

# We'll pay more for tuition this Fall

by Daniel Black

Post-secondary students across Ontario will pay more for tuition next fall.

A statement issued by the Ministry of Colleges and Universities (MCU) on Jan. 5, declares college tuition will rise \$20 and university fees will increase by \$35 for the 1979-80 school year.

MCU also announced a five per cent increase in operating grants for post-secondary schools.

Steve Shallhorn, a field worker for the Ontario Federation of Students, says the grant increase is really a decrease. He says inflation in Ontario is at nine per cent and the operating grants offered to colleges and universities are not enough.

"It's obvious to me that the Ontario Government does not

want to keep colleges and universities active," he said.

Mr. Shallhorn added the 1979-80 school year will be the second year in a row that MCU has under-funded post-secondary schools.

Student Union President Don Francis says the tuition increase is the result of government cutbacks in education.

"Sure \$20 is bad news but we could be a lot worse off," he said.

Mr. Francis said at one time the ministry was considering a \$75 increase.

According to Doris Tallon, Secretary to President Gordon Wragg, all college students will be affected by the increase except international students.

Last October, the Council of Regents, an advisory committee to MCU met with student representatives from across Ontario. At the time, the chairman of the Council of

Regents, Norm Williams, said a tuition increase in the near future was not expected.

According to minutes taken at the meeting, student representatives made several recommendations. They felt a tuition increase would be wrong and asked the Council of Regents to recommend to MCU that there be no tuition increase. They also said course fees should not be used as a means of collecting additional money. Student representatives recommended the Ontario Government take no steps in the area of cutbacks without first consulting students, faculty and support staff.

Student Union President Don Francis says MCU hired P.S. Ross Consultants to examine the responses from colleges about various issues including tuition.

MCU says the increase installed Jan. 5 may change according to the results of the Ross study.

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# Support staff vote to strike



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## OPSEU continues war for wages and benefits

by Bruce Manson

The 4,356 members of the Ontario Public Service Employees Union—the support staff of Humber and the 21 other community colleges of Ontario—have given their negotiating team the authorization to call a strike if they can't reach a contract settlement with the Ontario Council of Regents. Eighty per cent of the support staff who voted were in favor of strike action. There was an 88.7 per cent turnout throughout the province. At Humber, 374 of 429 eligible voters went to the polls. Unofficially, 210 voted in favor and 169 voted against.

It is possible there may be a strike as early as Jan. 24.

The union has been without a contract since Sept. 1, 1978. Negotiators began bargaining in March, of 1978, but were unable to reach a settlement.

Official results of the strike vote are expected to be released Jan. 16.

When the unofficial results were announced early Friday, Humber College president Gordon Wragg, was unavailable for comment. Coven was told he was attending a meeting of college presidents.

The outstanding issues are wages and fringe benefits. According to the OPSEU, there is a 6.11 per cent difference between the government and union positions when wages and benefits are combined and compared.

### Seeking 10 per cent

The OPSEU wants a seven per cent increase in wages and three per cent in fringe benefits, retroactive to last September and continuing to September, 1979.

The Council of Regents is offering a 2.78 per cent increase in wages retroactive to last September and continuing to April, another six per cent from April to September, 1979, and a 16 per cent increase in fringe benefits.

Negotiations halted early in December after the Council of Regents rejected the latest OPSEU offer. Union delegates then voted unanimously to seek a strike mandate.

Should a strike be supported by the rank and file, mediator Harvey

Ladd may call both sides back to the bargaining table if he sees any room for negotiation. The union can extend the date for calling the strike but must give the college five days warning before walking out.

At a Jan. 4 support staff meeting, OPSEU negotiator G. Griffen urged Humber's 460 members to authorize the strike on Jan. 11.

"We need a strong strike mandate in order to negotiate a good settlement," said Mr. Griffen. "The Council of Regents is only going to be persuaded if they know you will go out on strike."

### Below poverty line

Mr. Griffen said earlier he would find it "incredible" if Humber's support staff voted against the strike since 45 per cent are earning wages below the poverty line.

The wage difference between the union and the Council of Regents of approximately \$220 over an eight-month period was a matter of concern among some union members at the Jan. 4 meeting. Because no salaries or benefits are paid to employees during a strike, wage increases accrued from a negotiated settlement, preferable to the union, might be lost in the strike process.

"I never knew a working person who could afford to go on strike" said Mr. Griffen, "but without doing it you won't get anywhere."

The union does provide strikers with strike pay of about \$20 per week and pays life insurance and OHIP premiums.

OPSEU has been under anti-inflation board legislation which ended Dec. 31 and Mr. Griffen stressed the need to "establish a negotiating pattern" so that informal controls won't dictate any further contract settlements.

## Francis' view

### Student support sought

by Rick Millette

Last Thursday, the support staff of Ontario's 22 community colleges voted overwhelmingly (80%) for a strike. Without further negotiations, picket lines may be set up at Humber next week.

Student Union President, Don

Francis, has stated that should the support staff go out on strike, the worst thing students could do would be to not support the strikers. The second worst thing, he said, would be to do nothing.

"The Ministry of Colleges and Universities doesn't take the Ontario Federation of Students (OFS), the students or the support staff seriously," said Mr. Francis.

He wants the students to side with the support staff and face up to the government together.

"It's going to be difficult to get this through to the students," he added, "We've got to let the ministry know that we now have the sophistication to stand up to them, and not let them use the students as a vehicle to stomp on the support staff."

Mr. Francis intends to visit classes to encourage students to back up the support staff.

The support staff's union feels the college could not stay open without the college's 460 janitors, bus drivers, maintenance workers, technicians, secretaries and library workers.

President Gordon Wragg is confident he can keep the college running, should the support staff walk out. He said the students would have nothing to gain by supporting the strikers and added that they would be getting involved in a battle that is not of their own making.



Francis



Wragg



**Ah, solitude**—Student Salvator Seminara finds a quiet respite from the noise of Humber life in the new student centre. The Quiet Lounge, with enough room for 30 relaxation-seekers, is located next to the Student Union offices.

photo by Henry Stancu

## Quiet amidst hub-bub

by Henry Stancu

Humber students now have the facilities for squash, basketball and snooker and a place to drink and dance—but now there is also a quiet place on campus where anyone can get away from it all.

Directly across the hall from the ping ponging, bell ringing, bumper buzzing games room, and right next door to the offices of the Student Union is where the new Quiet Lounge is situated.

The sign on the door boldly informs students that there is to be "NO SMOKING, NO DRINKING, NO EATING" inside.

"It's an excellent idea," says Salvator Seminara, a second-year business student who

stopped by to do some reading. He was one of the first few to discover this peaceful oasis.

"The library is always crowded and uncomfortable, and the second floor lounge is usually rowdy and quite crowded", Mr. Seminara adds.

The Quiet Lounge has enough sofa space to accommodate over 30 people who wish to read, meditate or stretch out and sleep undisturbed. A second student was napping so contentedly that waking him for comment was unthinkable.

"There are so many students nowadays who don't smoke, and they need such a lounge", says Sandra DiCrese, assistant to the President of the Student Union. "We keep half an eye on the lounge to make sure it stays quiet and clean."

# Detox centre still up in air

by Richard McGuire

A shortage of funds is the major obstacle facing plans to locate a detoxification centre at Humber's North Campus, according to an official at the Ontario Ministry of Health.

Dr. Jean Moore, the ministry's principal program advisor for Alcohol and Drug Abuse, says it will be at least two weeks before a definite decision is announced.

"The problem is the tremendous expense in altering the premises on your location, which is double what is budgeted for alteration now," she says. The detox would be located on college property in the run-down, empty, 158-year-old house at Highway 27 and Humber College Blvd.

Al Story, administrator of Etobicoke General Hospital, which is sponsoring the proposed detox, denies this assessment of the cost, but refuses to provide figures.

"She had no business commenting, because we're still waiting," he says. The ministry earlier agreed not to make public reference to the budget until the hospital receives a reply in writing, he says. Normally the ministry pays either rental up to ten years, or initial renovation costs he explains.

Dr. Moore says the decision goes above the minister of health, "but anyway I don't want to discuss that with you."

Plans to locate a detox centre in Etobicoke have already been scrapped once a few years ago amid provincial government cutbacks. Dr. Moore says when additional money became available last fall, Etobicoke General was one of several hospitals told to look into starting up detox centres.

Jim Davison, Humber's vice-president of administration, says the college will not help with the renovation if the Ministry of Health can't come up with all the funds. Nor does the college have any immediate plans for the building if the hospital doesn't use it. Some ideas have been thrown around, he says, but no studies or cost estimates have been made. Humber's Board of Governors has nothing more to do with the matter until there is a reply from the Ministry of Health, Mr. Davison says.

Norma Carrier, chairman of the Etobicoke Historical Board, hopes renovations can be made that will keep the historical character of the building.

"It's a fine example of an early Ontario farmhouse," she says.

"We haven't got that many beautiful buildings in Etobicoke that we can afford to lose."

Behind the present ugly grey panelling of the exterior is a stone wall. She says the board is primarily concerned with the exterior. The Etobicoke Historical Board is a group of non-paid citizens appointed by the borough. They make recommendations, but have no authority to implement them.

## University co-op program in future?

by John Curk

Joint programs between universities and community colleges may be on the way but Bill Trimble, vice-president of Academic Studies, holds more doubts than hopes about the wisdom of such ventures.

Harold Kaplan, dean of the Faculty of Arts at York University, agrees with Bette Stephenson, Minister of Colleges and Universities, that there ought to be "far more co-operation between universities and community colleges." He also supports the development of joint programs which would permit students to take courses at both institutions.

Mr. Trimble said "to be against co-operation is like being against motherhood." But he doubts it is in the best interests of Humber to become involved in joint programs.

Joint programs may engender academic snobbery and split the college's students into first-and second-class citizens, the elite who attend university and the mortals who do not, according to Mr. Trimble.

For the past two years Seneca College has been involved in a joint program with York University in the area of Early Childhood Education. W.B. Stoddart, vice-president of the Academic Post Secondary Program at Seneca, says the program has been running smoothly and he is satisfied with it.

The joint program was launched because "we found that a number of Seneca grads (in ECE) were going to York for further education in their field," says Mr. Stoddart.



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## I.D. numbers SIN of times

by Rhonda Birenbaum

The Humber College student numbers are a SIN. More than 100,000 student numbers are recorded in Humber College's computer memory bank, and Registrar Fred Embree hopes that the college will never have to go back to the system it used before.

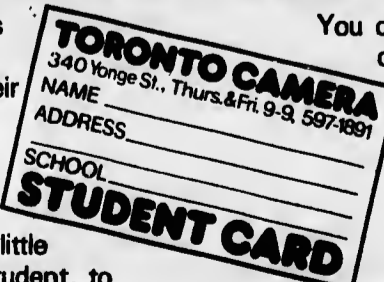
SIN, the acronym for Social Insurance Number, is the basis of the government index system created in 1964 to aid in the administration of federal social benefits.

Five years ago, before SINS were used to identify students, the college had a hard time issuing its own random numbers. If one student was enrolled in day classes at one campus and took a night course at another campus, he had two separate student numbers and two separate transcripts to prove it.

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# OFS wants OSAP program changed

by Peter Durrant  
Ontario Federation of Students information officer Al Golombec says government bungling will make it just as difficult to get loans and grants in 1979 as it was in 1978.

Mr. Golombec says the OFS met with Education Minister Dr. Bette Stephenson in December to see if the government might make some changes to the student aid program, but he says the minister indicated that no major changes

would be made until 1980 "at the earliest."

Mr. Golombec says the ministry is going to use all its resources this year to ensure the new program is running smoothly.

"The government is upset

because a lot of students didn't receive their loans and grants until late in the year and they want to rectify that problem," says Mr. Golombec. "In other words, students are being asked to pay for the ministry's mistakes."

Mr. Golombec also says the OFS would like to see student loans and grants "geared to the cost of living." He says the cost of living varies from region to region and loans should be paid accordingly.

"The student aid program was set up to provide funds to those who can't afford to continue their education, but the program seems to be doing the opposite," says Mr. Golombec. "There are a lot of students who haven't been out in the work force for three years and have parents who won't supply them with money to go back to school. These people are really backed into a corner."

Under the new program, which was introduced last year, students must be classified as independents before they can obtain student aid. This means they have to be out in the work force for a minimum of three years or their parents have to be in a position in which they can't afford to send their child to school.

The OFS would like to see three major changes to the assistance program, and Mr. Golombec says they would like to see the independent status brought down to two years because jobs are hard to find. They would like to see loans and grants made available to part-time students, and they would like to see married students able to collect more money.

Mr. Golombec added, "The student aid program was supposed to bridge the gap between rich and poor, but instead it's widened the gap. If the government doesn't make major changes to the program the gap will get even wider, which means in a few years only the rich will be able to afford to go to school."

## Associate registrar

### Karpetz returns to Baptist Church

by Olga Bycok

Phil Karpetz, associate registrar, is leaving Humber College at the end of February for a position with the Baptist Church.

Mr. Karpetz, an ordained Baptist clergyman, will become the executive secretary for the Department of Communication for the Baptist Convention of Ontario and Quebec. He will manage the publicity program for the Baptist World Alliance Congress to be held in Toronto in 1980.

His decision to leave Humber College involved a great deal of careful thought. He said he is leaving with a great sense of identification with Humber.

His new job will involve speaking to churches throughout Ontario and Quebec. Also, it includes plan-



Phil Karpetz

ning for the convention and working on report booklets for the Baptist Church.

Mr. Karpetz has been at Humber since the beginning of the college. He enrolled the first students.

During his stay he has held a number of positions, including the positions of counsellor and director of admissions. He taught a course in Funeral Services and also in Nursing. He interviewed prospective students for the Early Childhood Education program, the Social Services program, and the Recreation and Leadership program.

Major achievements or contributions accredited to him are the organizing of the Student Union, the placement office and counselling services.

## Student Union rejects ideas for interior decor of CAPS

by Adhemar C. Altieri

The Student Union may not use the winning decor suggestions from the Name the New Pub contest. Instead, Interior Design students will be asked to submit new ideas, which according to SU President Don Francis may or may not incorporate the suggestions that won the SU-run contest.

Mr. Francis says both the win-

ing suggestions would imply that the place is strictly a pub. One suggestion was for giant bottle caps to be painted on the walls with the word "caps" across them, and the other for contrasting colored stripes to be painted side by side across the walls with pictures of beer mugs and drinks scattered around.

"Caps is used for other things besides drinking, so we don't want the decor to resemble a bar at all times," said Mr. Francis.

During the day, Caps is a student lounge, and it will be used in the future for meetings and exams according to Mr. Francis.

He didn't say when the Interior Design students would be asked to submit ideas for the decor, but

implied it may be a while before Caps is enjoyed for its decor. The \$30,000 put aside to equip the new Student Center, of which \$2,000 was initially destined for the pub decor, are nearly used up, so what's left of it has to be spent very carefully.

Although he said it doesn't appear likely to happen at this time, Mr. Francis conceded that the SU will not hesitate to use the decor money on something they consider more important. "There are a few things we still have to buy, and then there are always unexpected expenses, so we don't want to put out the \$2,000 for the decor and then be out of money for something more important," he added.

## Blue cards deter cheating

by Robble Innes

Students who try to obtain extra course selection cards for the purpose of gaining extra credits free of charge, will find their plan backfires.

Students are allocated a specific number of cards at the beginning of the term, says Phil Karpetz, associate registrar. These cards show a student is legally enrolled in a course, he says, and if a student has lost some cards he can get replacements.

Mr. Karpetz says that the student will be handed the extra cards, but if the college sees seven or eight courses listed at mid-semester, instead of the normal six, the student will be billed for the additional courses.

The charge is \$12.50 per credit, so if a student is taking a three-credit course, he will be billed \$37.50 extra.

Another area where a student is billed extra, is in the case of late fees. Mr. Karpetz says Humber was one of the last colleges to implement the practice, and the purpose of it is to let the instructors know how many students are returning. It enables teachers to plan, Mr. Karpetz says, because funding in colleges is done on a per head basis.

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## Editorials

### Something to lose...

The contract negotiations between the Ontario Council of Regents (representing the Ontario government) and the Ontario Public Service Employees Union (representing 4200 support staff workers from 22 community colleges including Humber) have been hard-fought, tense and for good reason.

Both sides have a great deal to lose or gain. That is why a strike may occur, perhaps a long one.

For OPSEU the negotiations and settlement of the 1979 contract have ramifications that extend far into the 1980's. The implications are as long-reaching for the Ontario government.

Not restricted by Anti-Inflation Board guidelines, for the first time in three years OPSEU wants to establish a negotiating pattern and settlement trend that are favorable to the union. The AIB worked in the favor of government and business for three years says OPSEU negotiator George Griffen and "it just made the poor even poorer."

Now with the collective bargaining process operating unrestricted the OPSEU doesn't intend to allow the wages of workers to drag far behind the rates of inflation. "Forty-five per cent of Humber's support earn wages that are below the poverty line" says Mr. Griffen.

The Ontario government faced with an already expensive and large educational system contributing consistently to the annual deficit most certainly doesn't want to be faced with double digit demands from its employees. It would prefer single numbers and would like to dictate exactly what that number will be when contract times draw near.

In the negotiations going on right now between the Council of Regents and OPSEU there is much more at stake than \$200 dollars over eight months or one week additional pay after 10 and 15 years employment.

Both sides are struggling for an upper hand in the bargaining of the next decade.

Should a long drawn out strike occur the government is likely to argue that workers are at fault for not recognizing that economic problems necessitate workers earn a little less. Workers will argue that it is easy for government leaders to say that when they earn \$25,000 a year.

The struggle between the OPSEU and the government is probably inevitable under the circumstances of collective bargaining after a period of wage and price controls and will probably be witnessed throughout the industrial world in the coming year. But none of this will help those who will suffer from a strike — the students. Hopefully the students will learn something about their society from the strike and take a stand for the status-quo or against it. It will be up to them.

Had a little better planning gone into the educational system a few years ago, and a little thought been directed to the idea that human beings be treated equally, the scenario for a long bitter strike or a strike at all, might not exist. Perhaps it's not too late.

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### ...something to learn

Hardly into the New Year and a possible strike hits home, like a bad omen in the first few miles of the last leg of a decade-long journey.

In a way the seventies is a tough age to characterize, but then maybe this is only because there is still one year left of this section of time. Will we remember it for its inflation, its discos, and its joggers? Will all those things cease to be in the next decade? Maybe we'll finally experience that closest encounter with a benevolent race that keeps its phasors on stun.

Perhaps a new messiah will emerge somewhere out of the rubble to tell us all in plain English, Russian, Chinese and Québécois what the rest have been saying for scores of decades.

Wouldn't it be grand if everybody on the entire globe possessed a winning lottery ticket?

Discussing the major events of the past year and the one to come with Walter Cronkite, Eric Sevareid predicted inflation would be the key issue both in his own country and around the world. It is the "moral inflation" of his own country that worries Sevareid the most.

People no longer trust each other. Men have much less compassion for each other nowadays as they complain about the price of butter more than those hardy folk of depressions past who did without butter, among a lot of other things.

We're spoiled and we're getting unmanageable.

And now the "Me" generation has its last chance to step off its present path and change the course of the 1980's for the better. All we have to do is take a stand on something that's really important to us all. Perhaps a stand for or against this strike at Humber is a good place to start.

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Someone's gotta do it

## Support Staff strike not a holiday

by Rick Millette

What do you as students think of a support staff strike? If it's "Oh great, a holiday!" then I feel sorry for you.

You are going to be faced with a decision in the event of a strike. Either you can support the government so it can legislate the support staff back to work and say "It was the student's choice," or you can back the support staff's union and oppose the government.

Either way, it could take a long time before the strikers return to work. Keep in mind that a prolonged strike could cripple our term, forcing us to go through extra months of college.

If you decide to support the union then you must do it. That means standing out on the picket line and not sitting in front of the TV watching soap

operas and waiting for the whole thing to blow over. If there's a rally at Queen's Park, you belong there. It means shedding your apathy for a worthwhile cause; your education and the educations of those who come after you.

Our Student Union leader, Don Francis, is the head of the organization of the student leaders of Ontario's 21 other colleges. His credibility will be reflected in our actions.

Whichever way you decide, you, I, and Don Francis are going to be used by the government or the support staff's union. To support the union would be the lesser of two evils, but at least we'll be showing a bit of backbone to the government and saying: "No! We're tired of being taken advantage of."

### Survey on drinking age

A Coven survey indicates Humber students are divided in their views on the legal drinking age.

Fifty students presented a questionnaire asking "Do you feel the legal drinking age should have remained at 18 and why?"

Forty-eight per cent of the students felt the drinking age should not have gone up to 19. Forty-four per cent believe the change in age was a good move while another eight per cent didn't care.

The legal drinking age went up as of Jan. 1 to 19. However, those who were 18 on Dec. 31, 1978 may purchase alcohol.

Students against the age change felt it was unfair to 18-year-olds. One said: "If the government can send you to war and you vote for that government, then you should be able to drink."

Another person answered: "It's very inconvenient on weekends to be underage when you want to go to hotels, taverns, discos, etc."

A lot of the students in favor of the age change said teenage alcoholism would be cut down.

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**A busy day**—for the tow trucks which patrol the college's lots. College officials say the towing will continue. The red and white lots have been the main trouble spots.

photo by Rick Millette

# Rear window parking decal costs student

by Rhonda Birenbaum

Putting a parking decal on the rear windshield doesn't work. John Mountain found out the hard way that his rear-mounted decal didn't exempt him from the throes of the tow-truck.

Mr. Mountain, a first-year Lan-scaping student, couldn't find his car Tuesday after classes. His 1975 Honda Civic was being held for ransom in the pound, in spite of a permit to park. The official decal, however, which would have rendered him free from such annoyances if it had been on the

windshield, was on the back of his car.

Mr. Mountain said he was having his front windshield replaced so he needed an alternate place to post the decal.

"The back window is very visible in the Honda," he said. Since the car was red and the parking decal blue, Mr. Mountain figured there would be no identification problems.

But the car-catchers nabbed the car anyway. For \$10 Mr. Mountain could free his car; except that he did not have any money with him. He had purchased his new books for the semester that afternoon.

Mr. Mountain said it seemed pretty ridiculous that he should have to come up with the release money since his car had a valid decal on it. The pound attendant merely responded that he was just doing his job and could not release any car, regardless of the circumstances, without the \$10.

Mr. Mountain was forced to come up with the money. Two of his new books were worth \$9.95. A bookstore cashier lent him the additional nickel.

By Wednesday, the parking decal was on the front windshield, where it was supposed to be, the \$10 ransom was recovered and John Mountain was attending classes with his new textbooks.

## Walking prevents towing

by Michael Walter

Park your car on the assigned lot or have it towed away. That's the advice of Ron Rankine, supervisor of security and parking.

A new parking problem has developed with the onslaught of the cold weather. People are parking their cars on lots close to the school to avoid a long walk in the freezing weather, even if it isn't their assigned lot.

# Do Humber's grades add up?

by Adrian Adamson

Gary went home in late April filled with confidence. He had done well in his final year and had a good job waiting for him as soon as he could present his transcript showing he had obtained his diploma.

He knew he had passed all his courses and, although he did not have his final marks for his last semester, he had as many grades of 3 in his tests as grades of 2, with no grade lower than 2 and his teachers had promised to average his test marks and assign a course grade.

The previous semester contained his only low mark. He had found French very difficult. He had passed the course, but with a 1, the only 1 he ever got at Humber. The rest of his grades that semester had all been "satisfactory."

In the first week of May, Gary received his transcript and got a rude awakening. All his grades were 2's, but at the bottom of the report appeared the words, "Does not graduate," and his average, 1.92!

"There's been some mistake," said Gary and rushed to the college. If his report was correct, he had lost his diploma, his wonderful job, everything.

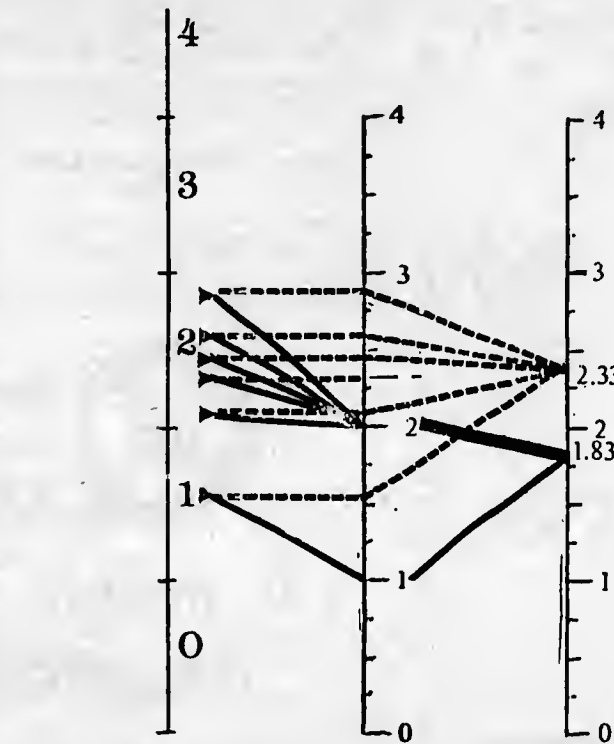
In the Registrar's Office the regulations were explained to him. To graduate he was required to have a grade-point average of 2.0 in his last two semesters. During those semesters he had received eleven 2's and one 1. His average was 1.92, less than a 2.0 and he could not graduate.

"You had better speak to your teachers," he was told.

In the staff room he was given the same story. "I averaged all your marks. You got four 2's and four 3's in your eight tests," said each of his teachers. "The average is 2.5, halfway up the 2 range. You got a good solid 2. Congratulations!"

Gary is not a real person, but he stands for dozens of students who have found themselves in the same dilemma since 1969. Many other students who do not suffer these consequences, notice that their averages seem to be lower than their grades. All are confused. Many are convinced there is something wrong.

There is something wrong. The college is wrong, and the students have cause to be concerned. Humber's grading scale cannot, mathematically, be averaged. Yet



**Why Gary failed**—If Gary's teachers could report the grades Gary actually obtained by reporting to one decimal point, his grades would have been 2.9, 2.6, 2.5, 2.1 and 1.5, averaged to 2.45.

we do average our grades in the final year. Everytime the grades are averaged, the average comes out half a grade lower than the grades themselves. If the grades are averaged twice (as in Gary's case, once by his teachers and once by the Registrar's Office), the average comes out a full grade point below the very grades on which the average is based.

How is this so? Humber's five-point grading system is an "interval" scale. Each grade interval, say the grade 2, reflects a range of achievements from a high 2 to a middle 2 to a "bare" 2, meaning "satisfactory." The same is true for other grade intervals. If there were decimal points, which there aren't, the interval "2" would range from 2.00 to 2.99, the interval 3 from 3.00 to 3.99, and so on.

But for averaging, numbers must be precise points on a "ratio" scale, a scale consisting of an infinite number of potential points, like a ruler. When averaged, a simple 2 becomes exactly 2.00000, and a 3 becomes 3.00000. The number 2.0 is not typical of the range 2.0 to 2.9. It is at the extreme lower limit.

It's possible to average intervals, but not the way the college does it. To average an interval, one must take the most typical point of the range, the midpoint, in

our case, 2.5 and 3.5. Such an average will not be lower, or higher, than the grades averaged.

As the accompanying scales show, Humber's grading scale has

## Gerry Pearson

by Pauline Bouvier and Darlene Inglis

According to many second-year Theatre Arts students, instructor Gerry Pearson is very warm hearted. These words are indeed an apt description of this Canadian born actor and director who joined Humber's Theatre Arts department last year after a 20 year career in television and theatre.

His career stretches back to a little theatre in Northern Ontario where he got the training that saw him through several countries and a variety of jobs.

It started slowly for Mr. Pearson, so slow that he gave up acting and took up teaching when he was in England, but things did pick up.

In the ensuing 20 years he has worked in the theatre and television industry of England, France, Spain, Germany and Canada. In an acting, directing or managing capacity, he has worked on Broadway, BBC television,

five intervals; the grade point average scale has only four. Humber grades and averages on different scales. Our process of averaging is simply mathematically illegitimate.

Peter Williamson, of the Human Studies Division, finds the situation ludicrous. He said, "If they averaged student's ages by decade, as they do their grades, the average student at Humber would be about 12-years-old."

Humber students must compete, on graduation, with graduates of other colleges, many of which do not average grades, and no averages appear on transcripts. Humber's low averages printed at the bottom of students' transcripts may well put Humber graduates at a competitive disadvantage, even with students who have identical grades, but no average on their transcript.

In fact, Gary probably would have passed. With a grade point average of 1.92, he would have been given special consideration; his teachers would have been consulted, a grade here or there would have been changed, and his average would have inched up to the pass line. No such consideration would be given to students with an average of 1.8 or 1.7, whose average would be 2.3 and 2.2.

Toronto's theatre on the Nile and London weekend television. His more than competent managing skills manifested in the original versions of Doctor in the House and Upstairs Downstairs.

"I've played everything from

Hungarian spies to French waiters to 17-year-old American boys" says Mr. Pearson with a wide grin that reveals widely-spaced teeth.

It has been his versatility that has earned Mr. Pearson enormous popularity on Broadway and throughout Europe.

"Knowing a few of the right people also helped," he admitted.

He moved to Humber last year to teach theatre technology and stage management. It hasn't been a move he regrets because Mr. Pearson enjoys teaching and his students

He is currently directing a Tennessee Williams play titled Summer and Smoke, which deals with oppression in a small Mississippi town.

Mr. Pearson has no plans to return to an acting or directing career outside Humber. He's content to remain behind the scenes giving Humber's theatre students a preview of professional theatre.



Gerry Pearson



**The Cooper Brothers**—were the first to play in the new pub, Caps. Bad acoustics and the high price of beer were the patrons' main complaints.

## Echoes a blast Caps still a gas

by Paul Mitchison

There is mixed reaction to Humber's new pub, Caps. Most students say the new pub has a friendly atmosphere, but there are complaints about everything from the beer to the acoustics. The Cooper Brothers had the distinction of being the first band to play the pub on Jan. 5.

Peter McAuley, a second-year Cinematography student, said, "The acoustics are just terrible and the sound is worse than in the Pipe." He also said he wouldn't mind paying 10 cents more for a bottle of beer. (The beer is 75 cents, but there is only draught.)

Kelly Fellows, a first-year Travel and Tourism student said, "This isn't a bad place, but they need more people to serve drinks." She said she liked the friendly atmosphere, but thought the surroundings were dreary. She would like to see more comfortable chairs.

Dave Jennet, a first year Business Administration student said, "I like it, but I really thought it would be better." He thought the band should have been placed in one of the corners so he could see better.

Disc-jockey Tony Leger agrees with the criticism of the acoustics. "Most definitely, they can't leave it like this. When the sound-man

for the Cooper Brothers did a sound check, he freaked right out. He just couldn't believe the echoes." Mr. Leger thinks the room needs acoustic tiles, or some carpeting to absorb the sound.

The Cooper Brothers provided entertainment for the capacity crowd, and were successful in getting the students up and dancing.

This Ottawa band has potential for commercial success in both the United States and Canada. They've got a recording contract with Capricorn Records (the same label as the Allman Brothers and several other big-name southern bands) and as you read this, the group will be in Florida recording a second album. The band's first album, called The Cooper Brothers, sold over 100,000 copies in the United States and Canada, and their current single, Dream Never Dies, seems destined for hit status.

"We plan to make it big" he says. "All we need is some gold under our belts and we expect that to happen soon. Our label has been very supportive, and we had a full-page ad in Billboard magazine."

While this band may well be headed for AM success, it's hard to take it too seriously. The music is suitable for dancing, but those who were at their tables were yawning and looking at their watches.

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**This week's  
movie**

## A comic calamity on glitter train

By Rick Millette

Silver Streak will be playing in the lecture theatre this week. It stars Gene Wilder, Richard Pryor and Jill Clayburgh. Essentially, the movie is a \$5-million train trip (the film's cost) from L.A. to Chicago.

The critics didn't have a lot of good things to say about Silver Streak back in 1977, but the audiences didn't pay too much attention to them and loved it anyway.

It is easy to confuse the theme though, because it's a combination of comedy, suspense and romance.

Richard Pryor stands out as the best-cast and best all-round actor in the film, also the funniest.

The end of the voyage comes with the train crashing through the Chicago terminal and it's worth seeing the movie for that scene alone.

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# 'Kangaroo' has audience in pocket

by Billy Shears

Humber College was the scene last Wednesday evening of some good clean fun as Australian comedian "The Kangaroo" was featured in a television taping produced by third-year cinematography student Brad Lemee.

Eighty fellow students and friends of the producer were con-

ned into Humber's color studio where they were subjected to the Kangaroo's abusive wit and good-natured humour.

"I thought I was coming to watch a folk singer," raged one first-year female as she tried to hide a face that was still flushed with embarrassment.

Rodney Keft, the Kangaroo, does not have any qualms about the mixed reactions he often receives from his shows. "I think I'm bloody funny," he laughed. "Why should anyone become perturbed over any of my material. I have a pretty good following and I'm growing quite quickly in popularity."

The Kangaroo was faced with an onslaught of hecklers during his performance, influenced by the evils of barley hops, but he quickly put them in their place with such quick and witty comebacks as: "You must have been engaging in a lot of oral sex lately—after all, you are what you eat." Some of his more tasteful material was banned from this story.

The Kangaroo will be flying home to his native Australia at the end of this month. Brad Lemee's production was his last appearance in Canada until July, when he will be appearing regularly at some of the more respectable clubs in Toronto.



'I'm bloody funny'—The 'Kangaroo' performed for a Humber audience last Wednesday and proceeded to insult most of those in attendance with his course wit. The Australian comedian was quick to turn back the hecklers who tried to challenge him. photo by Billy Shears

## Group seeks weedless day

by Dave Hicks

If your resolution to quit smoking is now buried in your past, then you'll be interested in "Weedless Wednesday."

Anne Taat, education coordinator for the Canadian Cancer Society, said that the National Education Week on Smoking, January 21-27, is slotted "to create an awareness about smoking and quitting, and providing information on how to quit."

The activities will focus on "Weedless Wednesday" when all smokers will be encouraged to quit for one day. If they are successful, then it is hoped that they will continue their efforts.

Humber's Health Sciences Division will also be involved by providing resource persons to help those enrolled in the program, developed by Edward Thompson, Department of Health Administration, Faculty of Medicine, University of Toronto.

A program which was run earlier in the year was cancelled because of lack of interest. Gregg McQueen, senior coordinator of the Health Sciences Division, said "the problem was that we could not purchase mass advertising" because of budget restrictions.

## Book review

### New book on trivia

by Wm. J. Webster

*Rockola: Rock 'n' Roll Trivia Quiz*, by Dave Smeltzer and Sharon Ablett (Rockola Ent.) 116 pages, \$3.00

Do you know Wolfman Jack's real name? Come now, confess—you've lost sleep wondering about that, haven't you? The answer, my friend is written in *Rockola: Rock 'n' Roll Trivia Quiz*, an enjoyable addition to the list of books dedicated to useless knowledge.

A Humber student, Sharon Ablett of first-year Journalism, and her collaborator Dave Smeltzer, have concocted a pleasant mix of quizzes, crossword puzzles, and general good fun centered on the rock scene and the denizens who inhabit that glitter world. Photographs add to the amusement, but don't let your mother view the tubes. One minor drawback: be prepared to search for the proper answer page.

A line of lyrics from the best bar band in the world offers a fair summary. This book manages to be entertaining while "telling" me more and more about useless information. If you know who sang those words but can't remember the song—it's in the book.

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# SPORTS

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## Hawkettes' coach confident despite exhibition loss

by Rick Wheelband

Humber Hawkettes dropped a 6-2 decision to York University in an exhibition game at York on Monday, Jan. 8.

The Hawkettes, presently in first place in the Ontario Colleges

Athletic Association Women's Hockey League, are preparing for the second round of games.

"We scheduled the game before league play resumes, because we've had a six-week lay-off and we need to get our sea legs back,"

Coach Don Wheeler said.

Tracey Eatough, the leading scorer in the league with eight goals in four games, and Jocelyn Richards scored the two Hawkette goals in the third period.

York led 5-0 at the end of two periods and according to Coach Wheeler, it would have been more if it hadn't been for excellent goalkeeping by Dianne Johnson.

Humber, with three wins and a tie, plays tonight against the defending champion Seneca Braves, who trail Humber by one point in the standings.

"If we can win this game, our chances are pretty good of holding first place," Coach Wheeler said.

The poor showing against York just before league play resumes didn't seem to bother Coach Wheeler.

"York is a good team and they play good, sound effective hockey. They deserved the win," he said.



photo by Peter Youell

**A long night**—for the Mohawk goalie, facing 46 Humber shots. Here, forward Gord Lorimer (12) watches a shot go wide.

## New sports complex opening this week

Monday, January 15, is the tentative opening of Humber's new sports facilities in the Gordon Wragg Student Centre.

"A myriad of programs such as judo, tennis and badminton are to begin today," explained athletics co-ordinator Rick Bendera.

The new annex consists of a weight room, complete with new equipment, and locker and team rooms, as well as three squash courts and two saunas. At press

time the saunas and bleachers for the gymnasium were still under construction and the Athletic Injuries Clinic has also been transferred to the new centre.

Equipment distribution and control of people entering and leaving the new complex will be the same as they were in the Bubble, said Bendera. "As for the Bubble," continued Mr. Bendera, "We plan to renovate it into a tennis complex by next fall."

## Hawks celebrate New Year's victory

by Peter Youell

The Humber Hawks broke in the new year on a winning note, easily defeating a hapless Mohawk club 7-3 before a sparse Hamilton crowd January 9.

The game amounted to nothing more than a workout, according to many Hawk players. They swarmed the Mohawk zone at will, firing 46 shots on goal and missing the target on many others. The Mohawk forwards were embarrassed by the Hawk defencemen and forwards who diligently backchecked the entire game.

Hawk coach Peter Maybury realized his team didn't take Mohawk too seriously and said that his team has been known to lose in such cases.

Any fears he may have had were quickly swept away. The Hawks moved into Mohawk territory from the opening whistle and refused to leave. Gord Lorimer scored early in the frame and the Hawks kept the pressure on during the entire period. Greg Crozier, Andy Tersigni, and Wayne Sooley all scored within two minutes late in the frame.

Dana Shutt and Jerry Cantarutti scored the other Hawk goals. Cantarutti also earned the Humber MVP of the game award from Molson's.

Referree Jim Leblanc called 19 infractions on Humber, many of them being rather petty calls. No considerable damage was done as Hawk penalty killers nullified the impotent Mohawk offence. John Dallaire scored on a shorthanded breakaway. Two other Humber players escorted Dallaire to the goal while the rest of the Mohawk squad watched up the ice. The Hawks left the second period leading 7-1.

The Hawks are following the same course they took last season, says Maybury. Last year they glided into the playoffs and then blew everyone out of the rink to become Ontario champions. He's confident they can repeat.

## Free squash for Humber

If tennis isn't your ball game, why not try squash? Three new squash courts are opening today, from 7:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. and are free to students and staff.

The community is welcome to use the courts anytime after 3:30 p.m. but there is a \$70 charge per semester. This is because athletics at Humber is not funded by the government.

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