

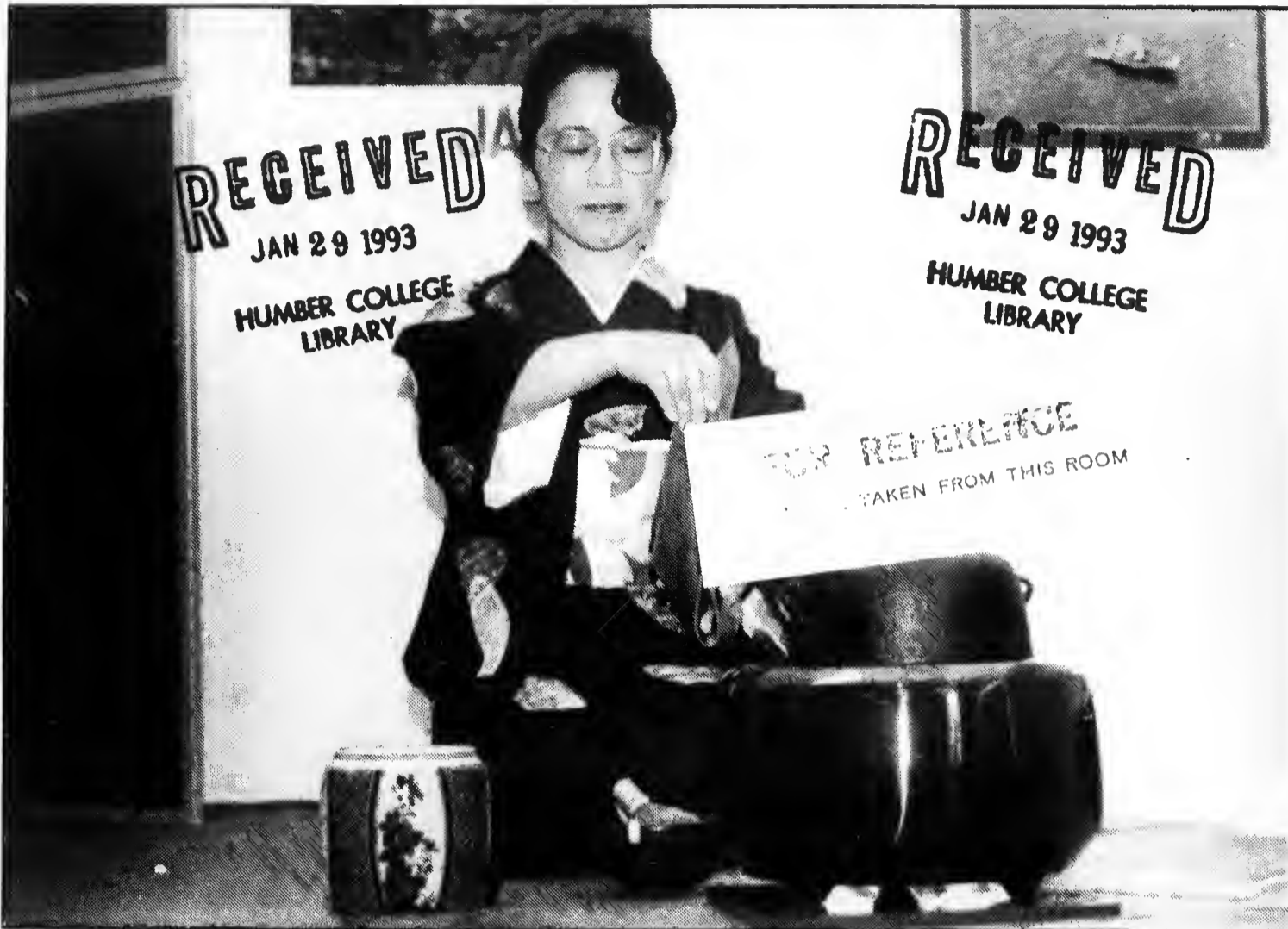
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LISA LANGILLE

**Ringin' in the new year** — In celebration of the beginning of the Year of the Rooster, members of the Pacific Rim countries held a tea ceremony in Humber's intercultural centre.

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## The Pill okayed at Humber

by Anya Chiovitti

The birth control pill will be available at Humber as of March 1.

SAC voted unanimously on Tuesday to fund Health Services to start a birth control clinic for students.

The proposal made by SAC vice-president Dennis Hancock asked that council give a total of \$4087 to Health Services to go toward purchasing the pills and administering the program.

According to Hancock, SAC will not be involved in the administration of the program due to reasons of student confidentiality.

Mary Carr, a registered nurse at Health Services will be in charge of the service.

Carr stated that the implementation of this program will be good for students.

"The last few years students have been having more problems

coming up with money for oral contraceptives. With tighter economic times, a \$20 range per month per package is unreasonable for students," said Carr.

Buying the pills through Health Services will cost students approximately \$7 a package. Currently, 40 per cent of the clients at the Malton Birth Control Clinic are Humber students. According to Carr, this is an indication that Humber needs this service.

Many of the details are still to be worked out with the college physician regarding student registration and dispensing procedures.

"Students need to be adequately screened medically so they are safe candidates to be on the pill," said Carr. She added there is a certain amount of legal liability involved in providing oral contraceptives.

Carr will be signing contracts with four pharmaceutical compa-

nies during the next few weeks: Ortho, Syntex, Searle and either Wytho or Berlex.

"In order to accommodate as many students as possible, most prescriptions will be able to filled here," said Carr.

Students will have to get a new prescription for the pills from their doctor, or obtain their present prescription from the pharmacy they are registered with. It will also be required for students to show documentation of a pap test before obtaining the pills.

The exact procedure for students to follow will be set before March. Carr said the service will be administered the same way as the University of Toronto and Sheridan College.

Hours of operation are still to be determined. However, Carr is planning to dispense the pills two days per week during specific hours.

The initial start up cost for the

clinic is being provided by SAC. This will in no way affect annual student activity fees.

Next year, the cost of providing the birth control pills might be incorporated into the Health Services budget.

Carr will be meeting with the Director of Student Life, Rick Bendera to discuss the new proposal and the Health Services budget.

If the program proves to be a success, Carr is planning to involve a more complex educational component. This would teach first time pill users how it works and how to deal with any problems.

Carr is also considering the implementation of an information hotline. This would give students an opportunity to call for help and discuss contraception, safe sex, or sexual relationships in general.

## Rental increase possible for Humber Residence

by Sandy Stosic

A rent increase is likely for people planning on living in residence next September, according to Rod Rork, Vice President of Administration.

However, he would not specify the amount of the increase because the matter has not gone before the Board of Governors yet.

Residence was built with the goal of being totally self-supportive, through gradual rent increases, in three years. It is probable that goal will be achieved next year, said Rork. Right now students pay \$375 a month rent for a room in residence.

"I definitely think they're fair," said Rork about the rent rates at Humber. "What we're going for is a service that meets the mandate of being self-sufficient."

The rent rates, according to Rork, were assessed taking into consideration the local marketplace, off-campus housing rates, mortgage payments, and operational costs. In the last four months, Humber finalized the 20-year mortgage on residence for \$11 million. According to Rork, that amount represents about 50 percent of the total capital investment.

However, many residents say they can't afford an increase.

"I wouldn't move back in if they raised the rent," said 19-year-old, first year resident, Kellie Green. "Definitely not, I would look for something else."

Matt Clooney a 21-year-old radio student, had a similar response.

"I'd be out of here really quickly," he said.

Rork said the school administration, when presenting the next budget to the Board of Governors, will also suggest the amount of rent increase at that time. After that, it's up to the Board to accept or reject the proposal.

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and learn.

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# Graphic arts student wins top prize representing Humber's Union Fair

by Robb M. Stewart

A graphic arts student has found out that college really does have its rewards.

Tammy Wilson won \$250 for designing a poster to advertise Humber's upcoming Union Fair, a project assigned to her class as a course requirement.

"It was fun doing it," said Wilson. "Quite a few people (in the class) did some good stuff, so I was surprised I won."

Wilson said she was trying to design something she could add to her portfolio, the prize money became an added bonus.

"I'll put the money towards art supplies, maybe towards my resumes."

Wilson had previously done another project for Humber, designing the logo for SAC on multiculturalism.

Dick Brown, Advertising and Graphic Arts Coordinator and one of the contest judges, chose Wilson's work because of its simplicity and solidarity.

According to Brown, "It takes a good designer to work within stipulations. An enormous part of the job of a graphic artist is to work within limitations (and) within a budget."

Brown assigned the project to all the fourth

semester students because it was a project similar to one the students might have to do in the work place.

"We get these (requested projects) from time to time. If they're good enough we use them as class assignments. If not, then students do them as a supplement to their work load."

The \$250 will be awarded to Wilson in February, the money coming from the budget of the Union Fair, a joint venture between the College's unions and the College administration.

According to Maureen Wall, Faculty Union Vice-President, the poster had to meet certain requirements.

"It had to be something that could be printed at Humber, so there were technical restrictions. They also had to make use of the tag 'There are Unions in Your Future'," Wall said.

"They had to present an image that would represent that."

The Union Fair is an opportunity for students to understand the union or unions that

might affect their job when they graduate. Booths will be set up and representatives from a variety of unions will be available to answer any questions. The Fair will be March 18 at the North and Lakeshore campuses.



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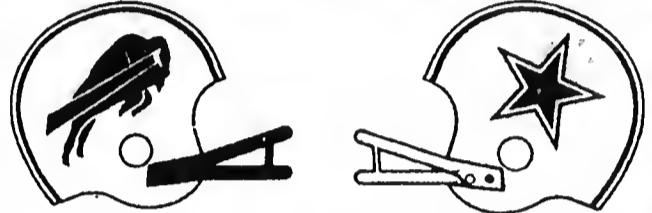
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## Exotic flower arrangements usher Year of Rooster: Pacific Rim Fest

by Lisa Langille

The Chinese New Year started early at Humber as students decided to greet it with a Pacific Rim festival at the Concourse — three days before the Rooster would have had the opportunity to kick the year of the monkey into oblivion.

Although the New Year didn't begin until January 23, Chinese and other Pacific Rim cultures joined together on January 20 to demonstrate their various craft and cultural traditions.

Organizer Joan Lee-Ferdinand said this is the first year for this event and they have been planning since November.

"The reason for having this festival is to help raise cultural awareness and to learn something about other cultures," said Lee-

Ferdinand.

C.M. Shum, who works in Humber Computing Services, said that the Chinese New Year is celebrated in different ways here in Canada but that is changing as more immigrants from China, Hong Kong and the Pacific Rim come to Canada.

"We have more and more of the Chinese culture here and I would expect this year's Chinese New Year would be much better than previous years," said Shum.

The many crafts on display at booths set up in the concourse ranged from painting to flower arrangements.

Peter Ito, a teacher at the Japanese Canadian Culture Centre, who was painting with water colors, said he took up the craft after he left college.

"I thought I'd try something that my mother and father were

taught in Japan," said Ito.

Carina Cunanan, who works in the Registrar's Office, was a participant at the Philippines booth, where wooden masks, clothing and woven articles were on display.

"I wanted to emphasize that most things made in the Philippines are handmade," said Cunanan.

Aside from flower arranging and painting, members of the Japanese community held a tea ceremony in the Intercultural Centre and a seniors group performed traditional dances in Kimonos to Japanese music.

Malaysia was also represented by an information booth, displaying pamphlets and tourist books.

After the festivities, spectators were offered fortune cookies to see what the future holds for them in the Year of the Rooster.



LAURA FARIS

## Rooster triumphs over mischievous monkey: heralds triumph of hope

by Laura Faris

Say goodbye to the turbulent monkey and hello to the hopeful rooster.

The Chinese New Year was ushered in Friday night with all the food, glitter and festivities appropriate to mark the beginning of the Year of the Rooster.

The Chinese year 4691 began January 23 as the first day of the lunar year and is the most important festival on the Chinese calendar according to Humber student Yuan Huisong. Originally from China, he said that the day is spent with family members and friends. It's a

day of celebration when special food dishes are served.

Margaret Wong, also a student at Humber said, "It's very important to pay respect to one's ances-

tors at New Years." For Wong, having dinner with her family means eating special dishes: one of poultry, one of fish and a vegetable dish. After dinner her fami-

children in red and gold envelopes. Red and gold are lucky colors for the Chinese.

While many people celebrate the Chinese New Year not many are aware of the meaning and tradition behind it. For those who want to learn more, a Chinese New Years Festival is still being held at a motion picture studio at 160 Bullock Drive in Markham until February 6.

Sharisa Khan of Balmoral Communications, the promoter of the Festival said, "The Rooster is a positive symbol representing hard work and leadership. From a business perspective the year should be

more positive and hopeful than the previous year."

In comparison, the past Year of the Monkey turned out to be mischievous and turbulent.



LAURA FARIS

ly prays and lights incense. Similarly, Chinese Buddhists had a vegetarian dinner at the Temple.

Another common practice is for family elders to give money to

## Future Shock Coping with new UI rules

by Joanna Kotsopoulos

The proposed changes this April to unemployment insurance benefits seems to have many students at Humber on opposite sides.

An estimated 600 students at Humber receive some type of UI benefits, said Kimberley Liptrap from the Humber administration. This includes students who are studying English as a second language, in short programs, or in diploma programs.

Many students feel the disqualification of all benefits is unfair. Kerry Wood, a legal assistant student, believes the changes are a "bad idea." Wood said she feels if someone dislikes their job they should be able to quit and receive UI benefits.

The government's proposal for UI will provide employees with fewer benefits and in some cases no benefits at all.

One of the biggest changes is disqualification of any UI benefits if an employee is fired with good reason or quits a job.

Eva Eleusiniotis, a UIC spokesperson, said the changes are positive and provide "a good shift, that will stop people who

take advantage of the system." She added, "I see it all the time."

These changes will affect full and part-time employees depending on the number of insurable weeks. Eleusiniotis said "losing your job without just cause will be immediate disqualification of benefits."

"People will have to be careful at their jobs and will have to have a very good reason for quitting," Eleusiniotis said.

Exceptions are allowed and if considered "just cause" an employee may still be eligible for UI. These "just causes" include: working in an environment that is harmful to the employee's health, discrimination, sexual harassment, following a transferred spouse or if an employee quits because daycare facilities are no longer available.

Some students believe the changes will be beneficial. "It does not affect me personally," said second year Humber student Kathleen Clancy.

"People should find jobs and there are jobs out there like McDonalds or pumping gas."

Clancy agreed that for certain cases UI benefits should be available, but in general people should take a job they can get.

## Expediency puts student privacy at risk

by David O'Hare

The Student Privacy Act was breached at Humber again when a class list with students' phone and student numbers was posted on the journalism bulletin board.

"It was an honest mistake," said Journalism Radio instructor Debra Edwards.

"We were in a hurry on the first day of class and the student schedules didn't accurately reflect who should be in what class," she said.

"It hadn't even crossed my mind that we had posted their student and phone numbers," said Edwards. "I feel shocked and appalled about the whole thing."

Last spring Coven reported that confidential student and faculty reports that included Social Insurance and student numbers, names, programs and campus locations, were being used in scrap paper boxes here at the North Campus library. Bill Pitman, director of Registration and Records, said that a process was put into place to prevent this problem from happening again.

Martha Casson of the Registrar's office, said the policy regarding the Privacy Act is clear. "The policy states that the college will protect the security or information that is in our possession about the student," said Casson. "This includes addresses, phone numbers, grades, high school documents and any letters in our files."

The Privacy Act is taken very

seriously at Humber College, said Vice President of Instruction, Richard Hook.

"No confidential information about a student is to be posted," said Hook. "That is, first of all, the college policy, but it's also a regulation under the law. If we are circulating any confidential information about students, it would be investigated by the college," he said.

"There's a program in place on the student record system that will produce a non-personalized timetable for a section (in a program) for posting," said Casson. "We re-wrote the program for class lists. No names, just student numbers in numerical order so you have to know your own to get your grade," she said.

Casson said even the police are forced to provide proof of an investigation if they want student information.

"The police have to sign a document indicating that the investigation is an official case," said Casson. "We have to see the badge and a signature must be provided."

To ensure that information about a student cannot be acquired just by keying in a student number, Humber's phone-in registration service is cross-referenced and all transactions are logged, said Casson. The computer is programmed to ask questions about your date of birth and Social Insurance number.

"We are very, very careful here," said Casson.

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## SAC pops the pill

Last week we heard about SAC VP Dennis Hancock's proposal to get the birth control pill subsidized on campus.

It is a commendable effort, and something that is long overdue on the Humber campus.

Hancock had originally looked into a couple of different means of making a subsidized pill available, such as a more expensive insurance policy. He shied away from this alternative knowing that not all students would appreciate paying for someone else's birth control.

The way SAC has decided to bring this to Humber is by buying the pills in bulk, and distributing them through a nurse at the college, thus eliminating the dispensing fees that pharmacies charge.

The payment and distribution would be through Health Services. Females will feel comfortable going to the Health Services office and announcing that they would like to buy contraceptives.

Another college (which asked not to be named) has tried a similar approach by buying pills in bulk, and charging students \$12 as compared to the \$18-\$20 that a pharmacy would charge.

They also have physicians on staff that create the atmosphere of a family planning clinic. The students' prescription is co-signed by her family doctor and the school physician.

At that college, the choices of pills are limited to the three types that the pharmaceutical company makes, which leaves little opportunity to switch prescriptions when one method isn't suitable — and this is a common occurrence for pill users.

Also, health officials at this college say they're having problems with pharmacist lobby groups who aren't too thrilled about them cutting in on the action.

So will this mean that Humber's well-intentioned proposal, will result in a similar up-hill battle?

It wouldn't appear so. Humber has taken a more informed approach and will be supplied by several pharmaceutical companies, thereby providing a variety of contraceptive options.

The good knight Dennis Hancock has handled this whole issue admirably.

## Feline frenzy out of control

When a new President assumes the reins of power in the United States, Washington's political machinery traditionally grants the new administration a 100 day grace period to formalize its agenda for the next four years.

The press — America's designated watchdog of all things political — has in the past respected this transition allowance and restrained itself from creating issues to fill a news hole.

The logic of this tradition transcends simple courtesy.

The office of President, is after all, not exactly a stress-free position. In addition to being in charge of the world's largest industrial democracy, Bill Clinton has assumed leadership of a new world order — what ever that means.

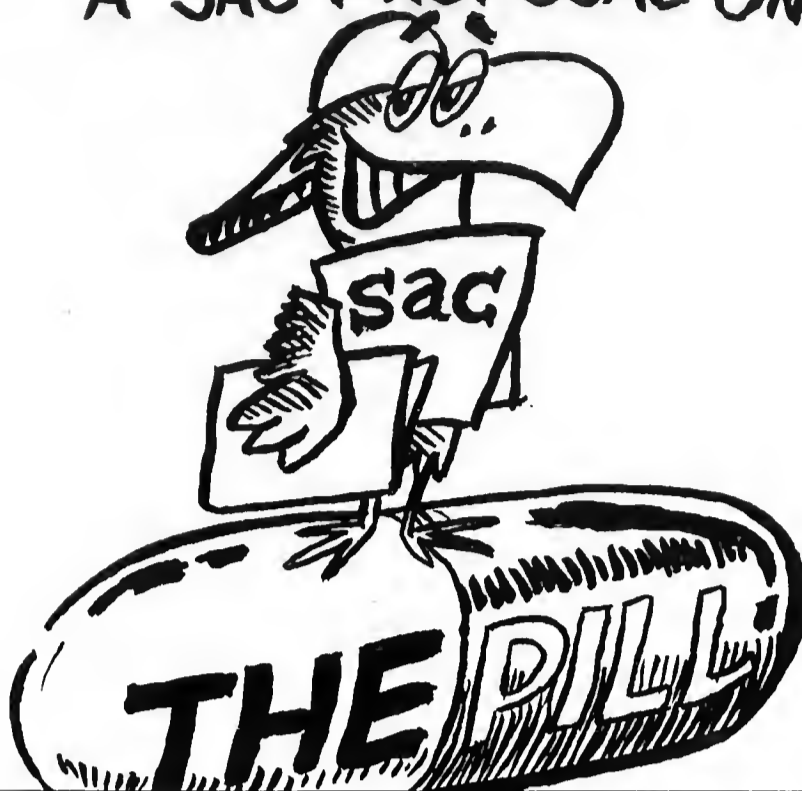
Apparently someone forgot to remind the American media of this however.

The last island of civility in the journalistic community has vaporized in favor of television crews terrorizing a live cat simply on the grounds that it now resides at 1600 Pennsylvania Avenue. Do the American people really need to know about Socks. Feline nature being what it is, it's reasonable to assume Chelsea Clinton's cat would rather be left alone.

Perhaps a little respect is too much to ask for in these days of 24-hour news channels however.

It's worth remembering that a little girl's cat wasn't an issue in Camelot.

## A SAC PROPOSAL ON...



Do you think it is fair that repeat pedophiles should be held indefinitely even though they have served their full sentence?

by Seam Logan and Sandy Stosic



"He should be released if he's been rehabilitated."

Don Souillet  
Physics/Math



"No. Those who commit such a sick act should pay for it."

Pauline Boyd  
CIS



"Yes I believe in it strongly. Rapists especially should be held."

Chris Blackford  
Computer Eng.



"I think they should stay in jail. It's not fair for the victim."

Stephanie Bianco  
Accounting



"They should hold them unless they have been rehabilitated."

Malkiat Linlaw  
Electronic Eng.



"Yes and keep a close eye on him and provide counselling."

Gordon Kofisrigoooh  
Computer Eng.

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**CHEERS ✓**

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**CHEERS ✓** To Sick Children's Hospital for opening its new atrium. It was badly needed.

**CHEERS ✓** To Canadian Immigration for deporting a key figure in the white supremacist movement.

**CHEERS ✓** To a coroner's jury for making recommendations to keep convicted pedophiles in prison.

**JEERS ✗** To Clinton for appointing his wife Hillary as chairperson of the President's Task Force on National Health Care Reform.

**JEERS ✗** To the City of Toronto for spending \$275,000 plus on a huge rock that will sit in a park in the Yorkville area.

**JEERS ✗** To Prince Charles for not wanting to be involved in any investigation surrounding the Parker Bowles sex-talk tapes. Isn't he already involved?

**JEERS ✗** To coalition forces in the gulf for using radioactive waste ammunition. It may be costing many children their lives.

### LETTERS TO THE EDITOR:

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## STOP THE PRESS

### Grade 9 math revisited

by James C. Cullin

My sister told me to get lost again last weekend. It seems she's had quite enough of people encouraging her to begin saving for retirement and I was the last straw.

Having just landed her first job after university Rose Marie is in no mood to scrimp and save. After five years of living hand-to-foot she has suddenly found herself in the 40% tax bracket and fully intends to live the good life.

"I will not," she said in no uncertain terms, "go back to spending my Saturday nights searching the grocery stores for half-priced fresh vegetables just so I can invest in an RRSP."

On the surface she would seem to have a point. Planning for age 65 can seem a little premature when you are just 23 year old. But in fact it is precisely because her retirement is 42 years away that she should begin planning for it now. My argument for this is simple: Make the power of compound growth work for you, not against you.

Perhaps an illustration would be helpful.

Let's assume my sister finds an investment vehicle which delivers an average growth rate of 10% per year over the next four decades. This is actually a very conservative assumption. There are at least 30 RRSP-eligible mutual funds that have averaged annual returns of 12% or better over the last 10 years. If you wish further proof, since 1955 Canadian stocks have averaged a compound growth rate of 9.1% according to a recent study by Toronto-based Investor Economics Inc.

If my sister were then to invest \$4,000 per year for each of the next 40 years at 10% she will have accumulated \$1,947,408. That's right, for investing \$160,000 of her own money over 40 years she'll end up with \$2 million in the bank upon retirement.

But Rose Marie, like so many people her age doesn't want to hear about retirement planning. She would rather let the good times roll. Retirement is something you worry about when you're in your forties.

Okay, let's zoom forward to when Rose Marie turns 45. If she were to invest \$8,000 per year for the next 20 years how much will she have in the bank? Assuming the same 10% growth her investments will have yielded \$504,016. That's right, for investing the same \$160,000 of her own money over 20 years she'll end up with half-a-million dollars in the bank upon retirement.

Welcome to the world of exponential growth.

Ah! But what about inflation?

Two million dollars in the year 2033 is not the same as two million right now. True enough. Let's assume inflation averages 5% over the next 40 years. Again this is an entirely reasonable assumption. According to that study by Investor Economics Inc., inflation in this country has averaged about 5% since 1955.

At 5% per year, cumulative inflation over the next 40 years would be just shy of 704%, about a seven fold increase. The flip side of this is that \$1 in 2033 would have the just one-seventh the purchasing power of that same dollar today.

So that \$2 million Rose Marie could have in the bank if she begins investing now would have the same purchasing power as about \$275,000 today. By comparison the \$500,000 she could accumulate if she starts saving in her mid-forties would be the equivalent of \$72,000 in today's dollars. No matter when you begin investing, the discount factor for inflation remains the same. Like the Energizer Bunny, inflation keeps going and going.

Having explained this to her, Rose Marie was still hesitant. After all \$4,000 is a lot of money. True, but again things are not always as they appear. The one variable I have conveniently left out so far is taxes.

I mentioned earlier that my sister's income is currently in the 40% tax bracket. For those of you unfamiliar with the strange world of tax planning that simply means that if her income were to rise by one dollar next year her tax bill would rise by forty cents, all other things being constant. Similarly, it follows that if she were to decrease her taxable income by a dollar her tax bite would fall by forty cents.

The practical upshot of which is that if Rose Marie were to invest \$4,000 this year in an RRSP—a tax shield by any other name — her tax bill would decrease by \$1,600. So in effect her investment would only be \$2,400. Not an unbearable burden for someone in a 40% tax bracket.

One final thought. As the baby boom generation slides ever so gracefully into retirement Canada's cherished social security net will be subjected to stresses that will make today's problems appear insignificant. It is a stretch frankly to assume Canada will still be a welfare state when Generation X enters retirement.

No one is better suited to take care of your future than yourself. The choice is pretty clear really.

Use the power of compound growth to your advantage or it will take advantage of you.

## Reflections on Koo Koo Bananas trial

by Antonietta Palleschi

"This is a court of law not an entertainment facility."

That was Judge J.R. Morgan of Ontario court, provincial division, in his opening statement to media scrutineers, hockey fans and groupies who Friday packed an Oshawa courthouse at the assault trial of hockey superstar, Eric Lindros.

The trial of the century continued last Friday with a battalion of reporters tripping over each other's equipment and jockeying for precious seats.

The \$3.5 million-a-year-centre for the Philadelphia Flyers is accused of spitting beer in the face of a 24-year-old Whitby woman, then dumping beer over her head in an incident on the dance floor last month at a Whitby sports bar.

The trial which resumed for a second day was adjourned until February 4.

Originally expected to last one day, the trial has been billed by Eric Lindros' lawyer Earl Levy, as a chance for the 'enfant terrible' to tell his side of the story.

In two weeks, hopefully the court will ultimately settle this issue but it will not answer how it got to this point.

Fans lined the corridor early hoping for a chance to see the 19-year-old hearthrob entering the courtroom.

He looked bigger than life and frequently, to the delight of fans, stopped to sign autographs.

Three Oshawa General hockey players who I spoke with said they had come to see their idol.

The young players ended up with the star's coveted scrawl on Lindros' rookie card.

They were proud and soon to be rich — a Lindros autographed rookie card can fetch up to \$80.

Along with the admiring hockey fans a group of giggling young girls sat in the back of the courtroom.

They had skipped school to catch a glimpse of the "hunk". Their greatest wish was to make eye contact with Eric.

When Lindros wasn't signing autographs for those in the courtroom and the fans who gathered outside, he sat listening to testimony oblivious to the media frenzy around him.

Most of the day was taken up by defence witnesses who provided conflicting versions of what

happened that night at Koo Koo Bananas, the Whitby bar where the alleged common assault took place.

Among the few consistent details the media circus covering the Lindros trial has so far learned is that he isn't much of a dancer.

Witness after witness has testified that Lindros was a lousy dancer.

For those interested, he moves side to side mostly using his upper body to strut his stuff.

As his lawyer and witnesses have said, "he's no M.C. Hammer."

But during a break Lindros' lawyer learned about Watson's past, bringing into question his credibility as a witness.

He had been involved in a 1982 assault — Durham's version of the Rodney King affair.

An Oshawa plumber had been assaulted by Watson when the officer pulled the man over for a traffic violation.

How much this evidence affects the trial remains to be seen.

There is no doubt however, the allegations further tarnish an already less than stellar force image.

But Durham's finest have a problem — they don't like the media especially since reports that have made their handling of the infamous Guy Paul Morin saga seem like a case for the Keystone Cops.

So with more than 50 reporters crammed into the courts it was their chance to get even.

After the afternoon break, I had a run-in with the boys in blue becoming one of their victims.

I had been warned by a fellow reporter that the cops had tried to play heavy with the press on the first day of the trial.

They decided if a reporter went to lunch or, heaven forbid, the bathroom, their spot

in the overcrowded room would be given to someone else.

"Sorry you can't go in now," I was told.

"My stuff's in there and I'll be really quiet going in," I protested to a young Officer Friendly.

I had slipped out of the courtroom to make sure the photographer I was with got a shot of a previous witness.

Officer Friendly was not letting anyone in until there was a natural break in the proceedings.

I would later be joined by a number of other print and television reporters who had made the mistake of being minutes late returning from the lunch break.

Meanwhile with Officer Friendly guarding the courtroom door, I decided to go through my notes and listen to my tape recording of the proceedings.

But with the poor courthouse acoustics, not to mention a cheap machine, all I got was hours of humming.

At that point, I realized that I had something in common with Durham police.

We had both learned not to rely on tapes when it comes to testimony.

I learned this from the Lindros trial witnesses.

The cops learned it from Guy Paul Morin.



Lindros isn't embarrassed by this revelation. Each mention of his lack of rhythm brought a smile to the hockey star's face.

At the end of seven hours of bizarre but less than exciting testimony, the lasting impression — apart from the damage a hard wood bench inflicts on a soft bottom — was that Lindros desperately needs lessons at the Arthur Murray Dance Studio, groupies are oblivious to any hero's legal battles, and the People's Court and Judge Wapner must have been far too busy to hear this case.

Far more important than the media circus and the cult of personality at Friday's hearing was the fact that Durham police are in serious need of a public relations miracle.

The Eric Lindros trial is the biggest story to hit the Durham region since the tragic Christine Jessop murder case, during which local police did not distinguish themselves.

So, they should have put on their finest show for the trial which attracted reporters from across Canada and the United States.

The day started fine. Constable Jim Watson, a prosecution witness, gave what seemed like fairly strait forward testimony.

# LANDLORD VERSUS TENANT

**A STUDENT'S  
GUIDE  
TO RENTAL  
LIVING**

**A**fter losing his home, Chris DiCesare keeps a fire extinguisher handy at his new place and makes sure his guests know enough not to play with matches.

DiCesare, a third-year journalism student, rented a room in an overcrowded house. The single-family dwelling would have been considered a fire hazard if it had been inspected because of its lack of exits.

DiCesare learned the rules of the Landlord and Tenant Act the hard way. A fire broke out in the basement and he lost not only more than \$2,000 worth of belongings, he also lost his home.

"I found out later that the landlord didn't have adequate insurance to cover the losses," said DiCesare. If the tenant is not living with the owner of the house or not sharing kitchen or bathroom facilities, the tenant should have contents insurance. If the tenant and landlord share accommodations, the tenant should investigate whether he/she is covered on the landlord's insurance policy.

Mary Metcalfe, a first-year nursing student, rented an apartment with a roommate for \$400 each a month. The stove had no burners, but the landlord promised to have it fixed by the time they moved in. Metcalfe and her roommate were unable to cook for three weeks — that's how long it took their landlord to fix the stove.

Metcalfe didn't know that she could have applied to the Ontario Court of Justice for a rent rebate. "I wish I would have known about my rights then," she said.

According to the bylaws, landlords are compelled to maintain the dwellings in a

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manner fit for living and must comply with all health, safety, and housing standards set by the law. If the landlord does not properly maintain or repair a dwelling the tenant can apply to the Court of Justice (General Division) to do so. The landlord must make any necessary repairs or grant the tenant an "abatement of rent", which means a temporary reduction in rent.

With rights come responsibilities, tenants are responsible for any damage they or their guests cause, whether deliberate or accidental. Tenants are also responsible for the cleanliness of their dwelling.

If a tenant fails to pay for damages or repairs and does not keep the dwelling clean the landlord can ask the court to order the eviction of the tenant, order the tenant to pay the landlord for any damage,

or order the tenant to clean the dwelling or repair any damage.

Metcalfe advises that people know what their rights and responsibilities as tenants are. "You should always know what you're getting into when you sign a lease or rent a place," she suggested.

Metcalfe was supposed to give 60-days notice to terminate her lease and didn't. Luckily her landlord found someone to take her place when her roommate moved out and she could no longer afford the apartment.

**“H**e was going to sue me for \$1,600 — it was very stressful. Not many people know their rights or the bylaws," said Metcalfe. "I had to get a lawyer."

Craig Wigley, a second-year radio stu-

dent, has a problem with his landlord paying him unexpected visits. When he complains the landlord says "it's my house." Under the Landlord and Tenant Act the landlord must give a 24-hour written notice and specify the time he is planning to enter the dwelling. There are exceptions in cases of emergencies and if the tenancy agreement requires the landlord to regularly clean the dwelling.

**F**ernando Teixeira, public education coordinator for the Ministry of Housing Rent Control Program, has given talks to various universities and colleges about the landlord and tenant bylaws. "Sometimes we get tenants that call up and some of them happen to be students and they're like any other tenant — most problems are with maintenance or being charged illegal rent — we have a registry that keeps track of all the rents in the province. If tenants want to find out how much the rent should be they can contact us."

According to Teixeira, the tenant can request that the landlord register to avoid misunderstandings. "For example we've had the problem, especially with rooming houses, where one tenant was paying \$300. That tenant moved out and the next rent was \$500. The law says that you can only increase the rent according to the guidelines."

The Rent Control Law states that the rent can only be raised once a year. The guideline for 1993 is a maximum rent increase of 4.9 per cent. Every August the Ministry of Housing announces the guidelines for the next year.

If a landlord does not comply with the guidelines set for that year, the tenants can apply for return of illegal rent if they've been overcharged.

Students concerned about their rights and obligations as tenants can pick up information at Humber's Housing Department, located in the residence R115. For further information, they can contact the Ministry of Housing.

— Tamara de la Vega

## SOME COMMONLY ASKED QUESTIONS:

**If I want to get out of my lease, what must I do?**

You must give your landlord 60-days notice in writing.

**Can I be evicted without my landlord taking me to court?**

Your landlord must go to court if you do not move out.

**Can I be locked out of my apartment?**

An eviction can take place at any time of year, whether it's a holiday, you are on vacation and even if you have nowhere to go.

**Can I be evicted by my roommate?**

It depends whether you are a subtenant or a co-tenant. In this situation it is advisable to seek legal council.

**What do I do if my landlord locks me out?**

The landlord cannot evict you without a Writ of Possession from the court and only the sheriff can have your locks changed.

## Condom shoppe at Lakeshore

by Janet Deline

There was an uproar over 'Condoms' at the Lakeshore campus last week. 'Condoms: The Safe Sex Shoppe', that is.

A pile of the store's flyers had apparently been left on a table in the campus advertising the store's 'grand opening'. The flyers were in no way vulgar or disgusting in nature as they publicized two new locations, at Eglinton Avenue West and Lakeshore Boulevard, with both having 'the biggest selection of condoms — over 100 different kinds'.

The flyers also went on to say that all customers would receive a free condom when they visited the store and if they brought the coupon, which is attached to the flyer, before February 14 (Valentine's Day), they will receive a 10 per cent discount. The store's manager, Alfred Agostini, said the most important point noted in the flyer is the donations.

"We donate three per cent of our sales to PWA-AIDS

Foundation," said Agostini. "And the flyers promote safe sex."

But, John Liphardt, the Dean of the Lakeshore campus, found the flyers not exactly suitable.

"It's inappropriate, and they've been removed. We're not the kind of institution to publicize that sort of thing," said Liphardt.

In order to distribute or post anything at a Humber College location, approval is needed from either the Dean's office, or from the Students' Association Council (SAC).

Lisa Kramer, of SAC at the North campus, said it's unlikely that the campus helps advertise outside of school activities, but if they did, this particular flyer would most likely not receive a good reception.

"It wouldn't go over well, especially with administration and some students," said Kramer.

Xiomara Mazarigos, a Humber student, saw the flyer and said that it wouldn't bother her to see the flyer posted on the wall.

"Things change a lot, so if it's for protection, yes," said

Mazarigos. "If it will benefit people, sure why not."

Another Humber student, Steve Mikoleit, also didn't think the flyer was 'inappropriate.'

"It may help people make them aware. It wouldn't bother me to see it in the school," said Mikoleit.

When asked about the flyers appearing in the school, Agostini was unaware that any flyers were there. Apparently a friend of Agostini's, had offered to hand some leaflets out to student friends and perhaps, according to Agostini, someone took it upon himself or herself to put some in the school. Obviously the well-meaning friend was unaware that permission was needed first from the school.

"Some students offered to distribute the flyers," said Agostini. "I didn't know they were going to place them in the school."

As it stands, the Lakeshore campus is free from looking at the Condom Shoppe flyers this week, and probably the following weeks to come.



JANET DELINE

**Condoms for sale** — Manager Alfred Agostini stands in front of the new 'Condoms: The Safe Sex Shoppe' on Lakeshore Blvd.

## No participants, no winners, for smoking contest

by Susan Magill

Humber's 'Quit and Win' contest turned out to be a 'Quit and No Win' contest. The winning draw for a set of mountain bikes drew no participants and no winners.

Last semester the Humber Fitness Centre started the contest where one smoker would join forces with a non-smoker and attempt to stay smoke free. Rules were set, and the contest began on October 30, with participants set to refrain from smoking until January 20.

At the end of the contest, the Humber Fitness Centre was ready to receive the participants and draw for the winning team. But nobody showed up.

"We're really disappointed," said Kim Ramsay, of Humber's fitness staff. "We didn't have to do this. We did it for the students."

Ramsay explained that 11 people started with the contest but four 'fell off the bandwagon', leaving seven new non-smokers eligible to win a set of mountain bikes. "We got sponsors. Caps donated one mountain bike and we put up the money for the second," said Ramsay.

Humber's Fitness Centre is unsure of what to do. The staff is hoping that someone will call or come in soon.

"We'll give them a few more days," said Ramsay.

She explained that those who could not manage to quit called in to let the office know and were then taken off the list. Except for those calls, no participants made contact at any time with the fitness staff.

"We were really busy and there are only two of us running the contest," said Ramsay. "But they were not neglected."

She explained that notices

were placed around the school encouraging the participants and showing them their support.

The Fitness Centre does not understand the lack of interest. Ramsay explained that participants were called before the draw and that letters were sent out.

"No one called to say they would not be at the meeting," she added. "It's unfortunate. We put a lot of time and effort into this."

Caps donated \$100 for the prize and their staff were surprised that nobody showed up to claim their prize. Steve Portt, Caps assistant manager, said it was not a problem last year.

"Last year Paula Fournier, on staff at Caps, won the contest and Maggie Hobbs, manager of student operations, her non-smoking buddy won a bike too."

Portt said he was not sure what

the Fitness Centre would do with the bikes. "Maybe they can run another contest," he suggested, "or keep them for next year."

The bikes, one a red men's 18-speed CCM mountain bike and the other a blue men's 15-speed Ascent mountain bike, are locked in a storage room awaiting their outcome.

## Residents stay in shape with free aerobic classes

by Margaret Bryant

Humber students learn to get fit through the free weekly aerobics program offered at the residence.

Sandra Niblock, the instructor for the classes held on Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays, said the program has become very popular among the students.

"It's a nice study break. It gives you energy which is what you need for studying," said Niblock.

Niblock, who is taking a Human Resources post graduate course, volunteered to teach the classes of about 25 residents, and incorporates her long-term dance experience into the aerobics.

"I get a workout. I incorporate dance into the classes," she said.

Shelly Johnston, first-year Travel and Tourism student and resident, said the fitness classes are more for fun than exercise.

"A lot of people come just for fun and not for a serious workout," said Johnston. "It energizes you and inspires you to get more (homework) done."

Christa McManus, a first-year Interior Design student, said she enjoys participating in the weekly workout.

"I look forward to coming because we're in school all day and it (aerobics) relieves stress," said McManus.

Humber residents also keep in shape through activities like volleyball and badminton offered every Wednesday night for residents in the college gym.

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PAMELA BROWN

**Tattoo you** — A visitor to the Tatarama tattoo shop displays his body art.

## Tattoos now popular culture

by Marilyn Beaton

'Mom' and the name of your current love, have been replaced with the Tasmanian devil as the most popular permanent body art.

No longer just the realm of bikers and sailors, tattoos are being displayed by people from all walks of life. All sorts of people feel the need to express themselves through tattooing, said Os Paredes, the owner of Tatarama, a tattoo shop in Etobicoke.

Paredes said most people don't put that much thought into getting tattooed, "they just do it." Mostly, it is young men between 18 and 25. There are all sorts of reasons to get tattooed — peer pressure, status, a lark or a dare. Still others get tattoos, Paredes said, because they are the ultimate form of self-

expression.

But they are addictive. It is rare, he said, that people stop with just one tattoo — as witnessed by a visit to the shop. Britta Geisseler, a client at the Tatarama, is adding to her collection which she began in 1981. Two orange cats and a lime green Volkswagen will now adorn her left shoulder. At \$90 an hour for custom work, and a considerable amount of pain, Geisseler says it's worth it. "I'm enjoying them, if I regret it later, I'll worry about it then."

Robert Windrum, a Toronto artist and director of Gallery 76 (Ontario Colleges of Art's student gallery) has two tattoos which he designed and is thinking of acquiring a third. One of his tattoos is a heart — a cross between

the real and the romantic. He said it isn't wellrafted but even these have meaning. "The image of how I cut my hair, whether I work out, the clothes I wear and the tattoos I have, it's all part of the package," said Windrum. For this reason, it is unlikely that he would ever have it covered.

While most people choose designs from the 'flash' — the shop's selection — Os Paredes says he has been asked to create designs from T-shirts, stuffed animals and mugs.

If undecided, there are always temporary tattoos but true patrons of the art frown upon them. Windrum said they show no understanding of the commitment needed when getting a tattoo.

## High sugar snacks a health concern for students

by Janis Raisen

Buying junk food is a frequent trap many Humber College students seem to fall into.

According to John Mason, director of Ancillary services, only 500 apples and 600 oranges are sold a week compared to 5,000 bags of chips, and more than 2,000 chocolate bars.

Fruit is five to 10 cents cheaper than the other snacks, but students prefer to snack on junk simply because of its convenience.

"I don't have time for lunch," said Raj Singh, a business administration student. She said it's easier to eat a chocolate bar than an apple or orange in between classes.

Zeny Manero, a Humber College Nursing professor, said frequent consumption of junk food can create unhealthy eating patterns.

"If you eat a lot of junk food you're setting a very bad habit for yourself which is going to carry through into your adult years," she said.

She stressed the importance of

a balanced diet so the body will receive the required nutrients.

Manero said eating a lot of high sugar snacks such as chocolate bars can interfere with proper nutrition.

"If you are eating too much sugar, you can get a feeling of satisfaction and your hunger goes away. If you are not hungry, you are not inclined to eat so you deplete yourself of other sources of food groups which your body really needs," she said.

Sandra Filice, Nursing professor at Humber, says students should not substitute empty calorie foods such as chips and chocolate bars for regular meals.

"If you don't eat properly, you can become anemic and when you are anemic your haemoglobin is low and you're weak and lethargic and you can pass out," she said. Low haemoglobin would decrease the concentration of oxygen and carbon dioxide in the lungs.

Filice said if students choose to consume a lot of junk food in addition to regular meals, there is the possibility of weight gain.

Aside from the unhealthy side



JANIS RAISEN

**Sugar break** — Many Humber students do not have the time to eat nutritious foods, and rely more on quick fixes of chocolate bars and potato chips.

of snacking on high fat and high sugar snacks, it also provides a small amount of energy according to Gina Carvalho, a registered dietitian at Etobicoke General Hospital.

"Using a high fat and high sugar food to give you energy isn't good," she said. "A person's

blood sugar doesn't rise as quickly with cheese and crackers."

Carvalho said cheese and crackers or fruit take longer to digest and provide more sustenance.

Problems resulting from poor eating habits can appear later on in life, said Carvalho. She said

those who have a history of heart disease in their family and repeatedly eat high fat snacks, may be at risk for heart disease. She said the body can only take a certain amount of abuse, but added many who have maintained a balanced diet throughout their lives may not encounter problems.

## A lack of light in winter can cause depression

by Sharon Allen

With two or three more months of cold weather ahead, getting through winter can be a trying experience.

Many people are experiencing the winter blues and some are even downright depressed. Some experts agree that the real reason is a lack of light.

Michael Tennan, director of the light-therapy unit at the New York State Psychiatric Institute, spoke at a seminar last month at the Constellation Hotel in Toronto. He works with people who fall into deep depression in the middle of winter.

"People think they feel down because of the holidays or because it's winter and it's such a long time until Memorial Day, when in fact it's just that they are light-deprived," said Tennan.

A lack of sunshine does affect our mood, but the idea is to not feel stuck or bound by weather, said Vinnie Mitchell, a counsellor at Humber's North Campus.

"If you tell yourself that winter is a terrible time, you believe it," said Mitchell.

Gordon Winch, director of the Distress Centre in Toronto, said the centre receives more calls during seasonal changes in spring and fall — calls do not increase in the winter.

"Weather does affect most people," Winch said. "When it is dark and gloomy outside, people feel more depressed and when it's sunny and bright, people feel happier."

But not everyone experiences depression during the winter months.

Bruce Walker, a professor of psychology and faculty advisor at

Humber's North Campus, thinks that winter is a great time of year.

"Some people feel that winter is something they have to go through so they learn a sport in an effort to get through it. The best thing I like about winter is going up north. There's nothing I look forward to more than sitting in front of the fire where there's total relaxation," said Walker.

Rick Boyer, a welding student, grew up in Thessalon, a town near Sault Saint Marie, where they usually have a lot of snow. He said that he can remember temperatures being as low as — 40C.

"We don't get a lot of snow in Toronto, but when we have a storm, I feel right at home," said Boyer.

Spring will be here officially in two months.

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Technicians, Characters, Escorts:  
12:00-3:00pm





# New focus on horizon for Women at Humber

by Donna Weidenfelder

A new name, a new focus, and a new forum is on the horizon for all women at Humber. However, participation has not reached its peak.

Last fall, The Women's Educational Council decided to restructure this faculty-oriented group. Now, the renamed Women at Humber (WAH) will encourage students, administration and support staff to collaborate in an attempt to broaden the group's focus.

The committee has been discussing how to better integrate all the good work of the various groups and individuals on campus concerned about safety and security within the institution. But, at a meeting last Thursday, only ten women were in attendance, seven of whom were faculty members.

A college-wide meeting will be held, with internationally renowned consultant Carol Anne Letheren, to conduct a planning session with key Humber people. Letheren is the Canadian representative on the International Olympic Committee.

The emphasis of the session will be the prevention and effective response to threats to safety anywhere at the college. They will build on the foundation laid in the Tragic Events Support Network (TESN) report. The meeting will be held February 9 at 9:30 a.m. in the Seventh Semester.

The group will consist of a steering committee and of various sub-committees. Although plans are not formalized, it is proposed that these sub-committees will cover areas such as harassment, women's studies, and a health and safety committee. Topics could span to anything from "condom distribution to coping with menopause," said Joan Boyd, one of Humber's business faculty, and an active member in the group.

WAH hopes to establish more of a community environment. It would act as a forum and a link between different divisions in the college where new friends can be made and new mentors can be found, said Boyd.

Maureen Wall, a communications teacher and co-chairperson for WAH, contends that the organization is a support group. "It's a network of women across the college who can look to each other for help," Wall said.

every other organization. One of the group's goals is to make sure women are treated as equals.

A session on positive intervention is only one of many ideas the group has.

Boyd said that initial sexism or harassment should be dealt with in a positive way before it gets to



DONNA WEIDENFELDER

**Women at work** — Changes are underway for women's groups, as the Women at Humber try to establish a network for all women at Humber.

"As a group we can argue much more strongly for safety measures to be put into place to improve safety on campus and to have revisions made to curriculum."

However, Boyd adds that they are looking at making a 'positive change.' She said sexism exists in the college, just as it does in

the point where a formal complaint has to be made.

This is not an all female group, she said, adding that the input of men at Humber is welcome.

So far, the group has a mailing list of approximately 80 people and a core of about 20 members.

# Humber Room to attract more students

by Alan McDonald

Humber College's premiere restaurant, The Humber Room, run by hospitality, culinary, and hotel management students, is hoping to attract more students as customers in the near future by revamping their menu.

As of last week, The Humber Room is offering new lunch menus on Wednesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays that will be more student oriented. Thursdays will feature the new 'Guest Chef Series' in which culinary students will be serving for

an established chef. The other two days will include second semester students serving. Ideas such as 'hot dog fests' and "ethnic dishes" are even being considered in hopes of attracting students.

Students currently only account for roughly 30 per cent of the restaurant's clientele, falling behind faculty and just ahead of outside guests.

Hotel Management program co-ordinator, John Savard, said he would like to see more students enjoying this "excellent facility."

"We would like to see more

students but we don't want to become the Pipe," said Savard, wary of the possibility of The Humber Room becoming another hangout.

Although Savard said The Humber Room welcomes all

guests and wants to avoid being considered 'snobby' although it should still remain formal as its chief purpose is to give students first-hand experience working in a classy restaurant.

Also, he is not willing to jeopardize the high class atmosphere in order to make more money.

"It has to serve the student's learning experience first and foremost," said Savard.

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# Miles from Sugar Mountain

*Renegade rocker Neil Young is still churning out hits*

by Paul Mercado

It's a given that Neil Young will continue to put out albums with clockwork regularity, but the question is which Neil Young will show up.

Will it be the youthful renegade rocker and his band Crazy Horse, the simple country man whose most pressing concerns are staying in love and paying his bills, or the computerized Neil Young from outer space from his *Trans* album?

Or possibly someone new altogether?

Young presents all of these musical personae and more on *Lucky Thirteen*, a kind of retrospective look at his music in the '80s consisting of alternate recordings of previously released songs as well as some unreleased material.

There is definitely something for every Young fan on this album, but whether the amounts will be enough to sustain each one is questionable.

It is certainly a brave feat by Young to unite all of his musical tangents on one album. But this collection is not as disjointed as one would think.

After a number of listens, the album strangely begins to develop and meld together as a cohesive whole.

Young covers a whole range of emotions in his music to the point where his noisy rock songs feel at home with his country lullabies.

*Lucky Thirteen* is also lyrically wide-ranging. "Ain't It the Truth", an R&B number, pays homage to a woman who is perfect in every way, at least physically: "Your majesty. Your curvaciousness. Your highness."

Once an Angel, on the other hand, is a man's ode to his loving, faithful wife: "There've been times when I've treated you so badly. I've done things I know you'll never understand. But you take me back, turn your eyes towards the window where you hide the tears you don't want me to see."

Young also exhorts some of his social commentary on such songs as "Hippie Dream", a post-mortem on the death of the '60s, and his infamous "This Note's For You". He is equally adept at depicting personal relationships as he is with global relationships.

*Lucky Thirteen* is recommendable based on the great scope of the music, but history would indicate that most Neil Young fans will have mixed feelings about buying it.

In any case, *Lucky Thirteen* can serve as a sampler of the many faces of Neil Young to the uninitiated so that they may choose which ones suit them best.



**RAP**

## Parents beware: lyrics on *Shorty the Pimp* are not for the faint of heart

by Heather Mason

Shorty's one nasty pimp, but he's one that probably most hard core rap fans will want to get to know.

Rapper Too \$hort, whose other albums include *Short Dog's In The House*, *Life Is...Too Short*, and *Born to Mack*, has just released a new album.

*Shorty The Pimp* is not for the faint of heart. Complete with a parental advisory label which is like a badge of honor in the world of rap artists, *Shorty The Pimp* is a glorification of exploitation in the criminal underworld and ghetto culture.

It is also a blatant example of hypocrisy.

While calling attention to racial oppression and police injustices against blacks, "Shorty's" main theme promotes the degradation and subjugation of women ("freaks") — typical pimp fare.

So, while there are a couple of socially relevant cuts on the album — "I Want To Be Free" and "No Love From Oakland" — where the rapper aptly demands "is being black my crime?", the lyrics are largely uninspirational ("I want to treat you like a trappy slut").

The introduction sets the musical tone for the rest of the album with danceable soul and disco tunes, probably originating from the rapper's fondness for James Brown. At times the music slips into monotonous repetition, lost and abandoned. But then, the music isn't really what it's all about.

What it is about is life on the streets and it's rarely kind. While it is commonplace for rappers to vilify the status quo, the attitudes are real and as ugly as they seem, they can't be ignored.

Too \$hort fans can expect to see another of his home movies, *Shorty The Pimp At The Player's Ball* released soon.

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# Crashing stages and I.R.A. bombings spell road trip to hell for Ned's Atomic Dustbin

by Todd Wonacott

You wouldn't expect much to exit the mouth of Jonn Penney as he strolls into a mid-afternoon press conference at a downtown Toronto hotel with a Mr. Submarine bag in hand and a goofy grin on his mug.

Enter the frontman of British quintet, Ned's Atomic Dustbin, the shy and reluctant spokesperson for the band.

As questions fly forth from the throng of college and university journalists assembled, Jonn instantly assumes control.

He's an intent listener, receptive to those who question him, but just call him Jonn.

In fact, you would be walking on thin ice if you were to address any band member by their last name.

In a recent interview in music mag, Scataphobia, it was revealed that the Neddies requested the withholding of their last names and other information about the band.

The Neddies are in Toronto for their fifth appearance after three

previous stops to promote their debut disc, *God Fodder*, and another in October to premier their latest effort, *Are You Normal?*.

Those who witnessed the October show would agree it was not up to snuff in comparison to earlier live efforts, but Jonn downplays the disappointment.

"Every night is different. Everything can go brilliantly or it can suck and you get really pissed off. Consistency is almost as bad as inconsistency. If the show becomes a routine, it loses its energy."

No worries for the Dustbin on this night though. In the most hectic, sweaty and obscenely overcrowded Ned's gig to date, the band slammed through an almost 80 minute set combining the old with the new, much to the delight of the crowd.

Jonn displayed a spastic dance style, tossing his mop of hair about the stage, perspiring from the elbows.

Besides undertaking the task of lead singer, Penney is also the primary songwriter. "I don't write to

specific situations. I try to make them accessible to everyone in the band," he says.

"I write all the lyrics at home, never on the road, which is a downer since we are always on tour. I don't write lyrics when I'm happy because it's too carefree. If I'm pissed off, I find it the best time to jot down lyrics."

*"My life went in front of my eyes. I was hanging by electrical wires praying the monitor wouldn't give way."*

One song on *Are You Normal?*, "Not Sleeping Around", has some listeners disillusioned over the true meaning of the song and its title, a point that does not sit well with the smiley bloke, slamming his empty glass to the table.

"This is the first time I have ever been disturbed by someone's interpretation of a song. It just makes me a hypocrite speaking out against that. Interpret it however you like, but I sunk my own

ship with that song I think in regards to subject matter."

Aside from turning crowds into a moist frenzy, Penney has aspirations to perform on a different style stage.

"I used to go to loads of plays, but I got disillusioned because I wanted to take part. I don't go much anymore, but if something perked my interest, I'd try to go. Nah, bollocks!"

Really I'm just a total hooligan and drink beer."

As for his worst road experience, Penney instantly recalls his brush with death in Ireland.

After narrowly missing being blown to bits in a hotel by an Irish Republican Army (IRA) bomb, the group simultaneously fell through a stage in Belfast.

"My life went in front of my eyes. I was loading the tape, hoping for the grace of God. I was hanging by electrical wires, praying the monitor wouldn't give way."

Whether he is fielding questions, dodging death or bouncing around a stage, Jonn Penney is still humble about his success, and is quite able to handle all the attention thrust upon him.

"I don't even think about what popularity is. I have no expectations really, we let everyone else judge how popular we are."

Judging by the turnout at the Concert Hall, the future looks even brighter for Jonn, Mat, Rat, Alex and Dan of Ned's Atomic Dustbin.



Atomic Dust-rats — From left to right, Ned's Atomic Dustbin: Jonn, Mat, Rat, Dan and Alex (no last names, please)

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# Alive soars

by Frank De Gasperis

If you expect to see a gruesome tale of cannibalism in the new film *Alive*, you will be disappointed.

*Alive* is based on the true story of a plane that crashed in the Andes Mountains in 1972, while carrying an Uruguayan rugby team. The surviving passengers were forced to eat the flesh of their dead friends to survive, until they were rescued over two and a half months later.

The main focus of *Alive* is not the acts of cannibalism, but the resolve and strength of the human spirit. Along with starvation, the team had to overcome freezing temperatures, blizzards, and avalanches.

Ethan Hawke (*Dead Poet's Society*, *Mystery Date*) plays Nando, the leader of the team. His will to survive is the strongest, and he forces this will onto the others, along with his undying hope. Hawke is joined by a large ensemble cast portraying the remaining survivors of the crash. The overall performances were strong and believable, though some of the actors used Spanish accents, while others (like Hawke) did not. This minor incongruity can be ignored given the powerfulness of the story.

Directed by Frank Marshall, and written by John Patrick Shanley (*Moonstruck*, *Joe Versus The Volcano*), *Alive* has the distinguishable mark of Shanley's wit and gifted touch for the dramatic.

Yet *Alive* remains an intense film, with some spectacular cinematography of the Rocky Mountains of British Columbia, where the film was shot. Its story, like the landscape, is inspiring.

Do not expect to see a horror film, but a film of survivors existing in horrendous conditions.

# Coven goes psychic: Our 1993 Oscar predictions

Humber's own Siskel and Ebert take on the Academy Awards

by Frank De Gasperis and James LaChapelle

### Best Picture:

**Frank**—*Scent Of A Woman*  
Any film that contains one of Al Pacino's best performances in his illustrious career is worth watching. But this story of a blind man's awakening in New York City makes this easily the best film of the year.

**James**—*Malcolm X*  
Without a doubt the most important film of the year, Spike Lee had something to say and he says it well. Superior storytelling, brilliant acting and subtle directing by Lee combine to create the best film of the year.

### Best Actress:

**Frank**—Susan Sarandon (*Lorenzo's Oil*)  
She deserved to win this award last year for *Thelma & Louise*. Her role as a desperate mother trying to save her dying son is exactly the type of performance the academy likes to reward.

**James**—Sharon Stone (*Basic Instinct*)  
A very weak crop this year. Susan Sarandon and Emma Thompson are the frontrunners, but Stone's performance

is gutsy, sexy and scary. A lethal combination that is usually ignored by the very conservative Academy.

### Best Actor:

**Frank**—Al Pacino (*Scent Of A Woman*)  
The Academy just loves actors who portray characters who are physically impaired and Pacino is superb as a blind man.

After brilliant performances in films like *Dog Day Afternoon* and *The Godfather*, he is way overdue.

**James**—Denzel Washington (*Malcolm X*)

No other performance this year covered as large a scope as *Malcolm X*. From street hustler to enigmatic leader, Washington portrays the man with humour and respect—something hard to find in most historical epics.

### Best Supporting Actress:

**Frank**—Joan Plowright (*Enchanted April*)  
A great performance in a small film, not seen by many. Plowright is perfect as a spinster, played with humour and emotion.

**James**—Judy Davis (*Husbands And Wives*)

If you can get past the art-imitates-life feel of Woody Allen's latest film, there is really one aspect worth noting. Davis plays the strait-laced wife of Allen's best friend (played by Sydney

Pollack). Her performance is remarkably restrained and she seems to be the only character who is actually acting in the film.

### Best Supporting Actor:

**Frank**—Gene Hackman (*Unforgiven*)  
Hackman is one of the most popular and talented actors around today. His role as the 'tough as nails' sheriff manages to steal the spotlight away from Clint Eastwood, something very hard for anyone to achieve.

**James**—Jack Nicholson (*A Few Good Men*)

For most of the film, Nicholson seems to be strolling through his role of a tough army officer. But when he finally breaks down during the film's climactic court scene, it shows Nicholson at the top of his game.

### Best Director:

**Frank**—Robert Altman (*The Player*)  
Veteran director takes pot shots at Hollywood institutions, and comes away with a powerful tale of hypocrisy and immorality. An expertly directed film filled with star cameos from everyone from Malcolm McDowell to Buck Henry.

**James**—Tim Robbins (*Bob Roberts*)  
A perfect film for an American election year. This political satire, written, directed and starring *Bull Durham's* Tim Robbins, aims to make fun of the entire political process and it hits the mark every time.



# HUMBER COLLEGE Physical Resources UPDATE WATERMAIN REPLACEMENT — NORTH CAMPUS

The College has recently received a substantial grant from the Ministry of Colleges & Universities to replace the aging water distribution/external fire protection system at North Campus. The grant requires that work be completed by April 1, 1993. The preliminary construction schedule indicates a project start date, early in February, 1993. To enable successful completion, work will be conducted simultaneously on all 4 sides of the Campus.

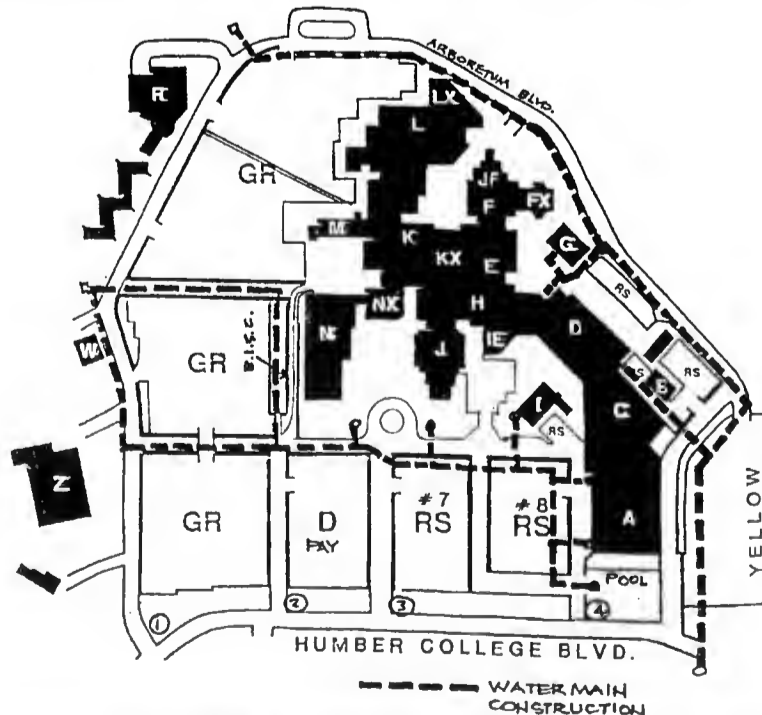
Excavation for and installation of the new watermains will require reduction of roadway lane widths to one lane, several road crossings and temporary displacement of parking spaces in the Yellow, BISC and Reserved Parking Lots, Nos. 7, 8, & 12. The accompanying Site Plan illustrates the routing of the new mains, relative to the parking and roadway system.

Although we anticipate that overall Campus parking capacity can accommodate spaces temporarily displaced, it may become necessary for some users to utilize the Off Campus parking site at Woodbine Race Track, which is provided with FREE Shuttle Service every 10 minutes from 7:00 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. and every 30 minutes from 6Z:30 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.

Specific details of alternate parking areas and dates of displacement will be publicized at the affected areas, well in advance of the undertaking. In order to minimize disruption to traffic flow on reduced road width sections, we

ask for everyone's patience and co-operation and strongly urge that users allow themselves additional time to arrive at their Campus destination.

We will continue to provide further updates prior to actual start of construction, and as the work progresses. Should you have any questions/concerns, please call John Hooiveld, Sup't. Outside Services, at ext. 4272 or Donna Davenport, Manager Parking Services, at ext. 4120.



# Hawks Soar

Reigning national champions dispose of Conestoga

by Rob Witkowski

The Hawks came out flying high in their first game back after beating the number one ranked Algonquin Thunder the week before.

Humber easily beat Conestoga' basketball team 108 to 52, on January 20th.

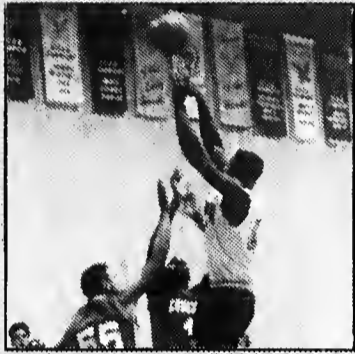
Before the game started, Hawk star forward Patrick Rhodd received an award for reaching the 1000 point plateau. Coach Mike Katz presented the award to Rhodd, who now joins George McNeil in the elite category. McNeil scored 1148 points in his college career and, like McNeil, Rhodd will have his jersey retired later this season.

The win improved Humber's record to 8 - 0 on the season. With Humber playing at home after beating Algonquin the team was ready. "Yah, we're coming off a big win, so we're prepared and ready for this kind of game," forward, Richard Saunders said.

With three-and-a-half minutes left in the game O'Neil Henry scored on a superlative play, going coast to coast for the bucket. At halftime the Hawks were in command 59-27.

The team came out in the second half and had "fun more than anything else and tried to work on our weak points," Saunders said.

The backcourt dominated the scoring for Humber, Fitzroy Lightbody's star continued to shine, he hit for 20 points., O'Neil Henry and Everton Webb rounded out the scoring with 17 apiece.



ROB WITKOWSKI

**He shoots, he scores - Pat Rhodd adds to his career scoring total, in b-ball action**

# MASSACRED

Ladyhawks pressure too much for Conestoga to bear in roundball mismatch of the season.

by Rob Witkowski

The Humber Ladyhawks blew their competition out by a score of 110 to 27.

By the time Conestoga scored their second basket, the January 20th game at Humber was over.

By the 10 minute mark the game was a lopsided 42 to 2 for the Ladyhawks. It was another feather in the Ladyhawks cap adding to their perfect record this year.

The team has been working on some new things during practices the last couple of weeks. And with the early success against Conestoga, head coach Jim Henderson said "I feel badly doing it against a team like this."

"We started off with the zone press which we have not used all season," said Henderson. "I shouldn't have even gone 10 minutes with it. Just with ten minutes it demolished them. Which is a good sign."

Ladyhawks Sharon Grant (no relation to Luerishua Grant) said that working on new plays is important. "Learning different

defenses and zone presses — those are probably going to be our secret weapon for the game (against Fanshawe)."

By halftime, the score was 70-13 for the home side and all there was left to see was how many points the Ladyhawks would win by.

The team had a strong focus which Perrier attributes to their coach. "We didn't take Conestoga easily. We don't take anyone easily because our coach would not have it."

And when the team did take the big lead, she added, the coach has them work on different things to help them play a disciplined game. "He (coach Henderson) just tells us to work on passing the ball around," explains Perrier. "We're just trying to practice our cross defense and our cross offense — on little things like boxing out or full court press."

Last year, the team finished second to Fanshawe. But Henderson said the team is capable of winning it this year especially since "three or four of our starters are graduating and have not ever won the Ontario championship. It is a real focus for the team."

However, the team is still cautious despite its success this year. "We're not really looking for the finals," explains Sharon Grant. "We're taking one game at a time. "And Wednesday's game against Fanshawe is going to be our biggest competition. So after Wednesday, we'll know if we can go all the way."

"We still have one thing left to do and that's to win the Ontario's. And I still think that's going to be tough to do. Fanshawe is still equal competitive with us, they really are that good. And when it comes down to one game, a single game how people feel that day, injuries fouls, can make such

tees." With lopsided wins the team is able to maintain a balance in terms of confidence verses over-confidence. The coach does this by scheduling games against tougher teams. They have played in tournaments such as the Seneca tournament where Humber played two teams from the United States and one Quebec team who play in strong divisions. The Ladyhawks were able to win those tight games by the narrowest of margins.

And games against teams such as the University of Ottawa is a unique experience. "Universities play with the men's ball," said S. Grant. "So we had to totally change and have to play with the men's ball. An they play FIFA rules so we had to be outside the key and running up and down the sidelines. So that's a good experience."

In addition there are a couple of other teams to challenge Humber around Metro Toronto - premier club teams who's rosters are made from players from top high schools around the area. Humber beat the Metro Raiders by a single point, but lost to the Etobicoke Spartans by 30 points.

"Once they start to get a big lead after winning a big game like this, then I'll bring in the Spartans to bring them back in place here," said Henderson. "So I'll give them tough competition to get ready for the playoffs. That's when we want to peak, in March."

The Ladyhawks' had six players in double figures, Tara Petrachenko led the charge with 24 points, and Denise Perrier chipped in with 21 points in the massacre.

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# Blue Jay fans tour clubhouse

by Sofie Kouleas

The SkyDome was transformed into a magical baseball playground for Blue Jay fans January 22-24.

It was the first time the public was able to tour the clubhouse, hit, pitch and run on the turf.

"This is a day for the fan. There is the opportunity to have lots of interaction with the players," said Robin Turnbal, assistant manager of special events for the Toronto Blue Jays Baseball Club.

One of the most popular events at Jays' Fest was the autograph sessions. Many of the past and present Jays were on hand, including: Pat Borders, Derek Bell,

Devon White and John Mayberry. But most fans wanted to check out the newest Jays, Paul Molitor and Dave Stewart.

"I wanted to see Molitor and Stewart. They should be a great addition to the ball club this year," said Jay fan Becky Mueller.

"I just want to know if they're married," said fan Susan Wood. She added, "I've always liked them, so now I can't wait until April to see them play for us."

With Jays' Fest attracting large crowds, this just may turn into an annual event. But, for those of you diehard Jays fans who missed the event don't worry, there are only 68 days left before the home opener



SOFIE KOLEAS

**Heading home** — A Slo-Pitch Tournament at the SkyDome has participants hitting, running and sliding their way into first place.

## Baseball back at Skydome

by Sofie Kouleas

The last time baseball was played at SkyDome, it was the fifth game of the World Series, and now it has returned with the first ever 30 hour around-the-clock Slo-Pitch Tournament.

The tournament featured 47 teams from across Ontario and one from as far away as Nova Scotia.

"There was an overwhelming response to participate. About 60 to 70 teams applied. The teams were chosen on a first come, first served basis," said Robin Turnbal, assistant manager of special events for the Toronto Blue Jays.

The Slo-Pitch Tournament was run by Slo-Pitch Ontario for the Toronto Blue Jays. Each team paid \$500 to enter which

went towards organizing and running the tournament. All the teams involved were of co-ed and recreational players.

"It's a good tournament. It's a good time. It's competitive enough so everyone's enjoying it," said Greg Sands, a participant in the tourney.

Slo-Pitch player Martin Paul said, "I think it's great for comradery. It's a good event that they put together here. It's good for the spirit of the city getting everyone involved, getting behind the Jays after the '92 World Series."

The tournament for the most part drew small crowds, except for when former Jay John Mayberry dropped in to check out the action. Regardless, the athletes gave it their all — morning, noon and night.

Julie Wiktowy of the TSN team said, "We got out at 4:30 a.m. to play baseball. It's way too early in the morning. I think a lot of people are hurting big time."

"It's a great tournament. We're all having fun, but you can tell the hours and hard work is taking its toll on some of the teams," said TSN player Steve Kool.

When the tournament finally ended at noon on Thursday, most participants were just happy to have played on the field on which their heroes had captured the hearts of Canadians. Well, actually that was the furthest thing from their minds, most just wanted to curl up and take a long, long nap.

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## Selling the deal

by Paul Briggs

Thirty years ago, the National Hockey League was simple.

Six teams fought it out for the Stanley Cup, armed with the best Canadian hockey talent. There were only a few American players and absolutely no Europeans.

Even the game was simple — fast-paced, wide-open, and tough.

Then came expansion and with it, greater competition and new ways of achieving the biggest prize in hockey.

No longer did fast skaters and pin point shooters dominate the game. A new brand of hockey was developing — a brand which was best exemplified by the Philadelphia Flyers (a.k.a. the Broad Street Bullies). It combined the aforementioned fast skaters and pin point shooters with six-foot-two, 200 lb. wingers who would make you pay in the corners.

Fighting became a strategic component of hockey after expansion, allowing marginally-talented players to make it to the bigs because of their toughness. Who can forget those Broad Street Bullies or the Big Bad Boston Bruins of the '70's?

They played a style of hockey which has tarnished the game to this day. Don't get me wrong — I enjoy a good hockey scrap as much as the next guy. But for the average sports fan in the United States, the NHL is considered a bush league, somewhere along the lines of Roller Derby.

How does the American fan fit into the equation, you ask? In a big way.

The NHL in 1993 has adopted a new outlook. League officials are doing anything and everything possible to attract the attention of Americans in hope of landing a major television contract to fund the escalating player salaries.

That is why two more teams are being admitted in the league next year — in

Miami and Anaheim of all places. The prospective owners of the two new franchises are corporate giants south of the border in Disney and Blockbuster Video. The NHL could not afford to let this much money slip away.

So next year, 26 teams will compete in the NHL. Only about six will have a realistic chance at winning the Stanley Cup but plenty of money will be generated through gate receipts, merchandising and local TV contracts. The bottom line.

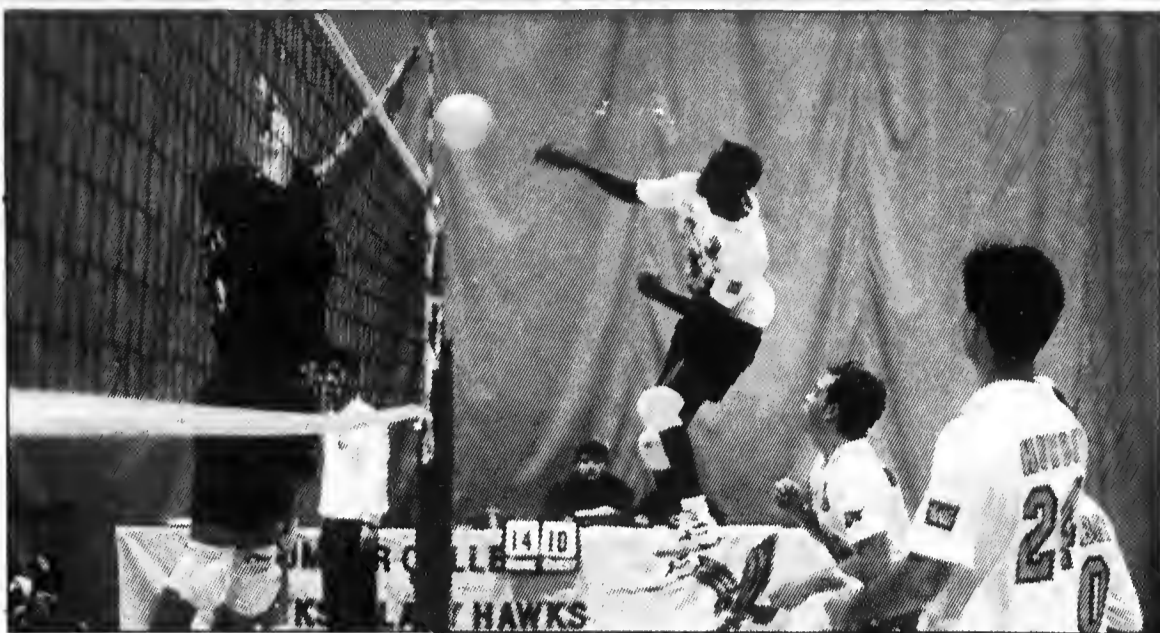
And what of the talent pool left in the NHL? How can a league expand from six to 26 teams without significantly downgrading the calibre of play?

A quick look at the scoring leaders as of Jan. 26, would provide you with the answer. Five of the top ten scorers are not Canadian — a reality which was unheard of, even five years ago.

Two Russians, two Americans, and one Finnish player are among the elite scorers in the league. Alexander Mogilny and Pavel Bure, the two Russian rockets, are one-two in goal scoring and both under the age of 22. Mogilny has a chance to score 50 goals in 50 games — only five players have achieved that goal. Check out these names: Maurice Richard, Wayne Gretzky, Mario Lemieux, Mike Bossy, and Brett Hull. (Notice all the names are those of Canadians, except Hull, who is an American citizen despite being born and raised in Canada.)

In a big way, the NHL is returning to the style of play it had before expansion. New rules are allowing the wide-open style of play that prevailed in the days of Rocket Richard — all because of the American fan.

So you see, the days of Canadian domination of the NHL are nearly over. For a proud Canadian, that may hurt. But for a true hockey fan, it is good news.



JOHN TENPENNY

**Take that!** — The Volleball Hawks spiked the opposition in a thrilling five game match at Humber's Gordon Wragg Athletic Centre last week. A big effort was the key to success.

## Hawks scalp Mohawk

by John Tenpenny

When it came time for a gut check, every member of Humber College's men's volleyball team checked in.

The resilient Humber squad defeated Mohawk College 3-2, in a match that included a thrilling 17-16 third game.

Humber coach, Steve Corbin, did not think it was his team's best game, but gave them credit for sticking it out. He said, "We're not quitters, and I think the third game typified that."

Corbin said team defence was the key to victory, "(it's) our inspirational leader."

After winning the first game, Humber started making mistakes

and dropped the second game to Mohawk. "They made a lot of errors, and we went down to their level," Corbin said.

Humber regrouped in the third game and pulled out what proved to be the most exciting and important game of the match before a crowd which was much louder than its size would indicate.

Humber setter, Wayne Wilkins, said it was like riding "a rollercoaster," but that the team's "high intensity," was what helped them to win.

Owing to the recent addition of former OCAA All-Star Dave Lightfoot, Mohawk was a team Humber Athletic Director, Doug Fox, described as, "a much better

club than I saw two weeks ago."

"He's our go to guy," Mohawk coach, Jim Smith said. Despite the loss Smith said it was "one of the best matches we've played all year."

In a move that reflected the match, Corbin named the team as the game's MVP. In a game where no one player stood out, team member Brad Boudreau summed it up best by saying, "we all played our part."

With the victory, Humber's record now stands at 4-4, while Mohawk's drops to 2-6. The Hawks volleyball team travels next weekend to Kingston where they will play Royal Military College and Loyalist College.

### Athlete of the Week



Luchrisha Grant  
Women's Basketball

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