen Goes To Nebraska*, and *Out Of The Silent Planet* before it, *King's X* was once again produced by manager/mentor/producer Sam Taylor.

"We play music, we have an art form and we want it to be a valid art form," said Pinnick.

Free festival this weekend

by Craig Sweeney

Feeling the January blahs and looking for some cheap entertainment?

Toronto's Theatre Centre is presenting a winter festival that showcases various artists from the areas of theatre, dance, music and comedy.

Running through Sunday, Jan. 24, the free-for-all features six performances a night, to be hosted by singer/actress Sandra Caldwell, who recently acted in the Broadway and Toronto productions of *Buddy*. There will also be random appearances by the Friendly Spike Theatre Band.

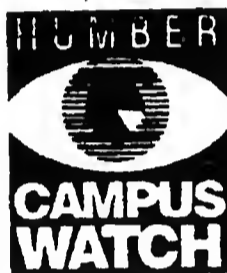
The lineup tonight and Sunday includes an array of musical selections titled "Through Time And Space", folk music from 2/3 Holy, and stand-up comedy by Elvira Kurt, who promises to "further disappoint her already beleaguered parents." Theatre performances are from Andrea Nann, John Wimbs and David Richard, and Lisa Prebianca.

Tomorrow's features are music from Kathryn Rose and Patrick Gilmour, theatre pieces from Dora Award nominee Michael Healey and Meita Winkler, a show from Second City veteran Wendy Hopkins, and dance from Michael Downing and Laura Taler.

Saturday sees a performance by percussionist Rick Sacks, dance from Pat Fraser, theatre by Liza Balkan and Paul Chetcuti, comedy by the troupe of Simon Fraser and Alida Jake, and a piece from Ginette Laurin and Claudia Moore.

The Free-For-All festival has no admission fee, but a hat is passed for the artists.

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Joel Robertson

Pushin' it— Humber guard Everton Webb starts the break in hoop action last Friday night at Humber. The Hawks ran their record to 7-0, with a huge victory over previously undefeated Algonquin Thunder.

Hawks silence Thunder to remain undefeated

by Chris DiCesare

In what was billed as a clash of the titans, the mens basketball team reclaimed top spot nationally.

The Hawks defeated the number one ranked Algonquin Thunder, 89-80, in a see-saw battle at the Athletic Centre January 15th.

"I think down the stretch we played tough defense and they got tired," Humber Assistant Coach, Rick Dilena said.

The game saw the lead change

hands change hands five times until midway through the second half. At that stage the Hawks scored eight unanswered points to take the lead, 79-71.

From there the Hawks cruised to victory playing tough interior defense, forcing the Thunder to shoot the three in a vain comeback attempt.

"At halftime we had to adjust our rebounding" to eliminate second chances in the paint Dilena said.

The Hawks got strong performances from year starter, Pat

Rhodd with 23 points, Fitzroy Lightbody had 21 and Everton Webb nailed 17. Of his 17 points 15 came in the second half, to lead the charge for the undefeated Hawks.

Algonquin Coach, Hugh Lynn said "it was a heck of a game, (but) we just ran out of gas

The Thunder got 20 points from from, Brad Peak and 17 points from Pascal DeCouvreur.

The last word goes to Lightbody, "they're strong team, but I don't think they can handle us."

Parquet play...

If breaking up is hard to do then making up is even harder, just ask the Centennial Colts mens basketball team.

The Colts were annihilated by the high flying Humber Hawks, 115-70, in mens basketball action January at Centennial.

The game was rescheduled from "earlier in the year (because) one of our players pulled down the backboard during warm-ups," Athletic Director, Doug Fox said.

Everton Webb, starting two guard shattered the glass slam dunking during warm-ups causing postponement of the game.

Fox said that this is becoming a frequent occurrence in OCAA play

"Our league is considering a dunking rule in warm-ups," he said.

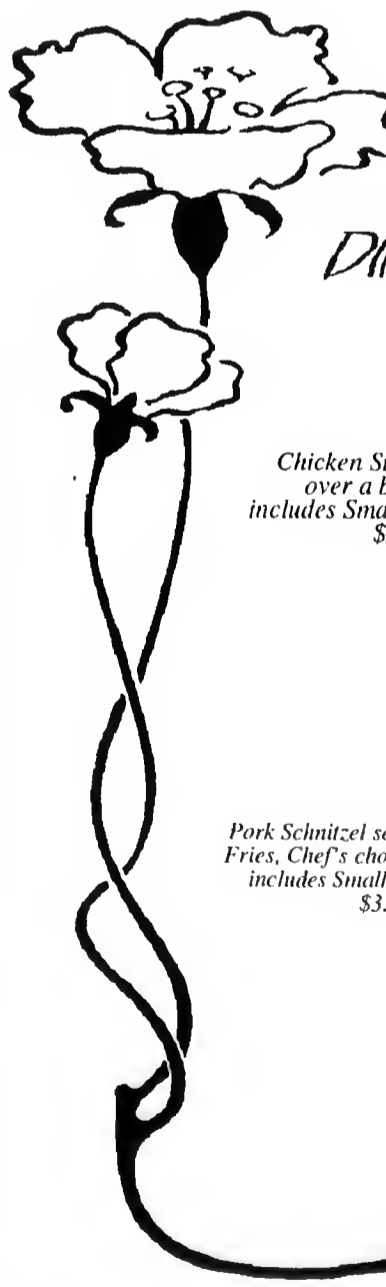
Hawk power forward Pat Rhodd, led the victors with 20 points, and Fitzroy Lightbody chipped in with 15.

In varsity volleyball action, Humber split a twilight double header at Sheridan, January 15.

The men were defeated in five games, 3-2. The Hawks were led by Dan Payette, he scored 25 kills (spikes) in what Athletic Director Doug Fox called his best effort of the season.

The ladies soundly defeated the Sheridan, 3-1 in net action.

Karen Moses powered the ladies with strong net play, filling in for the injured Albina Michele.



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Keep your eye on the birdie

by Tamara de la Vega

While it may not be spring yet, birdies are flying in the Gordon Wragg Athletic centre- for the Men's and Ladies' Varsity badminton tryouts.

Coach Leigh Ann Spry said the men's team is almost full, but she is still holding tryouts. She emphasized the need to get more women involved. "I've only had four girls show up. If I don't get enough girls then I'll just have to put them in individually and set up a team



Leigh Ann Spry

anyway." She said, "I'm hoping to set up two (male and female) teams of six players."

The matches will be played in five different categories; male, female, singles, doubles and mixed matches.

For those who are non athletes but would like to participate in a competitive sport, Spry said badminton "is a fairly easy sport once you get the hang of it."

Last year Humber recieved two medals, a silver and a bronze at the provincial level competitions.

TIME OUT

by Ricardo Brathwaite

Buffalo's media blitz

Yesterday, Bill Clinton was officially sworn in as the 42nd president of the United States. Mr. Clinton has many things to deal with once he sits behind the big desk in the Oval Office.

The crisis in Iraq will dominate much of his policy; the stagnant American economy will loom large when it comes to his domestic policy. But, if I may suggest, Mr. Clinton, you have a large festering problem that George Bush never addressed — the city of Buffalo's media obsession with the Bills. Buffalo is a fine city which can boast such things as their chicken wings, four alarm fires, and, er ... something may come to me later.

But between the months of January and December, the whole town is obsessed with one thing — the Bills.

The week the Toronto Blue Jays won the World Series, they didn't get as much attention from local media as the Buffalo media gave to an early season victory over that powerhouse, the New England Patriots (2-14).

The problem, as I see it, with the Buffalo media and fans alike is that the general failure of their lives is somehow rectified by the success of the Bills. And these are the same Bills that have lost the last two Super Bowls. As the Bills go, so goes the city of Buffalo and the surrounding areas.

(You can check it for yourself, but every time the Bills lose

a game, the number of fires triples.)

As the saying goes, nip a problem in the bud. So, Mr. Clinton you must exercise your executive powers by firing the following Buffalo sportscasters: Ed Kilgore, Van Miller, and Rick Azar. What the hell, fire them all.

Don't get me wrong, Buffalo is a very good team. January 31 will mark their third game in a row at the big dance. They have such humble All-Pros as Jim Kelly, Thurman Thomas, and Andre Reed. They have talent.

If the Bills happen to beat the Dallas Cowboys ten days from now, God help us all. If you think you got your fair share of the Bills when they lost the Super Bowl, wait until they win.

After class competition

by Robert Fortney

Humber Athletics has extracurricular activities for everyone interested in some friendly competition.

"Every semester we have pretty much a similar package of areas we offer programming in," said Jim Bialek, Recreational Activities Officer.

The package includes leagues, tournaments, day tournaments and instructional clinics for a variety of sports from badminton to floor hockey.

Some of the league sports include ice hockey, basketball and co-ed volleyball. A sport drop-in with indoor soccer and floor hockey are provided on specific days at a specific time every week, is also offered.

There are also sport pools, staff events, extramurals, informal recreational at the pool and

special rates for off campus facilities where activities such as figure skating, bowling and mini golf are provided.

"(The turn-out) is always pretty solid, what we like to do is try to reach more people in the college. It's kind of hard to reach people down in the other end of the college, you can only get up so many things on the walls," said Bialek.

A challenge for the organizers is to try to offer the activities at times convenient to most students, said Bialek, "We try to offer programs that fit around everybody's schedule."

While most of the activities are free to participants, some require a performance bond which is refundable if you show up for the activity.

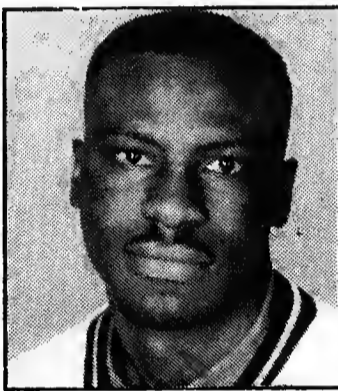
Another incentive to join-in is the prizes. "We have a great awards program from embroi-

dered hats to t-shirts to sweat shirts to specialty items," said Bialek, "for example the hockey pool, we give away weekly prizes but the grand prize would be an NFL jacket or NHL jacket of your choice."

Information on activities including game times and sign-up sheets are available outside the Athletics office.

Athlete of the week

Everton Webb
Basketball Guard



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Lakeshore SAC shuffle

by Natalie Vujaklija

Humber College's Lakeshore SAC will have to operate with minimal staff, even after the bi-elections.

Every year the college has bi-elections to fill any spots in student government which have been vacated by executives or directors. This year, however no one paid much attention.

According to Student Affairs Officer, Michelle Beckstead, this is not surprising. "There never is a big turn-out in January. People want to concentrate on school and not many people are interested in being in office for only two months."

The SAC office has resembled a ghost town after an incident last November caused many members to resign. Former President Trevor Watters and Vice President Andrew Benzel, along with several directors, resigned after what they said were problems with the administration.

Under normal circumstances, the student government is comprised of three executives and approximately five directors. Take away one executive and three directors and this is what SAC has got to work with.

According to new SAC President Dan Gibbs (who will still perform the duties of the VP of Finance), they don't have a lot of manpower but that's not going to stop them from doing the best possible job for the students. Gibbs was acclaimed and given the presidency because the only other candidate who ran against him apparently didn't meet the qualifications.

Sandra Bell, who was the former

Public Relations Director, was the candidate. According to Bell, she met all the necessary requirements, however there was a discrepancy over grades.

In the student government constitution, a president must maintain an average of 60 per cent, and though Bell's marks fell a few points short of this, she said she was led to believe that grade average did not matter until after being elected. However, candidates were told that they had to bring in a transcript of their most recent completed semester.

Bell believes she was purposely slighted because she was one of the SAC members who resigned over problems with Beckstead.

Elections Officer, Theresa Cameron, who was in charge of deciding who was qualified to run, "is a student of Beckstead's," said Bell.

Both Cameron and Beckstead were unavailable for comment, but according to Student Life Director, Pete Maybury, "the administration has nothing to do with student elections, they are solely run by students."

But Bell still has a problem with how they were run.

"Even if I wasn't qualified to run, the nominations for president and vice president should have been held over for another week like it says in the constitution. But I was told that rule only applies for the regular elections, not bi-elections," she said.

Gibbs, along with new Vice President Russ Benner and the two directors were all acclaimed.

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