

OFS wants higher grants

By Shaun McLaughlin

A submission to the Ministry of Colleges and Universities by the Ontario Federation of Students (OFS) calls for drastic revisions to student financing and increased student voice in important decisions.

The OFS, whose goal is to "generate a well-organized student movement in Ontario submitted 20 recommendations to the Ministry recently. The recommendations dealing with finances demand the lowering of the student loan ceiling from the present \$800 to \$600, as it was two years ago. They also want guaranteed adequate living expenses for students.

The OFS feels tuition must be phased out and the loan program changed to insure that all economic classes will be able to afford higher education.

In the submission, dated December 1973, the OFS stated that "for the government to remain publically committed to universal accessibility while cutting back

educational expenditures, is a shabby indulgence in rhetorical hypocrisy."

In its submission, the OFS agrees educational spending is too high, but points out students are not responsible for financial "wastage such as the large amounts of capital spent on educational television or on the John Robarts library." The OFS suggests the provincial govern-

ment" is using educational cutbacks as political cannon fodder."

More students are needed on policy making committees according to the OFS. In their submission they list ten requirements demanding more student control over the hiring, promoting and granting of tenure to faculty. They want a student and faculty review of all tenured

faculty every five years to determine if there exists grounds for dismissal of an instructor. They also want to protect non-tenured staff, by developing a policy where sufficient grounds must be shown before dismissal. The OFS also believes all instructors must show evidence of their teaching ability prior to being hired.

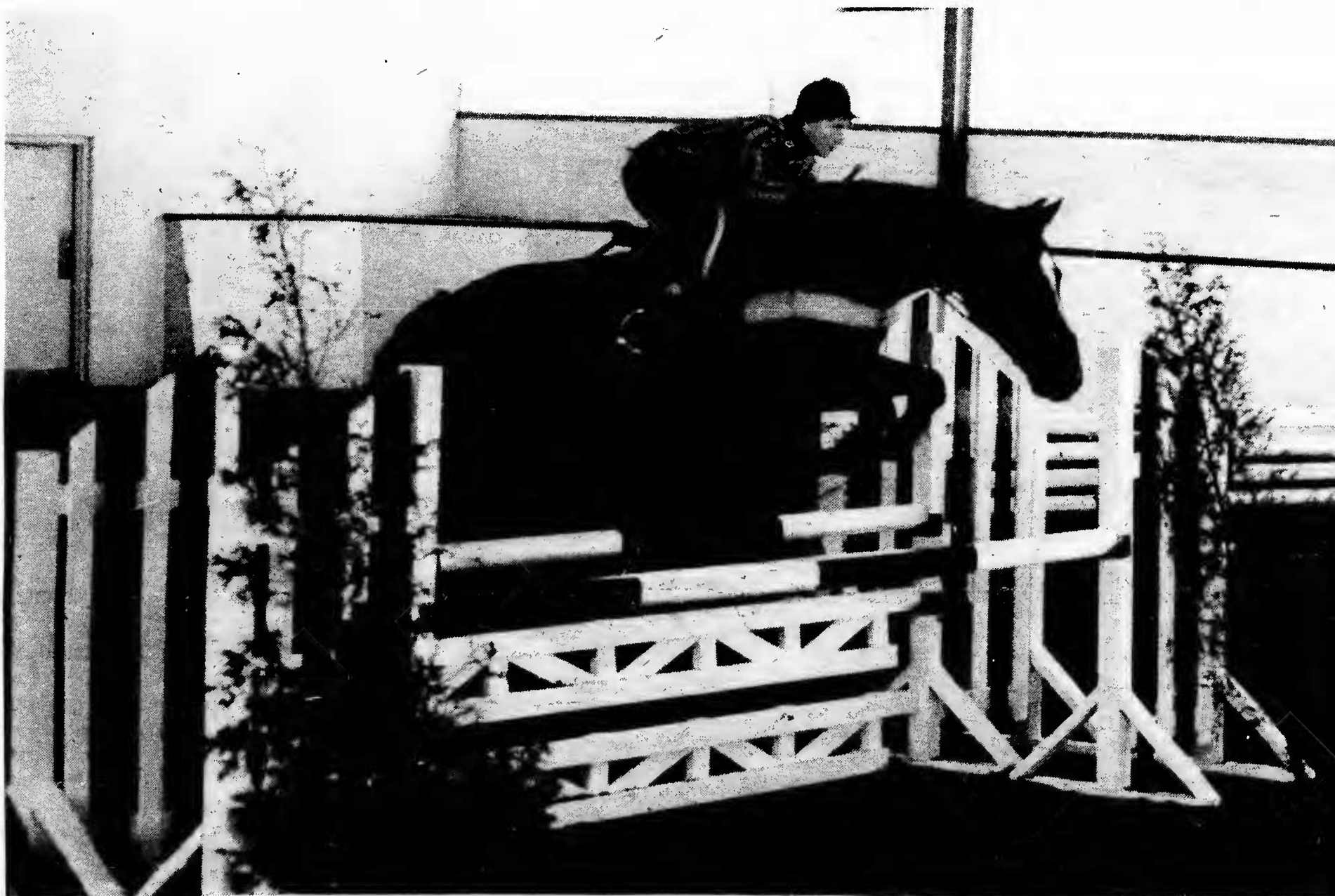
Also included in the submission were seven proposals concerning student housing. They want the present ban on Community College residences abolished and construction where college residences are needed to start immediately. They also call for an amendment to the Landlord-Tenant Act, to prevent discrimination against students seeking living accommodations.

The OFS recommends a study on present student housing and quality of living in residences in consultation with the OFS, be undertaken.

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Horsemanship Instructor, Liz Ashton, whips her mount into action, at last Sunday's horse show. Photo by Nancy Grice

Federation to include all Colleges

The Ontario Federation of Students, an organization comprised of university student unions, passed a motion at its last general meeting to include Community Colleges in the federation.

Humber Student Union members Rod Kellaway and Brad Clarke attended the January 26-27 meeting as observers. According to Mr. Kellaway the OFS passed a motion to encourage all Community Colleges to establish an organization similar to OFS. The college organization would be autonomous but would co-ordinate with the OFS through an executive committee.

A new internal financing system and a new budget for OFS were also discussed at the meeting. The OFS is now funded through member student unions at a rate of 40¢ per student. The OFS now wants member unions, including those at Community Colleges, to raise student activity fees by \$1.50 which would be used to finance the federation instead.

With the \$1.50 from each student the OFS projects a revenue totalling \$150,000. From this initial amount they propose to spend \$80,000 for the salaries of ten full-time and seven summer employees, at \$7,000 and \$1,270 each respectively.

Another \$27,000 was allotted to cover travel expenses for members attending meetings or on OFS business. The federation newspaper will get \$12,000; \$6,000 will be spent on office equipment, \$16,000 will be spent for items under the miscellaneous column; and \$12,000 of the original \$150,000 will remain as operating contingency.

Humber's Student Union has no official status in the OFS or any parallel college organization, according to Mr. Kellaway. He and Mr. Clarke are preparing a written brief to present to the Humber SU.

Instructor wins top marks

By Nancy Grice

The Humber Equine Centre played host, last Sunday to the first of a three-part series of winter schooling shows, where rider and horse displayed the skill and training necessary in jumping.

Riders and horses competed for money, ribbons and gifts. Their ultimate goal is one of four trophies being offered at the completion of the series on April 7th.

Throughout the series, each rider's points are tabulated. The four with the highest number of points for each category will be awarded the trophies.

Horses competing in the jumper division are judged on their performance over the various jumps, and on the amount of time it takes them to jump the six fences. Horses in the Hunter division are judged on appearance, manner, colour as well as performance and time. The height of the fences in the Hunter division are higher than those used in the Jumper division. Fence heights in the Hunter Division vary from 3'6" to 3'9" depending on the class in which the horse is entered.

The trophies are awarded to the rider and horse with the highest number of points

for the four categories. These categories are: the combined Junior and Amateur Working Hunter Division, the Green Working Hunter Division, the Preliminary and Junior Jumper Division and the Combined Intermediate and Owner Jumper Division.

The show was open to anyone who was willing to pay a \$3.00 to \$6.00 entry fee, depending on whether the horse was

entered in the regular or the stake classe. Students from the horsemanship program acted as officials for the event, while

two students, Liz Middleton and Linda Van Mele, competed in the Hunter Division.

The highest points for the Hunter Division went to Evie Kinzler. Liz Ashton, an instructor in Humber's Horsemanship program, won the highest points for the

"Human computer" astounds Humber

By Lary Goudge and Janet Ursaki

Quick! What is the cube root of 110,592? Why, it's 48, of course. In a matter of a few seconds, Shakuntala Devi found the right answer during her performance at Humber, last Tuesday.

The aimable native of Calcutta received numerous rounds of applause from the capacity crowd, in the lecture theatre.

Ms Devi's "gift", as she calls it, has won her international acclaim. She has visited over 120 non-communist countries and stumped mathematical geniuses and their computers around the world.

Ms Devi left Ken Turner, a representative of Singer Computers, and his calculator far behind when answering difficult mathematical problems she had fielded from the audience.

She warned "if the answers differ, of

course my answer will be right and yours will be wrong. I will not be responsible for your answers." She was always right.

While taking a "rest" from the "complicated questions", Ms Devi calmly recited all the dates on which Saturday would fall in 1974.

To the audience's delight, she repeated the process backward and forward for several other days and years.

Ms Devi demonstrated other skills as well. She told members of the audience what day of the week they were born; given only numerical information.

The performance did leave a few sceptics. A student asked what day of the week February 1, 1776 was. Ms Devi claimed she could not answer because the calendar, as she knows it, has changed since then.



Shakuntala Devi

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Let's put a stop to overdue books

Have you ever tried to borrow a book from the library only to find out it's been on loan for the past three months? Humber's library has been having a helluva time, trying to recover over \$10,000 worth of books, missing since it first opened. Most of the books are missing because somebody forgot or couldn't be bothered to bring them back.

On an average, most Humber people are honest; about 90 per cent return their books. Not necessarily on time, but the books are returned. These people aren't the problem; it's the inconsiderate individuals who don't return their books the library is upset about.

In the past, "black lists" were posted on all bulletin boards, identifying individuals who failed to return their books. The good thing about this practice, everyone, regardless of whether they were student or instructor, could be shamed into returning the material. No discrimination here. Unfortunately, no one read the lists so the practice was discontinued last year.

Now the library only deals with student offenders. If an individual fails to return overdue books the Registrar receives a list of names and student numbers. Marks are then withheld until the books are returned to the library.

That's fine for handling the student, but what about instructors. What about working out a system to deal with them too.

Unfortunately, they don't have any marks that can be withheld. There's no way to force them to return the books. The library could appeal to the instructor's immediate superior for help, but what can you do if this person is also guilty of neglecting to return books. It's up to the individual, and if the individual was considerate in the first place, the library wouldn't have any problems.

COVEN regrets...

The Editor of COVEN apologizes to Gordon Simnett, manager of the bookstore, for any embarrassment caused by the January 29 editorial (Welcome to Humber's textbook rip-off).

It was not our intent to degrade Mr. Simnett or cast aspersions in the performance of his duties. However the intent of the editorial was to present some of the monetary problems facing students who buy textbooks at Humber.

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Letters

To the Editor:

Recently, Mr. Running felt obliged to defend the "art" of nude photography. His defence rested among other things on the assumption that nude photography was not necessarily pornography.

In my Webster's New Collegiate Dictionary, pornography means obscene, offensive to modesty. Modest is the state of being unpretentious. Pretentious is defined as exhibiting claims to admiration, showy. To pretend that a nude in sculpture, painting, photo or flesh is not immodest and showy is like claiming that men who frequent nude body rub parlours relax with their eyes closed. Although Mr. Running appears to dis-

approve, one's own body is very personal and is usually shared only with a very intimate friend. Nudity and sex go together like flash cubes on an Instamatic. How dull sexual intercourse would be if nudity became so common that it ceased to contribute to sexual stimulus.

Rather than write a book in response to Mr. Running, I'll simply reaffirm what I said previously. The tax paying

public would not support college nude photography if allowed to withdraw their funds.

Yours truly,
Ken Wilson, P. Eng.
Technology Division



Letters

To the Editor,

I was extremely annoyed when I picked up the Tuesday, January 22nd Coven to find that there was no sports coverage. No mention of basketball or hockey, and no scores for the games played during the past two weeks.

In case you don't know, both the basketball and the hockey team are doing quite well, and are fighting for a play-off spot.

I was also annoyed because Larry Maenpaa had taken time to cover both teams and all the games as Coven's representative. I alone spent at least a half an hour on the phone with Mr. Maenpaa, plus time after each game, giving him statistics which he required.

I think Mr. Maenpaa should be commended on the great job he has been doing to promote sports interest in the college. We both know it is not an easy task in a college with a great deal of apathy.

Many people are giving their time and energy and ask for nothing in return. Coven does a great job of reporting the news of the college, but lets get together by supporting Mr. Maenpaa and promoting sports interest.

Sincerely,
Kelly W. Jenkins,
Electronics Technologist,
IMC

To the Editor:

Please accept my congratulations for excellent and accurate coverage of our Explosives Course, as reported by Shaun McLaughlin in your January 29th issue.

At the same time I would like also to extend my congratulations to Clarie Martin for another extremely well done article on VE3HUM and their International Award.

I know that many times in the past, Coven has encountered criticism for the quality of its reporting, but I would like to say that both articles were accurate, excellent, and exhibited a real feeling for the items.

Mr congratulations to your reporters and we would welcome others as visitors to the Technology Division for any future coverage.

Yours very truly,
R. D. Higgins
Dean of Technology

To the Editor:

If a good trip means a free trip; be it educational or recreational, then certainly the trip to the Bahamas by the first year TNT students along with

The time spent in Nassau by the 113 students turned out to be the greatest learning experience we as a group have been faced with during this school year. Classrooms have their advantages but they are definitely a limited learning experience.

The story printed in the February 5 of Coven was very misleading. True, prices of most goods were generally higher in the Bahamas as compared to North America. The reasons for this are numerous but that isn't the point. Bahamians rely on foreign currency to maintain their tourist attractions and most of the group went expecting this. Cracked conk shells, grouper and other native foods cannot be put in the same class as hamburgers.

The M.A.P. meal plan was offered to all students; it seems to me that the purpose of this TNT course is to educate us in the ways of the Travel World.

We were all in agreement \$45.00 for a meal plan was economically feasible for a group of students but judging by that article, it seems that some of us are not as seasoned as we would like to think.

As for the hotel, 113 students had the run of a hotel for a whole week with no unreasonable or illogical restrictions. True, it was not the Hilton, but if I wanted to wear cut-off jeans to supper I did, with no hassle from the management. That's relaxing. Not too many students would have appreciated having to dress formally everytime they wanted to have a drink or eat a meal; this was the case in other hotels. It was an ideal hotel for our age group.

As for the transportation in and around Nassau, I don't think we had anything to complain about. It is too bad we were not able to have the free transportation as previously planned but still \$1.00 for a nine-mile ride is not bad at all.

I don't know what some people expected down there; maybe everything for free! I am sure that the group had a very rewarding time in all respects. It is something that should be continued every year, and please Coven, get the general opinion for your stories, not the opinion of the minority.

Why? Because judging from the story in question, some people fail to think before they speak.
Bob Abrames,
1st year TNT.

Valentine was a Roman

By Janet Ursaki

A custom as old as the Romans is unknowingly marked when we give cards and gifts on St. Valentine's Day, February 14.

Historians disagree on the identity of St. Valentine. Some believe he was a priest living in Rome under the rule of Emperor Claudius II. The Romans jailed him for aiding persecuted Christians and many believed he cured the jailkeeper's daughter of blindness.

About 270 A.D., St. Valentine was beheaded on Rome's Palatine Hill at the site of an old altar to Juno. Years later, Christians named a Roman gate "Porto Valentini" after him.

Another bearing the title of St. Valentine was probably a bishop at Terni, 60 miles from Rome. One source suggests he was persecuted for converting a Roman family to Christianity. He was beheaded in Rome about 273 A.D.

Historians believe that St. Valentine's Day originated from the Roman feast of Lupercalia - a lovers' feast for young people. This tradition is not based on St. Valentine's life or death.

During Lupercalia, young Romans chose their partners by drawing names from a box. They would exchange gifts of affection and often continued this relationship long after the feasting. Many marriages resulted, supposedly from new-found love.

When Christianity began to spread, the church tried to give Christian meaning to this pagan festival. In 496 A.D., Pope Gelasius changed the February 15 Lupercalia festival to St. Valentine's Day on February 14.

According to "Popular Antiquities", written by John Brand in 1877, England observed St. Valentine's Day as early as

1446. In those early days of Medieval England the people chose their Valentines (the original dating game) by writing names on slips of paper and then drawing them from a vase, much in the manner of the Romans. This lottery was performed on the eve of St. Valentine's Day.

Each young man would pin his lady's name on his sleeve and wear it for several days. The expression, "wearing your heart on your sleeve" originated from this custom.

Valentine dances and elaborate gifts were often popular but these were replaced by the sending of sentimental messages.

Every country in Europe observes its own style of Valentine's Day customs. In Sicily, a young woman believes the first man to pass her house on the morning of St. Valentine's Day will be her bridegroom, within a year.

There are many ancient beliefs concerning St. Valentine's Day. One of the oldest is that birds choose their mates on February 14. An old English superstition warns that Snowdrops are bad luck if brought into a house before February 14.

Most Valentine's Day customs concern romance or the choice of a mate. Pinning bay leaves to a pillow was supposed to make a young woman dream of her future husband.

During the U.S. Civil War, Valentine's Day gained in popularity. Many cards were hand-painted and displayed fat cupids, red hearts, imitation gems, dried flowers and sea shells. More elaborate greeting cards of lace and filigree cost as much as ten dollars and today they are collectors' items.

Football team may fold for 1974

By Larry Maenpaa

Humber College is ready to fold its varsity football program for at least one year. Indications are Humber will pull out from the Ontario Colleges Athletic Association football league next year.

The Humber Hawks was terminated abruptly this year after a season plagued with troubles. The four-man coaching staff resigned immediately after a match against Seneca, October 26, 1973. They felt there was no sense in continuing with a roster of only 16 healthy players.

Total lack of student support and player apathy were other major factors in deciding to fold the team.

Al Ioi, president of the Student Athletic Movement, made clear S.A.M. and the Athletic Department "...felt that there should not be a varsity football team because of the problems encountered this year and because the money could be used in developing new and existing (sports) programs."

He aired this statement as a point of interest at a recent Student Affairs Committee meeting. There was no feedback of concern from the committee members which the athletic people have taken as an approval for their actions.

Rick Bendera, Humber's athletic director, said this was a "recommendation" to pull out, although the College has not informed the OCAA of this intention.

He mentioned Humber could re-enter a year later after withdrawing, if it is desired.

Doug Scott, dean of Student Services and senior administrator of the Athletic department states, "If this is their considered opinion and there is no strong opposition from the student body, I'd go along with it. However the matter has to be discussed further."

High costs and a lack of support from the students and players themselves were key factors in terminating next year's participation.

The initial cost for starting football here was \$14,000, and last year the team required \$8,000. Next year, the estimated cost was \$10,000.

The money will be redirected primarily towards instructional and intramural programs.

Mr. Bendera said the department might subsidize instructional programs to make it cheaper to participate.

Should Humber drop out, the league will be reduced to four teams: Seneca, Sheridan, Royal Military, and Algonquin Colleges.

The rumor that Mohawk and Centennial Colleges were to join the football league for the new season is unfounded.

Dennis McDonald, athletic director for Centennial, stated, "All we're doing is looking at the problems of the other Colleges. We're looking at it to see if it's worth joining. If it comes out negative, we're not going to jump into football if it is unsound."

The writing is on the wall and it will take the official rubber stamp to bang in the final nail on the coffin for the Humber Hawks.

Sports round-up

Hockey

The Seneca Braves mauled the Humber Hawks 10-3, in a fight-filled encounter at last Tuesday's Ontario Colleges Athletic Association hockey match at Seneca Arena.

Scoring for Humber were Rodger Ellis, John Cowan, and Jeff Howard.

The game was marred by numerous fights which spilled out into the stands at the end of the game.

The brawl, afterwards, began when a Hawk player, Rod Mantle, took exception to the constant heckling from the Seneca fans and swiped at a fan with his stick.

Police were called in to quieten the disorder.

Basketball

The men missed their best chance of obtaining a play-off berth in the O.C.A.A. southern division, by losing to fourth place Seneca Braves, 91-82, last Thursday at Seneca College.

Top scorers for Humber were Tim McGie with 29 points, Roman Berehulka with 23 and guard Basil Forrester shooting 11. The Braves' highest shooter was Jeff Starr firing 25 points.

Hawks remain in fifth place, four points back of Seneca.

The women's varsity basketball team lost their eleventh consecutive game this season, losing to the powerful Mohawk team, 86-20, last Tuesday in Hamilton.

Hawk's highest scorer was Mel Pistillo at seven points with Joanne McBride and Pat Gerada scoring six each.

Although inexperienced, the girls show a lot of pluck in playing against superior teams.



Mouthpiece

Winter Madness is coming next week and this is your big chance to get out and participate with us.

All year we have been complaining about a lack of support from the student body in this College, even going so far, as to say you are apathetic. This is your chance to prove us wrong.

We have arranged one of the best Winter Carnivals yet, making sure there is something there for everyone. If you like to skate, there is a rink in the amphitheatre; if you like to ski, join us next Wednesday at Honey Pot, or if you enjoy music there will be concerts and pubs all week.



Tickets for the formal and the Ski Trip are on sale at the H.A.T.O. Office in the Concourse. The formal is \$10.00 per couple and the ski trip is \$2.50 for the day.

This is the first clue in our mystery man contest.

"A.B. is here

A.B. IS THERE

A.B. is everywhere."

Don't strain yourself guessing. Just come up to our office and submit your guess. The first correct one drawn, wins a pair of tickets to the Johnnie Winter Concert.



The lounge is getting messier every day. Pop cans, sandwich wrappers and spilled ash trays don't add to the atmosphere there. If you are going to eat there, please pick up your garbage. Garbage cans are placed all over the lounge and it doesn't take any effort at all to put your garbage into them.

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Dinner 7:00 p.m.



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Students \$10.00 per couple

Non-Students \$12.00 per couple

Tickets available at HATO or

Student Union Office before Friday.

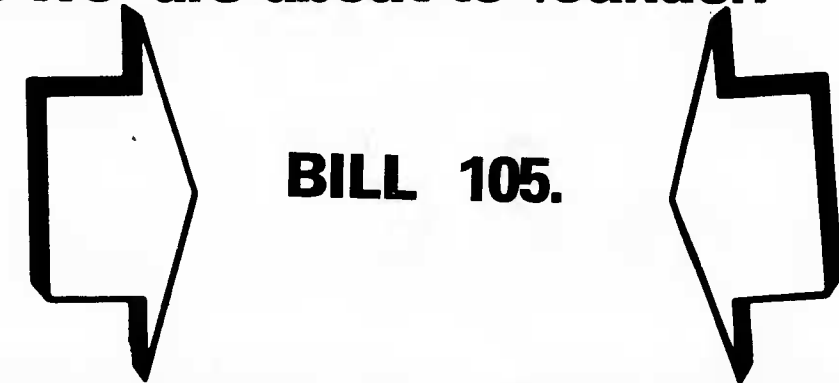
FACULTY CRISIS!

Humber College is a reasonably comfortable and rewarding place to be - but so was the Titanic.

The one meeting upon which your future as a teacher depends takes place in the auditorium tomorrow:

Wednesday, February 13 -4:00 p.m.

It may be your first and last chance to deal with the frightening iceberg on which we are about to founder:



If you teach here you either belong to CSAO - or should. Be There!

Humber Academic Branch -- CSAO

Students!

The mid semester report and you.....

Grades cards will be mailed to each student who has met all the registration requirements - January 1974.

You are requested to submit a course card to each instructor from whom you expect an evaluation by 25 February 1974.

Unless you submit a course credit card to an instructor you will not receive a grade for the particular course, nor will you be recorded as taking the course.

It is your responsibility to hand in the cards if you are to obtain a valid mid semester report

If you do not receive your cards by 21 February you should check with the appropriate admissions/Records Clerk in the Registrar's Office. If you have moved, make sure that the Registrar's Office has a change of address for you.

Office of the Registrar