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HUMBER COLLEGE

SAC president worried about future

K. Leslie Gillanders

The big question at the Ontario **Community College Students** Presidents Association (OCCSPA) conference this past weekend was how OCCSPA plans to handle the representation of Ontario colleges in the future.

Student Council President Tania Mills said college representatives were concerned OCCSPA was "aimless" and not serious about representing Ontario colleges.

Mills said there is some controversy over whether a person on the executive board of OCCSPA should be from a fee paying col-lege or should a college representative still be allowed to join the executive if their college is not a member OCCSPA.

Mills said a conclusion on this topic was not reached at the end of the conference.

OCCSPA is managed by six executive members. In order to be a member you must be a SAC president.

The organization is divided into three tiers. Each college is placed in the system according to how much money is paid in membership fees.

Humber currently pays \$1,017 and is the largest paying member in Ontario. The money for the membership fee is taken from the student incidental fee.

Colleges paying for mem-bership in OCCSPA are allowed one vote a meeting, of which there are approximatly six a year. Currently, there are 17 paying colleges belonging to the organization.

The Ontario Federation of Students (OFS) is another organization representing Ontario colleges

"It's a weighted vote. OCCSPA has'no weighted vote and because of this, attracts more colleges.'

Mills proved her point by adding only three colleges are rep-

resented by the OFS. According to Mills, colleges will always be drowned out by the universities because their population is significantly higher. "They have a definite advan-

tage because they have more stu-dents," said Mills. Mill's said OCCSPA's policy is

to allow colleges not paying membership fees to attend conferences.

"If they are not members, they are still welcome to attend," ex-plained Mills. "They just don't have a vote."

OCCSPA divides Ontario into four regions; Northern, Central, Eastern, and Southern region. Humber is in the Central region.

On Saturday, regional meetings were held to discuss specific problems ailing each region.

The Northern region has specific problems concerning native Indians and bilingualism. Central region does not have any pertinent issues at the moment other than issues of concern to all colleges and students across the province.

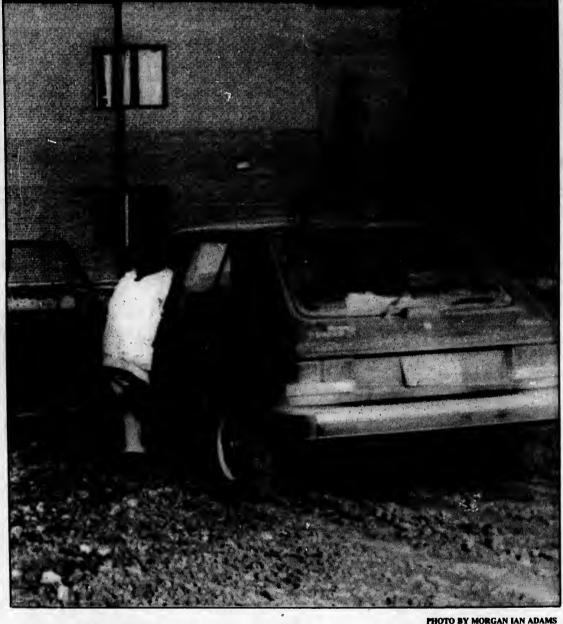
"There is nothing really out of the ordinary," said Mills. "Just the usual stuff that everyone has been affected by."

One topic discussed was the government's choice to only give extra money to OSAP recipients and not all students involved in the faculty strike.

The conference ended Sunday. Mills said it concluded on a

good note. OCCSPA has a definite and positive future in managing the representation of colleges in Ontario.

Mills and SAC Vice-president,



Can I park here? - Now that Mount Gordon is gone, this student finds the area to be an excellent parking spot. Vice-president of Administration John Saso has said the area could be made into 90-120 parking spots.

Task force to study drugs and violence at Humber

by Lisa Brown The events at Ecole Polytechnique of the University of Montreal and Queen's University have caused concern among Humber College's administration.

don hopes its members will be ge- way across the silver parking lot as

and universities.

According to Mills, OFS's voting system is based upon population. Members voting strength is synonomous with student population.

"It's very unfair," said Mills.

Joe Mason represented Humber. Twenty of the twenty-two col-

leges in Ontario attended the conference. Members just wanted to be sure "they'll (OCCSPA) be around in 10 years," explained Mills.

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A task force is being set up to investigate aggressive behavior and to ensure such events don't happen at Humber.

"It would be very naive for us to think something like that (Mon-treal where 14 wmen were killed by Marc Lepine and Oueen's where engineering students mock-ed date rape) will never happen here," said President Robert Gordon, initiator of the task force. 'We've been fortunate but there are several problems that should be investigated.'

The committee will be made up of about 17 members from all areas of the college, including students.

There are no qualifications to serve on the committee but Gornumery interested in the topic as well as possess some background on it. The task force's final report will be due around Christmas of this year.

"The members will be a fact gathering group," said Gordon. "They will undoubtedly call upon the help of experts. I'm expecting the final report to be balanced with the right information, as it pertains to this college.'

After the tragic occurance at the University of, Montreal, Gordon decided to set up a task force to study ways of preventing this at Humber.

"We've got several things to be concerned about," said Gordon. "The issues are much larger than they appear.

"Next year, there will be 760 students living on campus and it is the responsibility of this college to provide those students a safe way home. The committee may suggest installing a fenced-in walksafer way home.

"Drugs (crack) and the circulation of drugs must also be looked into," Gordon added.

The committee will study not only aggressive behavior but other sub-catagories: how individuals treat each other, how they react to stress, how attitudes are shaped and nurtured and how variables such as drugs, poverty, gender, family abuse and racism affect the day to day life of staff and students at Humber.

The task force members will be working entirely on the volunteer level. The only money the committee will receive will be for secretarial duties for compiling the information for the report and organizing the facts and findings.

Previous task forces set up by the college have made suggestions on numerous topics and have been responsible for the appeal process, constitution and college policies.



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Board of Governors adds new faces

Admin. representative...

by Tia Chiericos

Once again the position of Administrative Representative for the Board of Governors has been filled by Al Michalek, executive director/dean of resource Development.

Michalek won the three-year position after being voted in by college administration for the second consecutive time, during the Jan. 24 elections. Michalek has always had a very

active role with Humber and its administrative strata.

"I had a variety of roles as associate dean of ACA (Applied and Creative Arts) and Continuing Education," he said. "I probably have a thorough understanding of what Humber College is all about.

Michalek said that being administrative representative is a "public service" since he repre-sents large constituencies.

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He said it's a "scary situation" because of the involvment he has in such heated arguments as col-

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lege budget cuts. Michalek said that he plans to be fully active in the meetings be-tween the provincial government and Ontario college boards over issues that concern the college



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Student representative...

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by Sue Gargiulo

Students' Association Council (SAC) President Tania Mills has been elected Student Representative to Humber College's Board of Governors (BOG).

Mills said she ran for BOG because she wanted to know what was going on behind closed doors.

Besides making sure the stu-dents' voices are heard, Mills' concern is with student repre-sentatives voting on the BOG issues.

"The next step is to have internal members have a vote on BOG which they don't have right now," Mills said. said. "The bottom line is to provide the best education for students."

Michalek had 71 votes out of a total of 113; his opponent, Rick Bendera, came out with 42.

Mills is also interested in issues affecting students. She said she does not know how she will affect Board decisions and will face the issues as they come up.

"I think the one major issue that's facing us right now is getting the on-campus residence and improving student life as a whole," Mills said.

According to Mills, the stu-dents' representative will be heard on the Board, especially if the student is level-headed and looks at all sides of an issue and acts responsibly.

"If they are irresponsible, they're not going to be treated with respect," Mills said.

Faculty representative...

by Sue Gargiulo

A new member has been elected to Humber College's Board of Governors (BOG). Werner Loiskandl was elected

as a first-time faculty representative to the Board.

A marketing teacher at Humber College for 19 years, Loiskandl's main priority is with educational standards: keeping them up-todate and ensuring that there is. enough funding to do so.

He said he wants active support to the intellectual system, but the lack of educational funding worries him

Funding is not merely a question of re-sharpening teachers' tools by attending conferences or getting sabbatical leaves to do research, Loiskandl said. "There's less and less funding

Tania Mills

available. As a result, we find ourselves just being machines that are supposed to instruct students with antiquated knowledge, that's my main concern," he added. Getting funds is not Loiskandl's

job. Rather, he said his job is to represent the faculty and advocate an improvement in the allocation of funds.

"It's certainly my job as the representative of the faculty to make the BOG aware of the unequal distribution of funding," Loiskandl said.

He sees his role on the Board as an informative one.

"I do make an effort to prepare myself for the issues that are being discussed. My job is really to inform Board members, to influence Board members if possible, of the

Faculty's position," Loiskandl said.

More importantly, he wants the Humber community and especially the Board of Governors to be made aware the faculty is not just somebody that goes on strike, he said.

He views the Board as a political body and one that should be dealt with in that way.

"I think every student, every concerned community member should draw to the government's attention by whatever means they've got, that education in this country, in this province, is really being disadvantaged," he said.

Faculty representatives don't have the vote, but Loiskandl is not worried.

"I think we all work for the same thing, so voting is just a confirmation of a status and we will have that status shortly," Loiskandl said. He added this would come about by the end of February, or by March.

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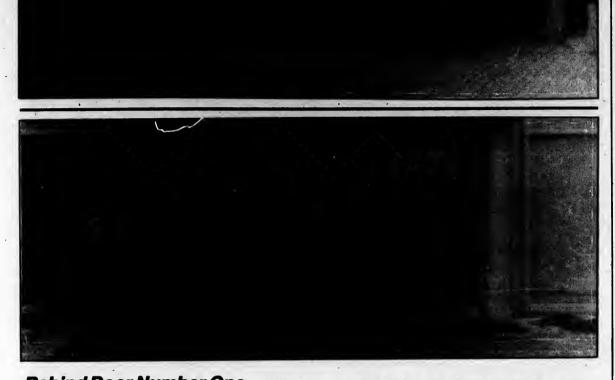
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Behind Door Number One — Confusion over the college's official entrance will end on Feb. 18. Until now the library and the old entrance have shared the honor.

New entrance to North

Humber College's North campus is officially changing its main entrance.

The existing main entrance, which is located near the Registration Centre, will be used until Feb. 18. The following day the future main entrance, which is situated near the library, will be officially in use.

According to John Saso, vicepresident of Administration, the sign dubbing the spot as the main entrance was built during construction of the NX section for cost-efficiency reasons.

Saso said he has received no complaints about confusion with the two signs.

He added that the reason behind the change is because the existing main entrance was never meant to be the main entrance of the campus.

"An area was designated on the original master plan but the funding didn't come in," said Saso.

Completion of the landscaping will continue in the spring. The design is intended to draw people's attention to the future main entrance.

Plans are also in the works to rename the existing main entrance. Suggestions include 'Administration Entrance' and 'Registration Entrance'. Saso added that new signs explaining the sections of the college are planned to be posted in the spring period. The signs will describe the sections instead of using

ex- letters.

"There are substantial concerns over the enormity of the college and being able to get around it," said Saso.

Black History Week explores Africa's past

by RaDeana Goodyear

February is designated as Black History Month across North America.

In keeping with the tradition, Humber College's Afro-Caribbean Club (ACC) has designated Feb. 19-21 as Black History Week.

The event will be held in the Student Centre located outside of the Pipe.

The ACC is sponsoring the event, from 11 a.m. until 2 p.m., to help educate people about African black history.

"Black History Week is designed to enlighten people about the cultural past of Africa," ACC President Debra Ross said.

There will be a variety of entertainment provided by students both from the music department and club members. The agenda will be made up of lectures, panel discussions, singers, dancers and art displays depicting African culture.

"Black History week helps in the advancement of blacks in the community," Ross said.

community," Ross said. The ACC was established eight years ago by students who were upset by a black tie affair advertisement in Coven. Underneath the ad "no blacks allowed" was printed. Black students felt the need to voice their opinions, so they created ACC.

Currently, there are approximately 25-30 students involved with ACC. The club holds meetings every Wednesday at 4:30 p.m. Anyone interested in joining is urged to attend the meetings.

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SAC rejects OCCSPA offer

by Janet E. Keown

The Students' Association Council (SAC) recently rejected a proposal to have the head office of the Ontario Community College Student Presidents' Association Council (OCCSPA) at Humber.

"OCCSPA's present head office is a box of files that travels with whoever is chairperson of the union," said George Whebell, the current acting chairperson. At the last OCCSPA meeting

At the last OCCSPA meeting SAC President Tania Mills said that Humber might be interested in housing the head office. "We (Humber's SAC) have the facilities," she said. "Humber is in a central location, and it's a start for OCCSPA."

All that is needed right now is a filing cabinet and SAC's secretary could answer the phone and look up files for people."

However, the motion was defeated for several reasons. The secretary is not the only one who answers the phone. Not every SAC member knows enough about OCCSPA to answer questions about it. SAC would be committing the councils for the next three years to the idea. There is not room at Humber for any other staff members that OCCSPA may eventually want to hire.

Joe Mason, SAC's vicepresident said his main reason for voting against the head office was the three-year commitment that Whebel wanted.

"We can't say whether the students' councils for the next three years will want to to have it. We are here to represent this year's students.

Who's to say Humber wouldn't want to drop out of OCCSPA if fees get too high, the students' council hadn't even heard about it (the proposal) until that council meeting."

OCCSPA represents all 22 community college student council's. Humber pays \$1,017 a year to belong to it.

The government pays more attention to one large organization than several small organizations.



PHOTO BY SCOTT BUJEYA

Touring Students — High school students considering Humber get a first hand look at the school's facilities. Which entrance did they use?

Special needs students get SAC's helping hand

by Janet E. Keown

The Students' Association Council is planning ways to help intellectually challenged students fit into the social life with the rest of the college population.

of the college population. Tim Bailey, SAC director of special needs, formed an ad hoc committee at the past SAC meeting to come up with ways student council can increase social integration of the students in the Community Integration through Co-operative Education' (CICE) program.

"Some CICE students are too shy to approach others," said Cathy Berry of the CICE program. "Even though students talk to them during class time, they have no one to eat lunch with."

Suggestions at the SAC meeting included SAC advertising for volunteers in Coven and Inside Track, sending all advertisements for SAC sponsored activities to the CICE office, getting guest speakers (such as social workers) to come to Humber, and SAC members eating lunch with CICE students.

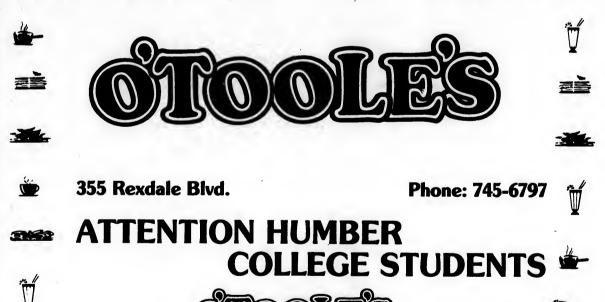
CICE is an experimental program. The 18 students who are in it do not have high school education. Some of them can not read. Each student is enrolled in a separate program in the college.

"We are the only college in Canada that is actually doing this," Berry said. She is trying to turn around the social perception that these students are "retarded" first and people second. "The success of this program depends on the students being integrated," she said. Berry wants SAC to develop a plan for the next three years, and to form a volunteer organization so students who want to help will know where to go.

"The students of this college are incredible," she said. "They want to help, but they just have to know how to get involved."

know how to get involved." Berry said CICE students want to socialize with the rest of the student population, but many of them are to shy to approach others. As a result, they end up know their classmates on a superficial basis, eating lunch by themselves, and not attending any other social activities.

Berry went to SAC for help because the members of SAC are students themselves, and they have the resources to reach the rest of the student population.





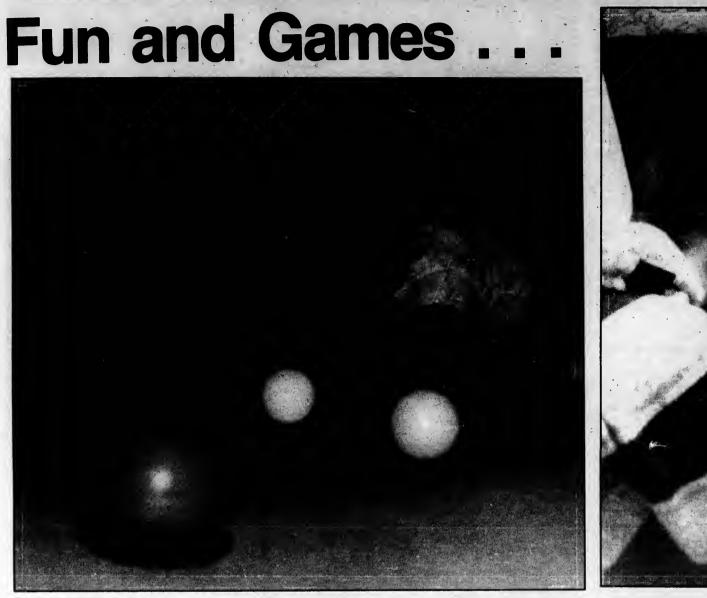
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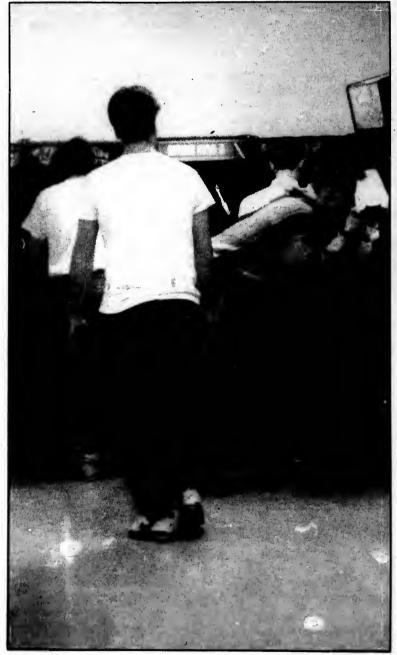
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Wrong day for Caps

Dear Dave Knott:

The recent changes to Caps schedule is a pleasant surprise. Finally, one can enjoy more than the beer at this fine establishment.

Although Utopia would have been achieved had the hours been extended every night, a round of applause should go to you and your constituents, including Maggie Hobbs, for making these improvements.

Unfortunately, the one night the hours have been extended is Monday. Please explain the reasoning behind this, Dave.

Who wants to drink on Monday, Dave? Most are recovering from hangovers incurred on the weekend. Alcohol is the last thing on anyone's mind on Monday.

It shows poor business sense, Dave. If there is any night for another pub it should be Friday.

People drink on Fridays, Dave. People don't have to be in school Saturday morning and as Friday is the beginning of the weekend, Caps would only benefit by the drinkers who have trouble pacing themselves.

Caps could capitalize on the mere fact partying starts on Friday, Dave.

But, all good things take time and Caps realizing its new hours are totally useless will take time as well.

But, things being as they are, it is good to see Caps is introducing a new line-up to their program.

Parking still a problem thanks to Mt. Gordon

Humber's parking situation has always been a joke, but now it is costing money.

The college spent close to \$40,000 to level the earth fondly known as Mount Gordon but, with all sacrifices comes progress and now there are an extra 100 parking spaces.



Letters to the editor

Re: Grant to Students Has SAC VP Fuming and Mason Out to Lunch

This letter is in response to both "Grant to students has SAC VP fuming" and "Mason out to lunch", which appeared in the Feb. 8 edition of Coven.

Mature students are an integral part of the college community and the population of this unique student group far surpasses the quoted "75". Therefore, the activity fee received by SAC from this group far exceeds the quoted "\$3,000". However, this does not imply that SAC should allot the total activity fee that mature students contribute to services and activities specific to mature students. Currently, SAC finances a number of services which are of benefit to all students. These services include the following: student health insurance plan, peer tutoring, income tax clinic, student handbook, five cent photocopying, used bookstore, the typing service. Mature students have full access to all of these services.

On the other hand, SAC activities programming should address all student populations. The intent of approaching SAC to sponsor an "activity" for mature students was to provide SAC with an opportunity to better meet the needs and interests of all students.

Your articles focus on one SAC member's opinion, which was based on technical reasoning, and does not reflect the support displayed by the majority of the SAC members to fund this alternative programming proposal. Elizabeth Ganong,

Student Life

Correction

Correction: In last week's Coven story, "Weighting it out", we reported the weight room open Tues. and Thurs. from 6:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. In fact, the weight room is closed during these hours.

TALKBACK What was your reaction



The only question remaining is; When is this muddy field going to be paved so cars do not sink into the mire? When are the rest of the parking lots going to be paved for that matter?

Dry cleaning and car wash bills, not to mention suspension parts do not come cheap these days!

Last week's news briefs warned students towing and ticketing would commence on last Monday when vehicles illegally park in aisles and roadsides.

Yet, a tour of the parking lots on Monday morning showed students didn't read the notice, didn't heed the notice, or didn't have a choice. Even attempting to park illegally would probably have been difficult because even cars with parking stickers lined the roadsides.

Director of Outside Services John Hooiveld said there is no reason for illegal parking. "In reality," he said, for every permit issued, there is a corresponding space but, people aren't giving themselves enough time to find a spot.

The reality is Humber College's Parking Gestapo are not fulfilling their duties and ticketing or towing cars parked illegally. Otherwise, people who have paid for parking wouldn't have to risk being ticketed.

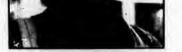
It would probably be for the best if the college doesn't put spaces where Mount Gordon used to be. This way, 100 fewer parking spaces will be occupied by illegally parked cars.

to the release of Nelson Mandela? .

by Kelly Counsell



Pino Puntillo Marketing "It's great he's really free. but I think it will create more problems. The whites must feel threatened by him because there's a black majority."



Ted Harrod Nursing "It's good. It's long overdue. I foresee a lot of violence coming up.'



Frank Russo Hotel and Restaurant Man-"Who is he?"

Theressa Puchta Journalism "I'm happy. I really hope they don't get to him.



Cindy Mulrine Recreation Leadership "It's great, but'l don't know what will happen from it."

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OPIDIOD Mandela's freedom a progressive step ahead

The release of Nelson Mandela by the South African government is a positive step forward for the normalization of relations among blacks and whites in that beleaguered country. It will also begin a process to dismantle apartheid and establish a democratic government based on one person, one vote.

A CARLES AND A CAR

When Nelson Mandela, leader of the African National Congress (ANC), stepped out from a car at the Victor Verster prison in Cape Town, there was a lot of excitement, anxiety and jubilation in South Africa and throughout the world.

Support

Mandela walked through the prison gates with a calculated step showing his firm clenched fist sa-lute of "Amandla" — power to the people, to the crowd that waited for more than 27 years to catch a glimpse of him.

One significant thing is the fact that there was no doubt that Mandela and his orgaization commanded a large number of supporters from all races in South Africa. To the people of South Africa, freedom for Mandela means freedom for them.

Mandela promised the people of that country that he would return and that his freedom was interwoven and inseparable from theirs.

There is no doubt, there are other people who are not happy about Mandela's release, internationally and in South Africa itself. However, his release has given hope to the oppressed black South African majority and has increased fear, desperation and hatred among the white, rightwinged population.

The oppressed black majority see Mandela as a father figure — a

WILSON MATIDZE

hero and leader; a man who has seen his precious life wasted in jail because of his commitment to the total abolishment of the abominable system of apartheid.

His incarceration was unjustified, for Mandela is not a terrorist, but a defender of human life, hope, aspiration and a future based on equal opportunity and not on inequality on the basis of color.

Mandela said before, he was equally opposed to white domination as to black domination. He remained committed to the "Freedom Charter", a policy document adopted by the African National Congress, which says, "South Africa belongs to all who live in it, black and white. There is no government that can justly claim authority unless it is based on the will of all the people.'

Freedom Charter

The "Freedom Charter" was regarded by the white Nationalist government as a communist document and by other blacks as a sellout since it encompassed the white population.

The combination of his com-mittment to the "Freedom Charter" and his organization, which in 1961 formed a military wing, aimed at overthrowing the government by guerrilla warfare. It pushed South Africa to unfathomable fear that drove them to keep him in prison — a fear that later drove them to set him free. After all, he is an aging 71-year-old who should not scare anyone - even the white supremacists.

As a South African studying in

Canada, I have often felt that not all Canadians understand what it's like to live under apartheid. It is a life that makes you feel as if you are driven into a tight corner with

no breathing space left. I have only seen Mandela in pictures and presently on television in Canada. I am crossing my fingers that an announcement will be made, by Prime Minister Brian Mulroney, inviting Mandela to Canada.

Racism

For a few years I dreamed about the man walking to freedom and there was jubilation and celebration for freedom. I am more confident that freedom is knocking on the door.

I regard this freedom not only for black people, alone, but fo the white people as stipulated in the "Freedom Charter". It is very clear we will not allow the rightwing whites and black extremists to thwart our noble and disciplined march to freedom, democracy and progress for all.

Racism is an evil that is not supposed to exist in the first place. Apartheid is an evil system intended to use others.

The people of Canada are also showing positive action in supporting the big step towards dis-mantling apartheid. Mulroney's government announced it will not lift sanctions until the dismantling of apartheid is irreversible and Feb. 11 has been named Nelson Mandela Day in Toronto.

This is a remarkable achievement by the ANC with support from the international community.

Democracy should triumph over oppression in South Africa, which must take its rightful position among the family of nations in the world.

Task force won't deter violence

LISA BROWN

In 1980, seven Humber students and one non-student were arrested and charged with drug offences

Police seized \$2,500 (street value) of drugs in the raids including marijuana, hashish, L.S.D., Percodan and Benzedrine.

Undercover police officers made the arrests during a two day raid directly after the March Break. The school had been cased for over four months and these investigations led to one of the biggest busts in Humber history

In 1988, a patron of Caps was injured at the pub.

The patron claims he was thrown through the glass door by the bouncers and he brought charges against both the bouncers and the school. Caps was closed for over three months pending investigation.

The 1990 announcement of the task force, studying aggressive behavior at Humber, comes just after the occurances at the University of Montreal and Queen's University, but Humber too has had a bumpy history of drug related problems and aggressive behavior.

These unfavorable events affect everyone at Humber and the administration is entirely within its right to implement a task force. But some questions remain.

What does this committee hope to conclude? How could the recommendations given by the task force possibly work, when the day to day efforts of the police so often fail?

The college is taking on a big task with the committee and as much as I hope its sug-gestions are successfully im-plemented, I can't help but suspect the committee's efforts will be useless.

It is difficult enough to enforce the laws of everyday society, nevermind the rules at Humber. The administration is naive to think this committee can make valid suggestions regarding remedies for the personalities and characters of the people of the Hum-

ber community. The University of Montreal has a security system to ensure the safety of the students and staff, as does Humber. The shotgun Marc Lepine carried was no match for a security system and now 14 women are dead.

No one could have known the engineering students at Queen's University were going to mock date rape. No task force or a hundred years of research could have stop-ped those students from doing what they did.

Precautions are taken all the time and in a case such as AIDS precautions have saved some lives. Unfortunately, some people think they are immortal and the disease is just something that happens to everyone else.

And, as everyone does not practice safe sex, not everyone will give up dealing drugs, not everyone will give up doing drugs, not everyone will give up drinking and not everyone will give up their personalities.

Not everyone pays attention to the rules and the college can't prevent these people from following the rules. The only thing the college can do is deliver discipline after the deed is done.

Gorbachev setting the pace for a democratic Russia

GEORGE **GUIDONI**

Given the decades of gross economic mismanagement, deplorable corruption by the officials, and police-state brutality under

ly afterwards by a Bolshevik coup d'etat in November of the same year.

This second 'February Revolu-

Eastern Europe, such as the tearing down of the Berlin Wall and the popular uprising in Romania, have taken place at such neck-

conceived empire, cannot live under a democratic system. Needless to say, the democratic

Go Gorby, go!

Time magazine's 'man of the decade' is well on his way to becoming man of the century, heroically smashing the monolithic communist block and bravely setting USSR on a course to genuine democracy and liberty.

Last week's decision by Mikhail Gorbachev to allow other political parties run for office in USSR and the de facto recognition of the Lithuanian Communist Party's independence from the Kremlin, are monumental events, parallelled by few in contemporary history.

What makes these moves especially admirable is the implied willingness on behalf of Gorbachev to give up power, should the people of USSR eventually decide that.

the communist regime, it's hard to imagine the Soviet communists have the people's backing in truly free elections.

The demise of communist parties across Eastern Europe, initiated by Gorbachev's bold programs of glastnost and perestroika, are only a prelude to the kind of backlash communists stand to receive in the motherland of bolshevism.

It's little wonder the aging and out-of-touch conservatives in the Communist Party put up a desperate last-minute stand last week, masquerading the Soviet system's crimes against humanity as glorious achievements of the proletariat.

But, there was no fooling some 300,000 Moscovites who marched on Kremlin last week to demand democracy and freedom, achieved at such high costs in February of 1917 and stolen shorttion,' climaxing a year of incredible historic events, may just be the final nail in the coffin of not only the world's most murderous political tyranny, but also, in a wider context, the tightrope nuclear balance-of-terror existence left upon this planet as a legacy of divided Europe.

The opportunity for genuine peace has never been greater than now, thanks to the actions of one selfless man whose duty to history and humanity overrode any personal ambition and greed expected as norm from a Communist leader.

Although the eventual success is far from certain at present, the forces which Gorbachev unleashed with his liberal reforms have proven to be more than a match for bullets and barbed wire. the cornerstones of communist rule.

The extraordinary events in

breaking speeds and with such unrestrained passion, that little doubt is left as to what the common people have come to think of their respective 'socialist paradises.'

In USSR, where nationalist movements are already delivering mortal blows to the 20th century 'sick man of Europe,' the writing is clearly on the wall: out with communism.

Those who maintain that Russia is incapable of true democracy because it never had any, are mistaken in much the same way as those 'experts' who once said Germany was incapable of democracy, given that country's long tradition of authoritarian rule and militant expansionism. Today, West Germany hoasts what is probably the most functional and competent democratic system in the world.

There is no reason of divine will why Russians, as well as the numerous other people impris-

world is watching with anticipation and hope.

oned in the awkward and ill-

Democracies do not go to war with one other, they do not point nuclear missiles at each other's capitals, and they do not impose their wills on other people with tanks and cannons.

The world is anxiously watching as Gorbachev manoeuvres brilliantly to shake the chains of communist despotism from the newly awakened East European consciousness, even if, in doing so, he's setting up his own eventual downfall.

The road is still long and treacherous, but at least it's finally leading to a future where terms Cold War, Mutually Assured Destruction, and Nuclear Winter, will not be everyday realities, but mere reminders of the dangers of ideological totalitarianism run amuck.

Go Gorby, go!



by Vicki L. Wirkkunen

Toronto audiences have just a few months left to witness a musical which will remain in the memory for years to come. The local run of Les Miserables moves west at the end of May.

As the house lights go down at the historical Royal Alexandra Theatre the viewers are drawn into the world of pre-revolutionary France; into the life of one struggling to make living worthwhile in such a world.

In 1815, Jean Valjean is being given a reprise on existance. After serving 19 years on the chain gang — his sentence for stealing a piece of bread to save his starving family — he is released on parole. However, the yellow ticket-ofleave he must display condemns him to a worse sentence. He is still seen as a criminal in the eyes of society.

Experience has caused Valjean to gaze back at his fellow man with a callous heart — until he is paid an unexpected kindness which becomes the catalyst in his personal reform.

It goes without saying Michael Burgess is Jean Valjean. His portrayal transcends acting; he becomes the part. The strength of Burgess' voice alone is enough to demand continuous curtain calls.

The story moves eight years into the future. Valjean has changed his name, and his life, to become a factory owner and mayor. The fact that he had to break his parole to achieve this seems inconsequential at the time.

Valjean has come far in the eight years. He has changed his name to Monsieur Madeleine and apparently forgotten his time as Jean Valjean the criminal. But there is one who has not forgotten. Javert, a man of the law, has been tracking the parole-breaking convict Valjean for years. His personal sense of justice decrees that he is not fulfilling his role in society with Valjean still at large. Les Miser-

Les Miserables explores how these two individuals are driven to do what they believe to be the right thing; how the right of one man can lead to the destruction of another.

Valjean confesses his true identity to Javert to save an innocent man from being convicted in a case of mistaken identity. Consequently, Valjean must begin another life again. This time, however, he is not doing it alone.

He had made

a promise to a dying woman, Fantine, to take care of her daughter. The scene at Fantine's death bed brought about the first glimmer of tears and discreet coughs from the audience. This is due to a superb performance by Susan Gilmour as Fantine.

An element of comedy is brought into the production when Valjean goes to find Fantine's. young daughter Cosette. She has been lodged with an outlandish couple called the Thenardiers who run an inn. Cosette has been treated little better than a slave for the past five years. The Thenardiers are played by Graeme Campbell and Janelle Hutchinson who elict a By chance, the student Marius happens upon Cosette and Valjean. For the two young people, it's love upon first sight. However, fate decrees that Marius and Cosette should not meet at this time. Marius asks Eponine, daughter of the Thenardiers, to

help him find his mysterious lady. Unknown to Marius, Eponine is deeply in love with him.

Eponine is played by Lor-retta Bailey. The power of her voice, com-bined with the passion she puts into the portrayal of her character, helps to make Les Miserables the outstanding performance it is. Next to Bailey, Kym-berley Huffman's portrayal of Cosette seems a bit weak. However, Huffman and David

as a result. Eponine dies returning to Marius after delivering a letter to Cosette for him. He holds her as she draws her last breaths and any teary eyes in the playhouse turn into cascades at this point. The emotion can be felt throughout the theatre.

Valjean and Marius barely survive the battle. Valjean, carrying a badly-wounded Marius, meets up with Javert. Acting against the principles which make up his persona, Javert lets Valjean go. This shattering of his ideals causes the end of Javert. He throws himself off a bridge into the River Seine.

Marius survives and he and Cosette prepare to begin a life together. As this new life begins, another comes to an end. Just as the spirits of those who have passed before come to claim that of Valjean, secrets are revealed and thoughts long kept supressed are spoken. Finally Valjean, who as a mortal lived many lives in his one time, joins Fantine, Eponine and those who died during the insurrection.

Part of the magic and splendour of Les Miserables comes from the extraordinary sets and lighting. A revolving stage allows for more expression than a standard stable one does. It is evident that this presentation comes off due to a large number of people workine as a unit.

The joy and laughter, sorrow and tears, evoked by Les Miserables is a brief representation of human existence. This is one show that should be seen for more than its entertainment value. It's an extraordinary three hours of life that will stay in the hearts and minds of audiences throughout their days.



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number of laughs from the audience, thus balancing out the darker aspects of the story.

The story shifts to Paris nine years later. There is unrest in the city. Beggars and thieves roam the streets. Students talk of revolution. The Thenardiers have become the leaders of a street-gang. The scene is set for the main players to come together for the first time. Malek, who plays Marius, have a certain chemistry that makes their characters' love in a turbulent time come across with undeniable tenderness which would pull at the heart strings of even the most hardened viewer.

The final half of Les Miserables is hard to get through with dry eyes. The students stage a failed insurrection, with many lives lost



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Don't step on my blue suede shoes - An unidentified student shows off his pelvic manoeuvres during the Caps lip-sync contest. Elvis didn't win, though, as one girl did a Dirty Dancing duet.

Elvis lives

by RaDeana Goodyear

If you didn't attend the Caps lip-sync contest on Monday, you have missed your only opportunity to see Elvis live.

The event kicked off Spring Fever Week, which is hosted by SAC. Five contestants took to the

stage lip-syncing their favourite songs with an enthusiastic crowd cheering them on.

Elvis was the first to take to the stage with his rendition of Heartbreak Hotel and Jail House Rock. The contestant even did a remarkable job of imitating "The King's' famous pelvic shakes.

Tears for Fears also made an appearance, performing Sowing the Seeds of Love.

The stage was lit up with fire as another contestant performed Great Balls of Fire by Jerry Lee Lewis.

She did the song from the movie Dirty Dancing, (I had the time of my life). The solo feat was accomplished when she used herself as the female voice and her back as the male voice. It was a well executed performance, leaving the crowd applauding and laughing.

The winner of the competition was contestant number four, who mastered the art of being two people in one.

Although there weren't a lot of competitors, the audience seemed pleased with the show.

Pubs to improve

by Jamie Monastyrski

Caps will be trying hard to cure your mid-winter blues by starting a whole new second semester program.

This program will include comedians, musicians, contests, movies and food specials.

One new program Caps has created is comedy Mondays which will feature comedians every second week direct from Yuk Yuks.

Also on Mondays the cable net-

by Paul J. Berthiaume

"Believe it or not!" The Much-Music Video Dance Party is com-

ing to Humber on Feb. 22. Video jockey C.J. Hunter is on

the road seven days a week work-

ing with the MuchMusic Video

Get ready for Much

Block.

work show, 'The Comedy Club Series' will be aired featuring such comedians as Eddle 'foulmouthed' Murphy and Steve 'cat-juggler' Martin. "The object of all this is to

make Caps a place to meet new friends," said Dave Knott, coordinator of the new program.

Friends could head to Caps every Monday night starting Feb. 26 to watch 'Homegrown', a program showcasing Humber music students.

in Bramalea, Hunter introduced a

song by New Kids On The Block

which resulted in a negative out-

burst from the students. They cal-

led the New Kids "Mucus On the

To keep the students in a good

"Sometimes you got to do

There are eight MuchMusic

Studio Vans operating in Canada

during most of the week. Three

vans cover all of Ontario and one

will pop in every now and then to

make a guest appearance, but they never tell me when they will show

up," admitted Hunter. The price for the MuchMusic Video Dance Party is \$1,200 the

first part of the week, while Thurs-

day, Friday, and Saturday it is ab-

Special thanks to St. Thomas

Aquinas School for destroying the

New Kid's Cassette. Now Hum-

ber College is safe from

The VJ's from MuchMusic

things like this to please the audi-

ence and give the people what they

want," said Hunter.

in Quebec.

out \$1,600.

Bands performing reggae, jazz and rock'n'roll will be entertaining students for the evening pub.

Maggie Hobbs said if everything works well with 'Homeg-rown,' plans for an licensed outdoor festival could be possible.

On Tuesday Caps will be serving a meaty diet starting with an appettizer, a chicken wing special, then a theatrical main course of Joe Beef.

Joe Beef is a play which will be performed by Humber theatre students.

Even though the entertainment diet is quite full, "Caps will be taking a loss on wing day," Knott said.

If chicken and theatre are not your idea of a main meal then 'Flash Back Flicks'' every



Dave Knott

Wednesday will entertain the most sombre of individuals.

Classic flicks such as Animal House, Scarface and Monty Python's Life of Brian will fill the screen with laughter and drama.

In a 1988 edition of Campus Canada, Caps was rated as one of the top pubs in the country.

To regain that prestigous position Caps will have cut-rate prices

for Thursday night pubs. Last week's pub was the first free pub in 11 years.

Posters, calendars and table cards will be strewn throughout the campus in February promoting the new entertainment program. "March will be even bigger,"

promises Knott.



mood, Hunter let two students go Dance Party. on the big screen camera as they Hunter travels all across Ontardestroyed the New Kids video casio and the East coast presenting sette. The crowd rioted with exthe Video Dance Party with a 15 by 15 foot screen and 1,500 of the citement.

latest videos. "Basically what we have here is a mobile studio by Videomax

based out of Edmonton, it's sponsored by Coca-Cola Classic and MuchMusic.

"We carry approximately 50 hours of video or 1,500 videos,' said Hunter.

They have everything from heavy metal, rap, alternative, and classical.

Hunter operates the show from within his mobile studio van. He appears on the big screen, like Big Brother, every so often to introduce a song with a shocking his-torical detail about the video using the phrase "Believe it or not."

Hunter's van has a monitor that can capture every detail of his audience.

At a high school show on Feb. 9





Coffins buried in the heart of Humber

by Cori Johnston

The quasi-museum setting located in the funeral services division has been the best kept secret in years.

The laboratory is the home of dozens of coffins collected from all over the world. Coffins were sent from places such as Russia, Australia, Nicaragua, Iran and Zimbabwe. Among the collection is a steel coffin from Viet Nam used for soldiers killed in warfare.

Paul Faris has been a faculty member in the funeral services department for the past 14 years and said the purpose of the collection is to familiarize the students with early techniques used in funeral services.

"The museum is used to show the students old instruments and equipment used in the early 1900's. It explains where we evolved from when we teach the history of funeral services and embalming," said Faris.

The coffins are on display in the lab. Although the items found in the museum have been donated, the lack of space has caused Faris to turn away additional collectables. "It looks rough the way we have it, but we don't have the space to display it well and to keep the items shined and polished," Faris said. "It would be interesting if we had the time and the energy to open it to other people, but you don't want it to be kind of a morbidly curious thing," he said.

The Funeral services program faculty has considered a fundraising drive to raise money for expansion to the department, which would include raising money for a proper museum to house the items on display, and the possibility of establishing a centre for death education in Ontario.

The maintenance of the museum is minimal. "Some of the caskets are made of unusual tropical woods that dry out and split which may require some repair, but as for maintenance, there is no problem," said Faris. Funeral services has always

Funeral services has always been an area of mixed emotions. Faris said most people are mystified by funeral services and death because they don't know enough about it.

Funeral services is a social service job, Faris said, that "can be both exciting and challenging because we're helping people through a difficult time."

The museum can be viewed when the lab is not in use. The four instructors' timetables and the use of the lab facilities limit the tour availability.



QUASI-MUSEUM - A wide selection of coffins are on display at Funeral Services.

Teacher's hobby is in the cards

by Nicole LaPorte

June Teckert is anxiously shuffling her tarot cards in anticipation of the eighth annual Psychic Mystics and Seers Fair in Toronto.

Teckert began teaching clerical courses at Humber College when it first opened in 1971. For the past 10 years, she has been practising the art of astrology, and attending the bi-annual Psychic Fair.

Teckert graduated from the University of Toronto with a Masters degree in education. Tired of taking academic courses, Teckert decided to study astrology as a hobby at the Institute of Studies and Astrology. She then attended Humber's own tarol card reading course taught by Michael Zizis, one of Toronto's most famous psychics. Zizis suggested Teckert enter the psychic fair. "Michael bought me a program

"Michael bought me a program for his computer that did mathematical calculations in minutes. This was ideal because it would do the charts and graphs at the psychic fair quicker," Teckert said.

Teckert's fascinaton with deciding one's future through the stars stems from her interest in personal relationships.

"I like astrology because it involves dealing with people on a one-to-one basis. It's more personal as opposed to business oriented," she said.

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- 5. JUST LIKE JESSE JAMES --- Cher
- 6. I REMEMBER YOU Skid Row
- 7. STILL GOT THIS THING Alannah Myles
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Hawks score again

by Andrew Joseph

The Humber Hawks' hockey team spoiled Seneca's party on Feb. 8 with a convincing 5-2 win. Almost lost in the excitement were four-point nights by the Hawks' Paul Jackson and Kent Falby.

Pre-game ceremonies at Seneca had former Brave all-star Steve Guyatt have his sweater retired in an emotional tribute. Guyatt had, until recently, held the career scoring record of 200 points. That record was broken by the Hawks' Paul Jackson.

Ah, but back to the game. The contest sparked very little chippiness, as the Hawks and Braves skated through 40 minutes of play deadlocked at two apiece.

After the Hawks took a 1-0 lead by Jackson, the Braves managed to tie it up when Remo Tucci scored with only 25 seconds left in the opening frame.

The Braves grabbed the lead three and a half minutes into the second when Dave Kiratzis converted a nifty pass from Art West into the Hawk net.

Inspired by Greco's work, Jackson slipped his second goal of the game past a startled Brave goalie at 9:17 of the second period.

It was at this point that a frustrated Greg Quattrin, coach of the Braves, vented his spleen in the direction of the officials. Not merely satisfied with exchanging pleasantries with the referee, Quattrin proceeded to inform him of just how bad a job he was doing. After being warned several times to keep quiet, Quattrin was given the heave-ho by the referee. Smelling a victory, the Hawks

Smelling a victory, the Hawks came out skating in the third period scoring three unanswered goals. Assisted by both Jackson and Falby, Andy Rivers put the Hawks out to stay at 4:42 of the third. Goals by Joe Washkurak and Falby salted away the win for the Hawks who still trail the Georgian Grizzlies by two points for top spot.

V-ball loss

by Douglas Duke

A 10-1 run in game four by Centennial Colts propelled them to a 3-1 victory (12-15, 15-12, 15-12, 15-9) over the men's volleyball Hawks Tuesday night at the Gordon Wragg Centre.

Wragg Centre. Humber, ranked 14th in Canadian College Athletic Association (CCAA) polls, came into the game having won four of their last six matches and eyeing a provincial playoff berth.

Playing in the powerful Ontario Conference, which boasts five of the country's top 15 teams, the Hawks now find their play-off hopes diminishing after the defeat to the 13th ranked Colts.

The Hawks, now 4-7 in OCAA, failed to capitalize on many scoring opportunities as a result of inconsistent serving and poor receiving.

Hawk blow-out!

by Laura Lee Catleugh

Humber Hawks coach Dana Shutt described Saturday's game against Cambrian Golden Shield as "more boring than kissing your sister." The Hawks hammered the Sudbury team 15-0.

The Hawks took advantage of Cambrian's poor defence, playing a strong offensive game with five goals in the first period, and six in the second.

Shutt decided to pull number one goalie Piero Greco after the eighth goal to give Michael Noonan and his team a chance to earn a shutout against last-place Cambrian.

"I wanted the team to work for the shutout," said Shutt. "I knew we could do it, but you have to keep your guard up all the time. "You have to give Cambrian some credit, though. They played the first place-team (Georgian) last night, and the second-place team tonight. They're run down, they have hurt players. It took a lot of courage to get on the bus in Sudbury," Shutt said.

But one of the spectators didn't have the same opinion during the game, yelling out "they should have stayed on the bus."

Top scorers of the game were Mark Bracken with a hat trick; Allen Crawford, Rick Hay, and Paul Jackson each with a pair.

Shutt is adamant his team will "win it all," as the Hawks have a few games left in the regular season before the playoffs.

Ski team goes for provincial win

by Andrew Joseph

Humber's ski team is anything but downhill this year.

After winning the over-all championship at a Feb. 9 tournament at Blue Mountain, Humber stands poised to take the provincial title. The men's team finished first, while the women captured second spot.

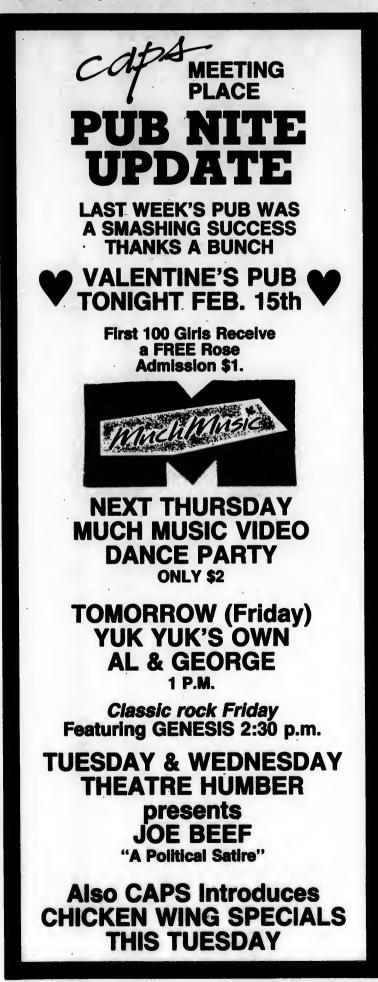
Although, Georgian College is still considered the team to beat, Humber Ski Coach Tom Brown is optimistic. "We've got an amazing track record and rank up there with the top three (basketball, hockey and volleyball)."

The provincial championships will be held Feb. 15-16 at Mansfield Ski Resort. Six men and four women will represent Humber at the event. Brown also expects stiff competition from Thunder Bay's Confederation College.

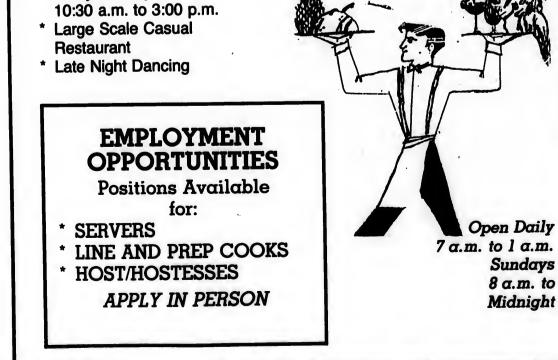
"We never see Confederation until the provincial championships so we don't know what to expect," said Brown. Brown added that two years ago

Brown added that two years ago Humber defeated Confederation and that they beat us last year. "This year it looks like this will be the final game in the best two out of three series."

According to Brown, he feels the mens team is peaking now. "They're an in-depth team with excellent racing skills. It's all on the line this Thurs. and Fri."







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Sport Shorts

• Seneca hockey coach, Greg Quarttrin was ejected from a game versus Humber on Feb. 8 for arguing too long with the referee.

• The Humber Ski team will par-

ticipate in the OCCA cham-

pionship Feb. 15-16 at the Man-sfield Ski Resort. • Athletic Therapist and Fitness

Co-ordinator John Gransuall has left Humber College. He is replaced by Rac Anne Cude, a stu-dent at Humber last year.



Lady Hawk Iona Dawes leads the OCAA in basketball scoring. The shifty forward averages 25 points per game.

Hockey Hawk Mark Bracken scored a hat trick and earned an assist during last Sat. game against the Cambrian Golden Shield.

Upcoming Games

Men's Volleyball Feb. 15, 8p.m. Sheridanaway

End of Regular Season Women's Volleyball Feb. 19, 8 p.m. Seneca Ex. home

End of Regular Season

Men's Basketball

Feb. 15, 8 p.m. Fanshawe home

Feb. 28, 8 p.m. George Brown — away

End of Regular Season Women's Basketball

- Feb. 15, 6 p.m. Fanshawe - home
- Feb. 19, 6 p.m. Centennial - home

Feb. 28, 6 p.m. George Brown — away End of Regular Season

Hockey Feb. 17, 7:30 p.m. Sher-idan — Westwood End of Regular Season

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Humber fan support low

by Laura Lee Catleugh

Although the Humber Hawks were in fine form in their 15-0 victory over the Cambrian Golden Shield Saturday night, few Humber students were present to cheer on their team.

Humber College has shown a disappointing lack of support in athletics. The Hawks, second in the OUAA Division I, drew only a handful of fans Saturday night, the majority being family and friends of the players.

'I'll bet 90 per cent of the student body doesn't even know where Westwood Arena is," said disgruntled student Dave Walsh.

'Where is the school spirit? People don't like the team, even though the Hawks are one of the best teams in the league," Walsh said.

One of the spectators at Saturday's game was 15-year-old Julie O'Mally, who isn't a Humber student, but comes to see the action at

Hawks' games. "I think they're great," she said."I see most of their home games, and I think more of Humber's students should see what they're missing.

Many spectators cited scheduling of the games and lack of promotion as reasons for low attendance.

Hawks' coach Dana Shutt says he doesn't blame students for bypassing a lot of home games; they're just being good consumers.

These people wouldn't waste Saturday night to watch mediocre hockey. But if the pro-duct's good, and we have a good hockey game, we'll get a crowd.

"When we play Georgian or Lindsay, we can fill up the arena. But then there are the nights when only 15 or 20 people turn out. It does get your ego down, but it happens in every league," said Shutt.





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