

## Gordon to head COR

by Michelle Shannon

Obtaining government support and funding is one of the major concerns of President Robert Gordon as he begins his year as Chairperson of the Council of Presidents.

Gordon plans to lead the Council in dealing with issues such as teacher training, collective bargaining, and troubleshooting problems in the Ontario college system.

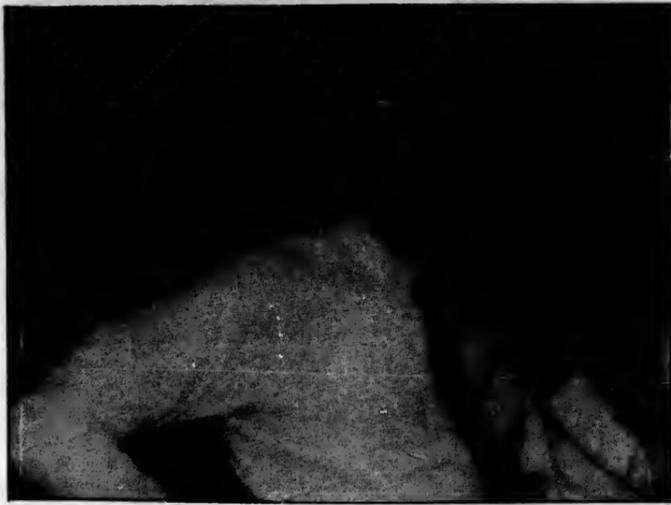
"I think that the presidents clearly have leadership and responsibility," he said. "They should be doing things for the benefit of the system. Advances must be made by a unified system, as opposed to individual attempts."

For example, one project being considered is the possibility of a centralized admissions process for all Ontario colleges.

Gordon said he will focus on getting as much funding for the college system as possible.

"Trying to get money from the public sector, for things like education as well as health and welfare, is a very competitive game," he said.

Gordon will also do a lot of lobbying on behalf of the college system. He said that being



chairperson will take up a lot of his time, but it's a job that must be done.

"Chairs are selected on a sort of rotating basis," he said. "This year it's my turn to take the position. We (council members) all have our own colleges to run, but I think we have a responsibility to contribute to the system."

Focusing on the positive aspects, and improving the colleges are the main goals of the council next year. During this past year, the council con-

fronted some tough issues such as the teachers' strike in October and the resulting problems with OSAP and student loans, as well as stretching the budget to cover the extra month.

The Council of Presidents is a subset of the Association of Colleges of Applied Arts and Technology of Ontario (ACAATO). Its purpose is to deal with system-wide issues, through many operating committees which report on budgets, staff relations, student affairs, etc.

## Faculty presents concerns to Ministry of Colleges

by Linda Chiarvesio

Representatives of Humber's faculty met with members of the provincial government to discuss issues concerning program cutbacks and faculty layoffs.

The delegation presented a brief outlining their concerns to Norah Stoner (MPP-Durham), parliamentary assistant to Sean Conway, Ontario minister of colleges and universities. Nina Butska, a Human Studies instructor who attended the April 26 meeting said, "It was essentially an information sharing session. We spoke out of our concern."

Faculty Union President John Huot also raised the related issue of President Robert Gordon's refusal to discuss decisions made concerning the cutbacks and layoffs with the college community.

Butska said in the Human Studies division, for example, instructors were told they had to reduce instructional time.

"The decision had already been made. We were merely told to implement it. There has to be greater consultation within the college itself," she said.

Huot and the delegation also expressed concern over the accountability of the college's Board of Governors.

"The appointed external members of the Board are not representative of, or accountable, to any constituency outside of the college," Huot said. "The single exception is the labor representative (Howard Payne) on the Board."

As a result, the delegation recommended that both the Board's composition and appointment procedure be changed.

Huot also outlined the delegation's concern over both federal and provincial funding. He urged the government to provide adequate

ate funding so the college could meet the needs of Ontario citizens.

"No other college presented a similar brief to the government," Butska said.

She added this was directly related to the fact Humber is the only college in southern Ontario confronted with such a large number of layoffs.

"Stoner assured us that Conway would consider our concerns and there would be a follow-up," she said, adding that the meeting would foster the development of a better link between the colleges and the provincial government.

"It's just the beginning of an ongoing process," she said.

## Humber asbestos threat?

by Andrew Joseph

Asbestos in Humber College? Despite fears that a chunk of material discovered on the pipes in one of the college's fan rooms may be asbestos, Gary Jeynes and Ken Cohen of the Physical Resources department are not worried.

"We decided not to have the material tested because of a new Ministry of Colleges and Universities grant to Humber. This grant will allocate funds to inspect and repair pipes throughout the college," this summer said Jeynes. "So I guess it really doesn't matter what that chunk of material was."

The \$724,000 grant was passed April 1 and will be used to fix all physical facilities at the college. According to Cohen, \$15,000 has been allocated to fix the pipes.

The material in question is of a white powder-like substance wrapped in fibreglass. This sample was passed down anonymously through numerous hands until it reached the Coven offices. After trying various government services to ascertain its composition and getting no feedback, Coven decided to approach Humber's Physical Resources department.

Many accredited personnel at Humber who have examined the substance believe it to be asbestos.

Paul Michaud, a computer en-

gineer with the Technology department said, "It sure looks like it might be asbestos. But, it may not be dangerous unless it was in an exposed area and in an agitated state."

Jeynes agreed, "Yes, it might be asbestos, but I could not comment on it in an official manner... at least not until it is analyzed."

According to the Ontario Royal Commission on Asbestos in 1984, the powdery substance isn't a significant health risk if handled properly. But, the report continues, it can cause cancer if it's

distributed or allowed to fall to the ground.

What makes the Coven sample more alarming is that the exposed material came from Fan Room 3, part of Humber's ventilation system. In the ventilation room, a strong wind constantly circulates the air, possibly blowing the exposed substance throughout the college.

"The large majority of the pipes are in secured rooms not in any classrooms. If there are any cracks on them, we'll fix them and add insulation during the summer," said Jeynes.

## SAC votes itself 20% raise

by Morgan Ian Adams  
Coven Editor

Student Council has voted its executive a 20 per cent increase in salary.

Wages during the summer for the president and both vice-presidents were raised to \$342 a week, from \$285 a week. Honoraria for the vice-presidents during the school year were raised to \$108 from \$90 a week.

The increase was voted for at the new administration's first meeting on Monday. The motion passed with seven for, two against, and three abstentions.

Vice-President of Finance Brent Mikitish said SAC compared salaries to other colleges in Ontario.

"We compared to George Brown where they have half the services and students, and their president and vice-presidents make \$400 (for the summer) and \$100 honoraria (for Vice-presidents during the school year)," he said.

Mikitish added new SAC President Lee Ramage will only be receiving \$108 during the first term as he will be a full-time student and a part-time president. Ramage

will work as president full-time during the second semester and be paid \$342 a week. SAC presidents normally only take two courses a semester to concentrate on their job in SAC.

Mikitish said council turned down proposals of \$375 and \$350 before they settled on \$342.

"I thought we could get it (the \$350), but we couldn't get that either," he said.

Mikitish also wasn't sure how he would explain the increase to students, other than to explain all the services SAC offers, and they would have to realize the work the SAC president does.

# News

## Future success lies in HRD: Giroux

by Leo Solinas

Human resource development (HRD) is the key to success in the 90s, says Roy Giroux, vice-president of educational and faculty services.

"HRD is the modern trendy language to describe what used to be called professional development or staff development, which is essentially the training of your institutional resources," said Giroux. "It's really the focusing of people development."

The HRD program has been at Humber for more than 21 years and many people have been involved in it, he said. The program focuses on faculty, management, support staff and student development.

"You're in the people business," said Giroux. "You're in the business of developing students. If you're going to add value to students, you have to add value to staff. Your programs are only as good as your staff. We can't be telling students that they have to develop, be trained and re-trained three or four times if the staff aren't doing anything for themselves."

Some of the programs for faculty development include: orienta-

tion for new faculty, faculty seminars to address their needs, and faculty consultations to identify strengths, weaknesses and learning needs. The staff recognition and awards program is another aspect of faculty development.

Giroux said Humber can't tell businesses the college is going to upgrade their workers if we're not upgrading our own staff.

"We're in the business of helping others learn," he said. "We should be better at having ways and means of doing that than anybody else because we're the proponents of it."

Teaching in the classroom is staff development, said Giroux. "It's part of the economic development of the province of Ontario. If we can provide current, well-trained human resources to companies, they're going to make money and it's going to make Ontario competitive."

"Just the gross numbers and the results of what we do are a tribute to the quality of our faculty and our staff," said Giroux.

Humber has a 95-96 per cent placement rate for students on a continuous basis, said Giroux, and more than 60,000 people attend Humber to develop their

personal resources to get promotions from their employers.

"It troubles me when we hear from students who say they're not respected, because part of HRD is to demonstrate that you have the capability and ability to value the student and value who they are as people," said Giroux.



Roy Giroux

He said HRD is a provincial strategy. "Our province is saying if we're going to compete against the Japanese and Third World countries, we've got to develop the people of Ontario."

Giroux said it's crucial for faculty to choose the things important to them. For example, some

faculty return to industry, take workshops or earn a Master's degree.

"HRD has to be customized to the kinds of things a person wants to do," said Giroux. "The idea is to help everyone develop a personal plan that will make them more effective with students in a learning environment and enhance their own professional career."

In addition to his duties as Vice-President of Educational and Faculty Services, Giroux works part-time as director of the steering committee on HRD for the Committee of Presidents. He initiated and prepared a study called *A Blueprint for Human Resource Development In The Third Decade of the Ontario Colleges of Applied Arts and Technology*.

"I did a report and recommended a number of things, part of which was a quarter of a million dollar grant to start phase one of a series of projects," said Giroux. "It's a blueprint for the province of Ontario. One of the problems the colleges have is that we've got an aging faculty. Where are we going to get the young people that are going to take the place of the faculty as they get older? How are we training the incoming staff,

selecting and recruiting young people?"

Giroux said colleges must work at keeping the people who are in the system who have established themselves as good teachers. "What do we do to help them stay current? What kind of teachers are we going to have in the year 2000 in terms of the existing workforce?"

Giroux said those involved with Humber's HRD program probably get invited to more meetings, conferences and workshops than any other college.

"One of the reasons why Humber has established itself in the field of HRD is because of President Gordon," said Giroux. "Although you wouldn't know that by reading Coven. He brought me here about seven years ago when I was hired and said one of my major jobs is HRD and people development. The most important thing in HRD is leadership because you've got to create the culture."

Giroux said there are many skilled faculty here. "This is a very talented college and to be able to provide the programs where they can use their talents and develop them is my job. I get paid to do that," said Giroux.

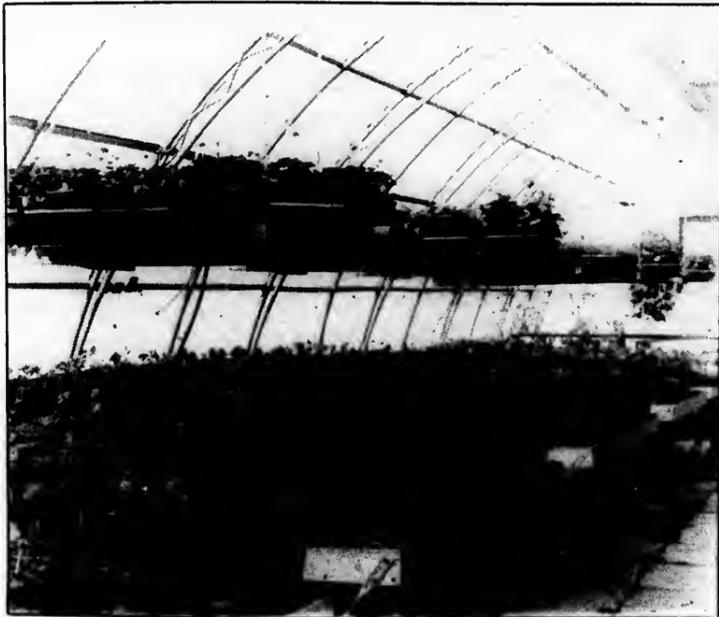


PHOTO BY JACKIE MORGAN

**Greenhouse effect** — Humber's production greenhouse will be filled with even more greenery than usual next week when it houses a plant sale to raise money for equipment and tools.

## Sale blossoms in greenhouse

by Jackie Morgan

Humber students who want to buy plants at a reasonable price can go to the greenhouses for a plant sale next week.

The plant sale, which will be held in the production greenhouse, is on May 18 and 19 between 10 a.m. and 5 p.m.

Catherine Trivett, the greenhouse technician and organizer of the sale prices, said there will be a wide variety of plants.

"Small plant packs that come in arrangements of four or six will range in price from \$1.50 to \$2 depending on the plant," said Trivett. "Then individual plants, climbing plants like Morning Glory and tropical will range from \$5 to \$20 each."

She said money raised from the plant sale will go towards the greenhouse fund to buy equipment such as a fertilizer pump and "with the remainder of the money, we want to buy some miscellaneous tools."

While there is no limit on the amount of plants to buy, Trivett advises people to come early.

"We want to try to keep it within the campus because we don't want to generally advertise to the public," she said. "We want people from Humber to get first pick. The sooner you come in the better."

Trivett said the time of the sale is to accommodate students as well as staff members.

## Humber hosts horseshow

by Jocelyne Isabey

The Humber Equine Centre played host to yet another fine display of horsemanship.

On Thurs, May 3, trainers Patti Carter-Fleetwood and her husband Rick Fleetwood hosted a riding clinic on the fundamentals of Western Pleasure and Western Horsemanship.

During the event, riders, decked out in western attire, rode horses in show ring cowboy style and Fleetwood informed the participants about the event and entertained them with his keen sense of humor.

Carter-Fleetwood is the daughter of Humber's equine instructor Pat Carter, who is also a professional trainer.

## Air testing cancelled

by Andrew Joseph

Air quality tests at Humber College were cancelled because the Facilities Planning Group said the air quality is adequate.

The Joint (Management and Union) Health and Safety Committee of Humber College were preparing since May 1989 for these tests which were to have been carried out by an outside agency Feb. 22, 1990. However, prior to that date, a series of random tests were carried out by the college. It was determined the air was safe enough not to warrant further testing.

"For the past two to three years an independent company, with the Joint Health and Safety Committee, tested the quality of the air. This year, we decided to do our own tests," said Gary Jeynes, su-

perintendent of inside services.

The tests were started in 1988 at the recommendation of the President's Advisory Committee (now the Academic Council). Air quality tests were carried out in 1988 and 1989.

Three days prior to the scheduled 1990 testings, the Facilities Planning Group, of which one member sits on the on the Joint Health and Safety Committee, announced the tests would not be done because "... Humber College has adequately fulfilled its accountability as regards air quality ..."

"There have been problems with the air quality. There are areas where the carbon dioxide levels were above the comfort levels. However the tests in the last two years show the carbon dioxide levels at an acceptable level," said Jeynes.

The air quality levels have improved with the reduced smoking areas said Jeynes. "I think that's the way the administration is moving."

According to Ministry of Labour publications, the carbon dioxide levels measured in a number of rooms during the 1989 testings were high enough to cause many complaints of headaches, "stiffness, drowsiness, tiredness, eye irritation, nausea, stale air, and a lack of oxygen."

Air vents have been observed with build-ups of soot and dirt.

"The filters are checked for soot by the Plant Maintenance department," said Jeynes. "There is a preventative measures program. The air problems have not been that bad."

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# Admin VP reassures technology students

by Ian Penke

A delegation of Civil Engineering Technology students met with Vice-President of Administration Richard Hook on Monday and he said no problems would be posed by the course cuts or the amalgamation of the program with Architecture.

The group is protesting a 12-13 per cent cut in class time and said these cuts are a breach of contract. The delegation of eight first year students went into the meeting with Hook with five concerns.

First, they wanted to know why classes had been removed from their program. Hook said the technology division has offered specialized courses in the program for years but there has never been substantial enrollment and the college can no longer afford to do this.

Second, the students wanted assurances the college would be meeting the standards set by the Ontario Association of Certified Engineering Technicians and Technologists.

"They have not set good guidelines," Hook said of the organization. "They have dictated class time, not skills. A student can have all the class time and have no skills."

Third, the students were concerned about the amalgamation of their program and architecture and the effects it would have on their studies.

## relevant courses

"We are offering equally relevant courses in the third year," Hook said. "It is up to the students to take them."

Fourth, the students asked if it was possible for civil engineering courses to be made mandatory electives, replacing courses in the Humanities.

Finally, the group asked if there was a possibility of faculty working longer hours to replace lost class hours.

"The faculty has gone as far as it can," Hook said.

The one concession administration has made is the establishment of a review of curriculum, but they

will not be able to make any recommendations before Jan. 91 and will probably not present their full recommendations until Sept. 91. Until then, the 90/91 curriculum will remain as it is, and it may not even change after the review.

"Reviews occur all the time and at all levels," said Glenn Mazer, Chairman of Construction in the Technology division. "It would be misleading to say that the curriculum is temporary."

## poses no problems

Hook said the amalgamation and course cuts pose no problem and assured the students key courses are civil related. He said students will be given more information later, such as course outlines.

"It is important that students see that there is no problem," Hook said.

"There is a lot of input right now about the program," Hook said of the students concerns. "It has created some confusion."

## will not benefit

Even if there are recommendations from the review committee and they are followed, Civil Engineering Technology students now in first year will not benefit from changes in administration's policies.

"The college is not going to be offering the maths and sciences we need," says Duane Dove, one of the delegates and chair at the meeting with Hook. "Humber's Civil Engineering Technology program is offering only 23 hours a week of class time while Seneca College has a minimum of 25 hours."

"We are not questioning the integrity of the staff," Dove said. "But we are just not getting enough class time."

# Number of Humber applications drop by two per cent

by John Leonard

The number of people registering in Metro colleges has dropped and as a result, Humber has a two per cent decrease in applications.

Although there are a number of reasons for the decrease, demographics are thought to be the most significant, said Barry Hemmerling, the associate registrar.

In an effort to attract students, 100 more offers were sent out to people this year than last. Humber has also created new programs such as computer sales and marketing, and technical writing for computers or microwaves.

Last year, 17,000 people had applied to Humber by September.

As of this May, Humber has received 14,000 applications which is 300 less than last year at this time.

"There's not a lot we can do until we get a feel for how things are going," said Hemmerling.

"It's really too early to tell if there will be any real problems this year."

Although there has been a decrease in the number of students applying to the college, Hemmerling stressed that the entry requirements for students are as stringent as ever.

Two of the most popular programs in Humber are nursing and law and security. Applications for both are down as well.



PHOTO BY MICHELLE SHANNON

**Almost ready** — The on-campus residences will soon be open to accommodate Humber students. Despite the fact that 720 rooms are available for students, only 400 applications have been received to date.

# Lots of room left for students in Humber residences

by John Leonard

Humber's new on-campus residence is successful so far and residence organizers hope this success will continue when it opens in September.

To date, Humber College has received approximately 400 applications for its new residence.

The residence has 720 rooms to offer, with 520 rooms going to first-year students. The remaining 200 rooms are for returning students.

So far, 4,200 applications have been sent out to first-year students who live more than 40 kilometers away from the college. No applications have yet been returned from international students.

In the first building, the set up will be men and women on alternating floors with only one major bathroom per floor.

The second smaller building will have the same set up, but there will also be two co-ed floors with separate bathrooms for each sex.

The final deadline for all applications is May 25. A lottery will be held for admission if the number of applications exceeds the number of rooms available.

"The way we've been getting calls and the way human nature is, everyone is interested," said Residence Manager Aina Saulite.

The new residence will also have smoking and non-smoking floors to try and accommodate everyone. There will also be 24-hour quiet floors for those who request it.

With a student residence on campus, it is hoped the atmosphere will get even better at Humber.

"The residence will hopefully create more school spirit," said Saulite.

# Comm tutors earn credits

by Lorraine Misquitta

Students can help students and earn some extra money at the same time.

Those who have excellent marks in communications can get a comm credit by tutoring other students. Called communications 303, it is an alternative to taking Comm 300.

Students who tutor are paid \$7.50 an hour for no more than 10 hours a week. Only those students who receive an average of 80 per cent or more in communications are eligible to become tutors.

Tutoring in communications, offered in September, has existed for about two years. This tutorial service, which started again last winter, was cancelled because of a lack of communication tutors. But since last February, 15 tutors have come forth.

"It is great," said Cheryl Taylor, peer services coordinator. "Tutors are quite pleased and students being tutored find it rewarding."

Tutors also help students who have learning disabilities or want to learn English as a second lan-

guage. Students with these types of problems can practise spelling, grammar and language skills.

"It's wonderful. Students are motivated and enthusiastic. It provides good interpersonal skills teaching something like this," said Taylor.

Taylor also said a student helping a student is less intimidating

than a teacher tutoring a student.

Peer tutoring is a service offered jointly by Humber College and the Students' Association Council (SAC). Tutoring is available free of charge to any student who needs help.

Students requiring a tutor can go to C133, Humber's Counselling Services Department.

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## SAC services sacrificed for salaries?

The new student administration has gone beyond the realm of better judgement in voting its SAC executive a 20 per cent increase in summer salaries.

Not only is it well above the rate of inflation, which hovers around the 5 per cent mark, but using the excuse that other SACs pay their executives in the range of \$400 a week is lame at best. Just because other student councils pay exorbitant salaries to its employees does not make an increase such as this the right thing to do. SAC tech rep Parminder Sandhu put it best when he said "it's like rewarding themselves before doing the job."

Another point is, since there is not an increase in the student activity fee, where will the money come from? With all the talk of providing more programs and services to the students, it is difficult when the amount of money coming in will remain the same, or even less, based on the fact applications to the college are down, and the amount going towards salaries, increases. Somewhere along the line, something SAC offers will have to be cut. And, Vice-President of Finance Brent Mikitish saying that to justify the increase to a student, he would point out all the services SAC offers, when, to pay salaries, they will likely have to cut down on their services, shows lack of foresight on his part.

Had new SAC President Lee Rammage decided to be a full-time president for the whole year (because he is working part-time during first semester, he will only get over \$12,000 for the year), salaries just for the executive would increase by \$5,000, and that isn't including any raises the office staff might get. After raises due to inflation, good behavior, etc., etc., salaries could constitute close to 50 per cent of the SAC budget.

SAC is supposed to be for the students, not a bunch of egos playing politics and voting themselves raises. Unfortunately, all too soon in the administration, power has corrupted, and the ideals espoused and the promises given have fallen to the wayside and forgotten for the color of money.

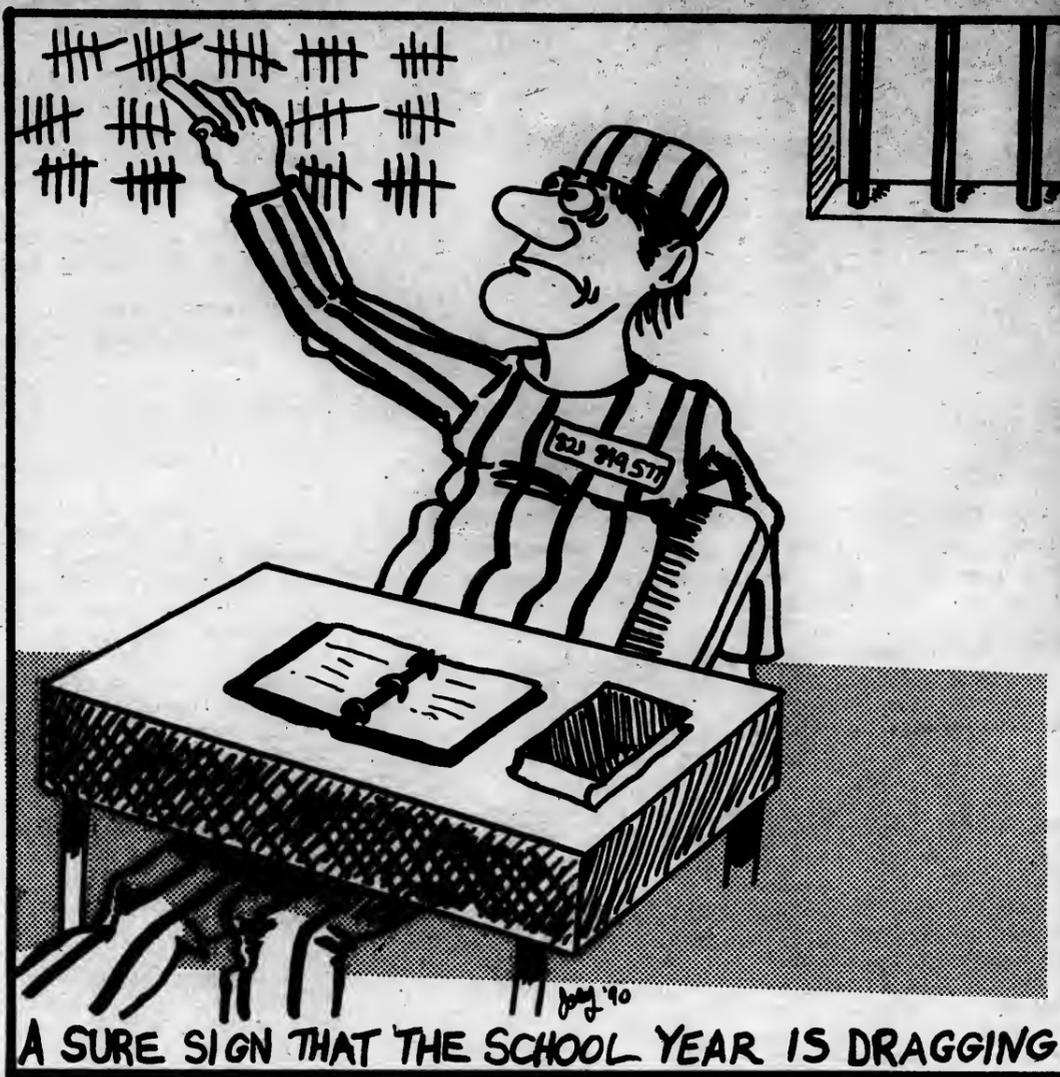
## Yeas and Nays

**Yea** ... to the mice in the Student Centre. At least they're helping to clean up by picking up scraps of food.

**Yea** ... to the Ministry of Colleges and Universities. For listening to the concerns of Humber Faculty. Someone has to.

**Nay** ... to Cecil Fielder of the Detroit Tigers. For saying on Sunday that "it feels good to hit three home-runs in the United States. Gee, Cecil, you were playing in Toronto. Don't you ever look at a map?"

**Yea** ... one more week!!!



## Letters to the Editor:

Dear Coven Editor:

When I read Janet Keown's opinion, "Words Mask Reality," I can only agree with one thing she is saying, "Everyone... is mentally and physically challenged." Ms. Keown is no exception to being mentally challenged.

How can one so ignorant of the issue of people with a disability feel she is an authority on the subject. Just because when she was 13, she had a friend who was mentally disabled, and also a friend who used a power chair in high school, makes her an expert in dealing with the disabled. I think not!

A publication called, "Watch Your Language," by the Ontario Federation for the Cerebral Palsied stresses that it's important to put the person first. I quote, "Through the use of words, we can either reinforce negative stereotypes, or we can make a positive contribution toward breaking down the barriers. We can replace negative, demeaning, inaccurate images with ones that are positive, respectful, accurate and constructive."

In using terms towards people with disabilities, one has to consider the emotional feelings that the words cripple or retarded stir. When I hear either of these words, I am very offended and am quick to correct the person who says it. I was born with a disability and throughout my life, I have progressed from being called a cripple to a person with a disability. To reduce the description of a person to his or her physical abilities or some other single characteristic is to demean the person, and consign that person to a category less than whole.

Ms. Keown says that people with a disability are trying to change the attitudes towards them. And integration in the

schools and heroes will not change those attitudes alone. I quote from a publication by the Ontario Ministry for Disabled Persons, "As media professionals, you influence and reinforce the public's perception of people with disabilities. The words you use and images you present can create either a positive view of people with disabilities or an indifferent, negative depiction."

Nobody likes to be labelled or stereotyped. When a label is used to describe a person with a disability, often what is perceived is not the individual but the characteristic described by the label. Perhaps Ms. Keown would like to be labelled as partially blind for her entire life, just because she wears glasses.

**Geoffrey Ball**  
SAC Director of Special Needs Students

Dear Sir:

I wish to take issue with a number of statements made in a recent article by your writer Janet Keown. I can only suppose that her information comes from a certain amount of ignorance about individuals with disabilities rather than any desire on her part to bring disparagement on this particular group of people.

However, I do question the wisdom of this article given the previous efforts on your part, and on the part of this particular writer to enlighten, members of this college community regarding the needs of our students with disabilities.

I can only ask, "Why this step back into the dark ages?" Did you read the article, or consider its potentially damaging consequences?

Yes, the terminology used to refer to individuals with disabilities has changed over the years.

However, this change can only be considered a positive step given our society's desire to recognize individuals with disabilities as people first, who have a valued and important contribution to make to society.

This is a major reason behind the change in terminology. So, rather than referring to "the deaf, the blind or the disabled," which lumps the individuals into a group and focuses on the disability rather than the person, we emphasize the individual first who happens to have a disability. This way, it is the person who is most important not the disability.

All anyone can and should do is to acknowledge the personhood of every individual, including those with disabilities. And, it is up to our colleagues with disabilities to tell us how effective our efforts in this direction are. The reaction of some of our students to this article, shows that it has indeed been a retrograde step.

Yours truly,  
Joy Trenholm  
Special Needs Consultant,  
North Campus

## Letters

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# Entertainment



## Presto! Rush to the Gardens

by Douglas Duke

Just when you think that the Toronto-based rock-trio Rush has done it all...Presto! They pull another quality album out of their sleeves and take it to the stage.

Appearing for a two-night stint at Maple Leaf Gardens next week as part of their *Presto* album tour, the combined forces of singer/bassist Geddy Lee, guitarist Alex Lifeson and drummer/lyricist Neil Peart are proving once again that there is plenty of life left in their careers.



ALEX LIFESON

What is surprising, however, is that after the release of their third live album, *A Show of Hands*, in 1988, there was some question as to whether or not there would ever be another record produced by the progressive threesome.

It was at a point in time when the individual members of the band seemed to be exploring their personal lives. The monotony and stress of concert halls and concrete arenas had taken a back seat to family vacations and new-found interests.

### end of Rush

For a while, it seemed that fans had seen the end of Rush in the 1987 release of *Hold Your Fire*. Even Peart's more intimate approach to lyrics on the album suggested that the band was looking for a little more out of life. On the second track, *Time Stand Still*, there was clearly a message of regret in time spent away from home: *Time stand still! I'm not looking back, but I want to look around me now! Time stand still! See more of the people and the places that surround me now.*

But, when *Presto* was released



NEIL PEART

last November, you would have believed that there had never been a second thought about the band's fate. A record high of eleven tracks appears on the album and faith has been restored to older and newer Rush fans alike.

It isn't the heavy sounds from the early days of *Caresse of Steel* and *2112* but it isn't the electronically enhanced music from *Signals* and *Grace Under Pressure* either. Instead, the band has found a balancing point where they can

produce pleasing compositions without sacrificing any of the integrity they have become known for.

### anthology of music

Fan support for the band has never been greater, and now older fans are forgetting the experimental Rush of the 80s and are joining newer fans at the concerts of the early 90s.

Next week's concerts promise to combine a Rush anthology of music from the past 18 years, with the super stage show that has been characteristic of the band for the past five or six tours. Look for incredible lighting and laser effects as well as visual enhancement from the large video screen at the back of the stage.

Crowd response will be greatest during classic Rush tunes like *Closer to the Heart*, *Tom Sawyer* and *In The Mood*, but don't expect the sold out Gardens to stay quiet for new songs like *Show Don't Tell* and *The Pass*. Excitement will be generated throughout the entire two-hour show.

Of course, no one is expecting Rush to be the superband of this decade. Then again, that has never been their intent. Their longevity is a reflection of incredible success against the odds.

When a band can be true to their work after 20 years, maintain an incredibly loyal following and continue to balance busy schedules and growing families, then one has to wonder if maybe there is something magical about the consistency of Rush. *Presto* indeed!



GEDDY LEE

## Controversy sparked by ninja turtles

by Jeannie MacDonald

Four karate-chopping, pizza-munching, talking, vigilante turtles named after the great Renaissance artists?

A strange concept, yes, but Michaelangelo, Leonardo, Donatello, and Raphael, who turned into the Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles after falling into radioactive green glop, have taken the world by storm.

With a cartoon, over 400 products on the market, a movie that grossed \$72 million in 18 days, and a sequel set for the fall of 1991 in the works, the "mean greens" are hot property.

Getting their start in 1984 in the *Eastman and Laird* comic book as a parody of the classic superhero, the turtles were originally blood-letting, Jack Daniels-swilling keepers of justice, not the cute "dudes" they have evolved into today.

The turtles gained recognition with a young audience when their cartoon was aired and from there, took off into international fame.

However, their movie has caused considerable controversy. Many people have denounced it as an extremely violent influence on children, even though it contained no swearing and almost no blood.

Humber College psychology teacher Jay Haddad defended the movie.

### violent show

"Kids will mimic and pretend, but they also do that watching Hockey Night in Canada," explained Haddad. "That is arguably the most violent show on television, with real-life violence, and where police have laid real charges against national heroes."

Will the movie cause aggression in the behavior of the children who watch it?

Haddad said he doesn't think

so. "The aggression is related to how they are disciplined at home — whether they've been hit or not hit; to what degree they've been given high self-esteem versus low self-esteem; and how they handle frustration and tantrums. All these factors are infinitely more important than movies they see."

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teacher Earle Reidy disagrees. He argues that the lack of blood in the movie might cause even worse effects.

"If children see characters like this being knocked around constantly, yet not hurt, how will they realize that if they hit someone over the head, that the person can be severely hurt?"

It is for this reason TMNT have been banned in many schools and daycare centers.

"They can bring them in, but they have to sit on the teacher's desk," said Brenda MacFadden, a first-year Early Childhood Education student who spoke of the ban in her placement center, the Holy Blossom Nursery in Toronto.

How long will the turtle craze last? Reidy said fads such as this arise and take hold in times of stress and are often short-lived.

"They are a challenge to reality," explained Reidy. "The Flower Children of the sixties were creating their own reality because they didn't like the one already existing."

## Q & A questions answered here

by Dante Sanguigni

Director Sidney Lumet is known for his great vision in movie-making. He takes a small-scale idea and gives it epic proportions, like he did with the movie *Dog Day Afternoon*.

In his newest release, *Q & A*, Lumet has done the opposite. He's taken a larger than life novel about judicial and police

corruption and tried to squeeze it into a tight little thriller that doesn't quite make it.

Based on a book by Edwin Torres, the movie begins with Lt. Brennan, a legend on the New York police force, gunning down a Puerto Rican street punk named Tony Vasquez. Brennan, played reasonably well by Nick Nolte is also a known racist and psychotic.

The shooting is investigated

by a young assistant district attorney, played by Timothy Hutton who holds an official inquest or Q & A (question and answer).

His superiors tell him it's going to be a cut and dry case of justifiable homicide. But, after he begins the investigation he realizes he's dealing with something far bigger than himself.

This excellent plot, rumored by Torres to be about real people but slated as fictional events, should have made for a great movie, but it's overwhelmingly full of flaws.

The biggest flaw is the development of the roles. There simply is no development. The characters are just dropped into the story line without spurring much interest or reaction in the movie-goer. The biggest example of this syndrome involves Hutton's character meeting his teenage sweetheart who spurned him many years before. This sub-plot isn't followed through and does nothing but confuse the viewer.

The majority of the characters leave such an insignificant impression that you find yourself forgetting some of their names as the movie progresses.

*Q & A* shouldn't be a movie to forget. Directed by Lumet,

whose credits include critically acclaimed movies like *Serpico* and *Network*, this movie had all the potential in the world including a top flight cast.

Whatever ails this movie, it isn't poor acting. The stars, Nolte and Hutton are both convincing in their roles. Hutton especially shines.

Even the supporting roles are handled appropriately. In fact, the movie's best performance is by Armand Assante as Bobby Texador, a drug dealer who witnesses the killing of his friend Vasquez. His performance is intense and realistic and comparable to Al Pacino in his seventies heyday.

While the acting might come across as realistic the action doesn't. Even the violence is unsatisfying for those who like cinematic bloodshed. It seems too contrived to invoke any excitement or horror in the viewer.

It wouldn't take much to make *Q & A* a better movie. With about 20 minutes added on to the running time and more depth in the character development, this could've been a good flick.

Before you go see *Q & A* ask yourself the question: Do I really want to see this movie? The answer should be no.



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**Exchanging words** — Timothy Hutton (left) plays assistant district attorney Al Reilly in the new movie, *Q & A*. Nick Nolte plays veteran police officer Mike Brennan.

# Sports



## Lady Hawks force to be reckoned with

by Joe Suzor

After two consecutive Division II championships and a transfer to Division I this year, the women's basketball team has become a force in the Ontario Colleges Athletic Association (OCAA).

The Hawks started the 89-90 season with a 5-1 record, losing their only game to Provincial champion Mohawk, and were destined to finish no worse than third in the league. However, injuries to the team's two top players, Iona Dawes and Tracy Hammond, crippled the Hawks and sent them reeling on a six-game losing streak to finish the season 5-7. The team qualified for a quarter-final berth in the playoffs, but bowed out to George Brown.

Dawes led the OCAA in scoring, averaging over 25 points a game, and became the first woman in Humber sports history to be named an all-Canadian.

"I'm not surprised," athletic director Peter Maybury said. "She has a great attitude. If you can think of anyone who should have been the first, it's Iona."

Assistant coach Heath Thomlinson heartily agrees.

"It was good to see Iona recognized after leading the team to two

Division II championships. She proved she was quite capable of playing at a higher level."

When injuries struck the team, forward Denice Cummings stepped up to assume the leadership role.

"I think Denice realized the ball was in her hands and that she would dictate the way the team played," Thomlinson said.

Next year the team will be without Dawes and Hammond, leaving a big gap for the team to fill.

"We're losing the bulk of our scoring," Thomlinson said. "But it will be up to the other starters to take that leadership role."

The likely candidates to be the team's key players for next year will be Cummings and Heather Pace, unless a major new recruit comes in. That won't be likely however, because Maybury feels recruiting won't be intense this year.

"It takes time to develop a basketball program," Maybury said. "I think we've made some strides, but we've got a long way to go before we reach the level of upper echelon teams and become nationally recognized."

After only three years in the OCAA, the women's basketball program is at a stage of transition.



PHOTO BY GARY GELLERT

**Improved play** — The Lady Hawks basketball team took off in Division I play this year with a respectable 5-7 record, after two consecutive Division II championships.

"I think this year coming up is going to be an important one to see exactly where the program is headed in the future," Maybury said. "The objective the last three years has been to develop the program, and so far it's been a great success. But this isn't the time to start running the team like the hockey program."

Money is a key reason the athletic department is likely to wait a year before making any serious decisions on the future of the women's team. Maybury explained that if he can build up some money for a few years down the road, then he can use it to recruit top players and get the program national attention.

In the meantime, head coach Linda Versage, who has been at the helm of the team for all three years, is likely to return next year.

"I think Linda has done a good job," Maybury said. "When you hire someone you give them a chance to build a team."

## Young nucleus means strong future for Hawks

by Joe Suzor

Humber Hawks men's basketball team are hoping to do next year what their rivals, Sheridan Bruins, did this year — win a National championship.

After coming off what was surprisingly their worst season in six years, the Hawks will likely have the nucleus of their team returning next year to vie for the Provincial title and maybe a National title.

"Our goal is to win Ontario," Assistant coach Rick Delena said. "We've got to win Ontario, and then maybe on to the Nationals."

All-Canadian centre Patrick Rhodd is seriously considering leaving the team to play elsewhere, but the possibility remains that he may return. Rhodd was a dominant player this year finishing third in the league in scoring and was one of the top rebounders.

"He did it all," Delena said. "He showed people he's going to be a hell of a player. He needs a little improvement defensively and can become an all-around player like a Patrick Ewing type."

Hawk captain Doug Lawrie shocked many when he said there is a "good" chance he will return for a third year. At season's end, Lawrie was definitely leaving because he was graduating, but he has applied to a new one-year course and wants to return to the team. He has also applied to York and Ottawa but said "Humber is my first choice."

"I think it's great," Delena said of Lawrie's likely return. "He provides a lot of experience and that would be a big plus."

Lawrie had a strong year, although inconsistent at times, and felt that he didn't get the recognition he deserved.

"I think I got robbed big time," he said about not being named to the first or second team all-Ontario. "I led our team in rebounding and averaged 14 points a game."

Other key performers for the Hawks were Tony Carvalho and Garfield Thompson. Carvalho broke the OCAA record for most three point field goals in a season, and broke Humber's career three point record held by George McNeil.

Thompson, a first-year point guard, played well and big things are expected from him next year, but he has to improve his ball-handling ability.

"Garfield came a long way," Delena said of Thompson's first-year in the league. "We're (he and head coach Mike Katz) hoping he comes back and can handle the point guard job."

The key to next year, though, might lie in what looks to be a great recruiting class.

Heading the list of possible players is Everton Webb, a 6'0" guard-forward from North Albion Collegiate with amazing leaping ability. He is being highly sought after by many schools including Brandon University in Manitoba, but has expressed interest in Humber and has applied to the school.

Another star recruit is Fitzroy Lightbody, a 5'11" guard from Sir Sanford Fleming high school. Lightbody was a member of the metro-Toronto all-star team that upset a highly touted all-star team from Michigan.

"He can bomb from outside," Delena praised. "He's just a great shooter."

Delena feels that this is a very strong recruiting class, but has one worry.

"Offensively a lot of these guys can do the job. My concern is going to be defense."

The key ingredient the Hawks lacked this year was a strong bench. O'Neil Lewis put in quality minutes as the team's sixth man, but he was the only real threat off the bench. Delena, however, feels that could all change.

"I think our bench is going to be deeper," he said. "Our bench (this year) was inexperienced."

Humber ended the season with an 11-5 win-loss record finishing in second place behind Sheridan.

The Hawks earned a berth in the Provincial final-four, but were upset by George Brown Huskies in the dying seconds of the game. With Humber up 67-65, Wayne Jones drained an NBA three-point shot that helped give the Huskies a 70-67 win.

The Hawks struggled on the road this year going 4-4, but were 7-1 at the Gordon Wragg Centre.

They also had problems putting together a strong first half in many of their games. Humber consistently fell behind early and found themselves playing catch-up basketball too often.

Delena offered a simple explanation to the first half problems.

"I don't think the players prepare well before the game. Some came strolling in about five minutes before game time, and that really hurt us."

The Hawks have a tough schedule set up for next year. They will be travelling to Buffalo and Ohio to compete in tournaments as well as hosting their own tournament that will include a couple of schools from the United States.

## B-ball star ready to jump ship

by Joe Suzor

First-year Humber basketball sensation Patrick Rhodd is likely to leave the team next year to play at Brandon University.

The 6'6" centre was a unanimous choice as the only Ontario player to be named an all-Canadian. Rhodd finished third in the Ontario Colleges Athletic Association (OCAA) in scoring, averaging 18.7 points a game, and was one of the league's top rebounders.

He guided the Hawks to a second place finish in the regular season with an 11-5 record and a berth in the OCAA final-four championship.

Rhodd said he's seriously considering transferring to another school for several reasons.

"I think I'm capable of playing at a higher level," he said. "I'm looking to my career, my life, and my future. I'm not pursuing basketball as a career. I want to use basketball to get myself an education."

Assistant basketball coach Rick Delena hopes Rhodd stays, but wishes him the best if he leaves.

"If Patrick goes to a junior college in the States I'm all for it," he said. "That would be great him. Hopefully Patrick will come back though, and if he does we'll be real strong."

Rhodd, a graduate of West Humber high school, was originally recruited by Brandon but couldn't go due to financial problems.

"I'm looking towards Bran-

don because I'm familiar with the coach from when he was recruiting me in high school. He's been in contact with me ever since."

Rhodd is also considering the possibility of enrolling at a junior college in Pennsylvania.

Although Rhodd put up great numbers on the court, he had problems off the court. He didn't enjoy the program he was enrolled in and halfway through the first semester he was seriously considering quitting, but coaches Mike Katz and Rick Delena talked him out of it. If he decides to stay at Humber a lot will have to do with Katz and Delena.

"I've never had coaches who gave so much of their time to help someone become a better player," Rhodd said.

Watching how teammate Doug Lawrie handled the death of his mother over the Christmas holidays, and continued to play MVP style basketball despite the circumstances, also inspired Rhodd to stay.

"Seeing what Doug was going through made me think my problems weren't nearly as bad as his," Rhodd said. "That boosted me a little more and helped me realize I made the right decision to stay."

Rhodd may not be in the middle of the Hawk lineup next season but he said a concrete decision won't be made until the summer.

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