## Computerized scheduling not yet perfected

by Marilyn Beaton and Paul Riches

Students and faculty are upset with their new timetables this semester after Humber decided to use a computer program to schedule classes.

Too many students and too little time and space was the reason given by administration at January's Academic Council meeting for switching to the new

Heather Reid, co-ordinator of Scheduling, said most of the problems this semester and last were due to Humber's use of a new computer program that is already in use at several other colleges in Canada.

The program was used for the first time at Humber last semester in the Business and Technology Divisions. ACA, Human Studies, and Health Sciences started using the program in the winter semester. As a result, the first two divisions have worked more of the kinks out of the program than the others.

Some of the scheduling has been a "comedy of errors", said Reid. Responding to queries and complaints by members of the Academie Council, Reid said there are definitely bugs in the system which need to be worked out for the next semester.

"The first year is the hardest, it is the not knowing that throws you," she said.

Computerized scheduling is "a big step for Humber, a very positive step," Reid said. Many of the problems have been identified. "There were problems with divisions, the lack of training, the quality of data put in caused problems - what do we put in and how do we put it in."

Before the new scheduling program was bought, Humber did its scheduling manually, which was time consuming. After testing last May, it was decided to use the new system only for the Business and Technology divisions because the other divisions didn't think they would have enough time to process and cuter the program information into the computer.

Reid said the computer was only programmed to make sure no student had over eight hours of class a day, and that teachers would not have over six hours a day of instruction.

Humber's other major problem is when schedules are made out, each division has requests for the number of rooms and labs it will need. Because of Humber's size this year, room allotment has become increasingly difficult.

Reid said things will be better by next September, but it will take up to two years to get the kinks out of the system.

The ACA department was the source of many difficulties because of the high number of part-time teachers and labs required.

Doreen Emerson, who looks after scheduling for ACA, said, "We did suffer frustrations. We're looking at it positively and hoping the next one will go smoother."

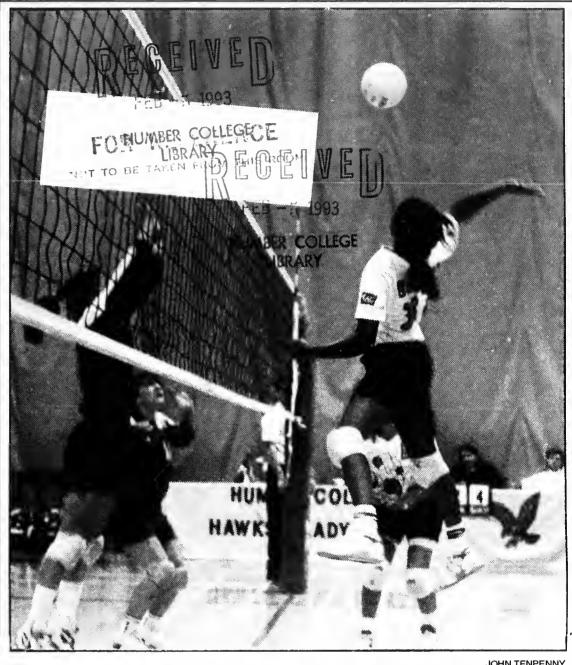
The problems with the winter semester's scheduling does not mean it was not successful, according to Reid. At a meeting in early February, the faculty and administration involved in scheduling will discuss the outcome of this semester's timetables and what will be required for the future.

Humber bought the computer program, license and first year maintenance at a cost of \$50,000. There are now 14 colleges in Ontario using this system. Prior to purchase, Humber officials consulted with other colleges using the program.

Humber, with a daytime enrollment of around 11,000, is the biggest college using the sys-

The school day has become longer—instead of scheduling from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., the college is forced to schedule from 8 to 6. The college must fit 3,800 courses into 109 classrooms and 209

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Slam it down their throat — Humber's Volleyball Ladyhawks highlight their victory over the Georgian Grizzlies with a spike. Details on the game — page 22.

#### Assault confirmed on campus

by Susan Magill

Humber President Robert Gordon has confirmed details of an alleged assault that occurred on campus Thursday, Jan. 21.

Security, parking and Caps gave no information when contacted by a Coven reporter. However, information was given later when calls were made as a student, not a reporter.

Caps staff reported the victim apparently went outside to the suspects' van where he took out a knife and threatened her.

The campus watch security alert was posted eight days after the alleged incident occurred.

While Gordon admitted that eight days was a long time, he said that, "Because the person identified was not a Humber student...people didn't have to be living in fear of someone skulking around the corridors and classrooms.

One security staff member who requested anonymity said the pub staff had everything under control and, "The postings are mainly out there just to kill the rumors going around."

One Caps member said the incident did not happen inside Caps but in the parking lot out-Gary Jeynes. Superintendent of Inside Services, refused to deny or confirm any Coven information. Parking staff have a full description including the license plate of the suspect. The suspect is described as a white male, six foot one, muscular build, driving a black van.

"It's not like the suspect is unknown," said Jeynes. "We're aware of who he is and he's been served with a trespass notice not to come on the college property." He added the notice was placed up one weck after the incident occurred because, "We had to take time to get the details together. We put it up as soon as we could."

Police at Metro's 23 division, had no information on the incident. Constable Ed Murphy said, "We checked out our occurrences and we can't seem to find anything about an assault at Humber College." He said it could be a case where the police solved the problem and a report was not necessary.

'It's really not unusual. We go to a lot of disturbances where things happen because of drinking and a lot of things are ironed out easily.

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History Showcase, films, ballet, poetry readings & trips planned

by Patrick McCaully

SAC is planning a variety of educational and cultural events for February in honor of National Black History Month.

It is important to recognize nationally celebrated ethnic awareness months because it increases understanding and awareness of different cultures, said Lesia Bailey, SAC's director of multiculturalism and SAC Black History Month Showcase organizer.

"People ask me, 'Why isn't there a White History Month?" I could be cynical and say that 11 months out of the year are White History Months."

Harcourt Sinclair, president of Humber's Afro Carribean Club (ACC) said that both the Intercultural Center and ACC are running simultaneous events during SAC Black History Showcase in order to give students a broader flavour of the Black culture. "At the end of the month we are putting on a cultural show, but that doesn't mark the end of Black History Month," said Sinclair. "We are not only looking at the past, but towards the future ... what we can do for ourselves as a people, where we have to go and what we have to do to get what we want."

SAC's Black History Month Showcase will present Humber students with "food for thought" through various displays from the Ontario Black History Society, a showcase of Afro-Canadians who have made great contributions to society but have been overlooked or underexposed in history.

Other events include numerous history and culture films, readings, a ballet troupe and a field trip to a Black historical settlement museum.

According to Bailey, the entire month of events cost approximately \$2,000 in total although the estimated cost was \$3,000.

The event is paid for out of Bailey's Multiculturalism Directorship which now has a total budget of \$7,000 (after a \$2,600 donation from the Ontario Anti-Racism Secretariat).

"People ask me, 'Why isn't

there a White History Month?' said Bailey, "I could be cynical and say that 11 months out of the year are White history months ... if you can grow to learn about one culture, it makes it easier to (integrate) other cultures (to

"Today's youth need positive role models.

Black people have achieved great things ... and are great achievers!"

Humber College)."

Humber Law and Security Administration professor, Frank Coburn, will be hosting the Showcase event on February 5. According to Coburn, he leapt at the opportunity to host the show because he believes that today's youth need positive role models like the Afro-Canadians featured in the showcase.

"Black History Month needs to provide for them (Afro-Canadian youth)," said Coburn. "If not, the young people will not realize that the Black people have achieved great things ... and are great achievers."

#### Humber hosts African historian, Chass Hughes

by Soraya Senosier

The Afro Caribbean Club (ACC), the Intercultural Club(ICC) and SAC are planning several events to celebrate Black History month this February.

To cover every aspect of black heritage, the organizers have decided to assign a specific region to each of the four weeks during the month — Africa, the Carribean, the U.S. and Canada.

The events will fall on Wednesdays and Thursdays.

African historian, Chass Hughes, has been invited by the ACC to speak about African History on February 3.

"We have invited him to our regular meeting so that he has an interested audience, but everyone is welcome," said chairperson Dalyce Newby, of the ICC.

The ACC has also invited high school students to visit Humber during the Caribbean week when there will also be a display of island artisans.

"We hope to get a steel band to play in the student centre," said Lesia Bailey, an ACC member.

The U.S. week will focus on celebrated black movies. A poet not yet named has been invited to read poetry.

Canada week will be a collective effort from SAC, the ACC and the ICC. There will be a

black history quiz and a display on African Canadian history. SAC plans an excursion to an African Canadian museum to North Buxton, Ontario for anyone interested. SAC will also have films and Black entertainers throughout the month.

In addition to the activities there will be displays throughout Humber commemorating the different weeks.

The events will end with the ACC's cultural show on February 26.

#### Africa Week

Feb 3: Chass Hughes to speak about African History.

#### Caribbean Week

Island artisans display; Steel band; high school student visit.

#### U.S. Week

Celebrated black movies & poetry reading.

#### Canada Week

African-Canadian history display; Black history quiz; museum visit, cultural show.

plus Black entertainers, Films & Displays.

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IN THE CONCOURSE

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  - Singing
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  - Storytelling by Ms. Sandra Whiting
  - African Dancing by Ballet Creole

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11:50 - 12:50

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## Changes to college curriculum

#### Funding cutbacks may force Humber to extend the academic year and reduce the number of teaching hours

by Nadia Shousher

The funding crisis already hitting Ontario colleges will be dealt an additional blow, if cost cutting proposals to revamp the educational system are accepted.

The restructuring plans, according to a report discussed by Humber's faculty union, are part of a move to make the college system more economically responsible and would require cuts to the present curriculum and faculty. Suggested initiatives include an extended academic year, larger classes, reduced course hours and an emphasis on teacher free instruction.

John Hout, President of Humber's faculty union said the proposed changes to the college's are, "strongly driven by the government and embraced wholeheartedly by college presidents." Grants from the Ministry of Colleges and Universities made up 55 per cent of the budget for the 1990/91 fiscal year and represents the largest source of college revenues,

The report said funding sources as a whole are not adequately meeting the changing needs of the college communities. MCU grants to Humber for example, have only marginally increased since 1988 despite a substantial hike in student enrollment.

Hout said this translates into less money per student, larger classes and more part-time teachers.

Paul Michaud, Computer and Engineering instructor said, "when decisions are based on money considerations, then the quality of education isn't second; it doesn't exist."

The college is considering extending the academic week and year, increasing the length of semesters while decreasing weekly teaching hours.

"How you save money here is by extending the semester, for example by three or four weeks, reduce the credit hours

per week and what you get is a surplus of faculty," Hout said.

Citing recent faculty layoffs within Humber's Health Sciences department, Hout said that any changes even at the program level threaten job security.

"Almost all of the restructuring that's going on now has a primary objective, or at least a very important objective to layoff full-time faculty," Hout said.

Not all the teachers find the proposed changes completely threatening.

Nursing instructor Adrienne Fraser said

that a reorganized academic year may have some merit and in her department the nine week semester might work.

Human Studies instructor Don Matthews said, "we have to be careful about thumbing our noses at some of these alternative approaches, because they work

Maureen Wall, a Communications instructor and union representative said the group is not, "saying no and resisting all changes,' to the present curriculum.

The union is trying, "to mitigate the inevitable consequences of college restructuring and express our legitimate concerns for job security," Hout said.

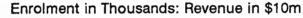
As opposing views were discussed, however, the consideration was how a college restructuring plan would ultimately affect students.

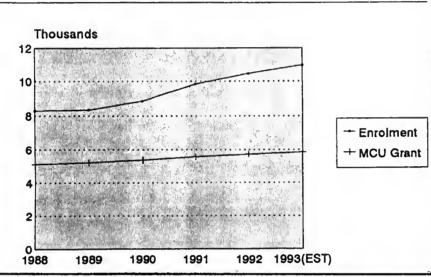
Human Studies instructor Adrian Adamson said faculty need to improve the quality of education at Humber.

"We have a dropout rate in this college which is alarming. We don't publish this but it stinks. In some courses the failure is something like 75 per cent," Adamson said.

Some cost-cutting proposals suggested by administrators were criticized by Adamson as a "myth that savings are something financial. There are two kinds of savings. Saving money and saving students. Let's try to save the students.

#### F.T.P.S. Enrolment vs. MCU Revenue





## Mini stock market for students

by Laura Faris

Buying selling and trading stocks—for many students these are acts shrouded in mystery. This weekend the Toronto Stock Exchange is going to try to dispel some of the mystery.

The TSE is organizing a Financial Forum Trade Show at the Metro Convention Centre. Part of the show is the Mini-Exchange.

The purpose of the Mini-Exchange is to enable people who haven't dealt with the stock market before to buy and sell stocks. However, they can only deal with stocks that are listed on the trade show stock list and can only buy up to 100 shares.

Some of the shares available are Canadian Pacific Ltd., The Toronto Dominion Bank and John Labatt Ltd.

TSE staff are going to be on hand to help answer questions and a professional trader will be there to explain how the stock exchange works.

"In the past four years that I've been there I've seen a lot of students," said Catherine Johnson, Investor Relations Coordinator for the TSE. Johnson said the show has been running for seven years and last year more than 30,000 people attended.

The Public Relations Department at Humber College offers courses concerning the stock market. Although

many students in the program weren't aware of the Mini-Exchange they thought it was a good idea.

"I find the stock exchange interesting, "Robert Norton, first-year Public Relations student said.

"I would be interested in going and learning more."

Ian Smith, Director of Marketing Services at Humber said, "the Mini-Exchange is a good way of introducing people to the stock market while minimizing the possibility of losing a lot of money."

Smith said people should research the companies they are interested and the Placement Department has many companies annual reports.

The event runs February 6-9 and is free.

## Humber's tech program recruits youth

by Tracy Brownson

Gone are the days of hickory sticks and dusty chalkboards to teach children the three R's. Here are the days of robotics and computers to teach students the changing technological professions.

A partnership between Humber College and The Humberview School in Bolton is teaching students to look towards a technological future. In the past two years, Humberview has taken about 400 grade seven students to see Humber College's technology department.

Students are shown the different courses such as robotics, computers and architectural technology. During the tour, students have the opportunity to get hands on experience in a few of the programs.

Alan Colthart, vice principal of Humberview, said the hands-on partnership helps dispel any myths about technology courses.

"We deal with career stereotypes in schools. There is nothing wrong with a student striving to become a mechanic. But, as the world is changing, we also have auto technicians. Maybe the student should think of becoming a mechanic for robotics. College is showing the students that there are different opportunities," said Colthart.

Humber's marketing coordinator, Arie Nadler said while the tour targets younger students he would like to see more female students enroll in the future courses.

"There aren't enough girls interested in mathematics and science and that is very unfortunate. In many ways the girls are more precise and accurate. In some of these exact technologies some men do not have the patience," Nadler

Fran McFall, grade nine Humberview student said after seeing Humber's technology she would consider entering a similar technical field in the future.

"I liked the geography survey equipment. It was interesting to try out," said McFall.

Other students were not convinced and found the explanations of the courses too long.

Nadler said the results of the



program's effectiveness won't For the past two years Humber has been hosting tours for preknown for another couple of years. college students to spark their interest in a technological future.

#### KKK incident leaves Humber students shocked

By Helen Zappolino

Humber students reacted with relief, shock, and even disgust to a recent incident involving the Ku Klux Klan.

Three weeks ago, Georgetown man said he was Ku Klux Klan member and wore a white robe and hood as he handed out hate pamphlets.

"I think it's wrong and horrible. No race is superior to any other. If their association (KKK) only promoted whites instead of violence

and ignorance — it would be okay," said Silvia Kim, a part-time student at the college.

Grover Harrison was one of the eight men dressed in white robes and hoods two weeks ago promoting white-supremacy. He said that the KKK has had a Halton Hills chapter since 1902.

The area chapter has 200 fulltime and 300 part-time members," said Harrison.

Lesia Bailey, director of Multiculturalism at Humber wasn't surprised by what happened but "In the past we've covered up as pre-school.

"It's good that all these things that are considered racism are finally being owned up to," she

Bailey said there is no easy solution to solving racism and prejudice, but public awareness education — and an understanding of other cultures can help stop these attitudes.

Kim said such hate ridden attitudes are dangerous. And that children should be taught acceptance of different cultures as early

Errol Spence, a black business student doesn't agree with this the-

"It's inevitable. Children learn hate from the adults in their life. All kids are color blind until an adult tells them the difference. This is how racism starts. It's other's ideas being ingrained in children's minds," he said.

Ravinder Singh, president of Humber's Punjabi Society said the KKK's actions are unhealthy.

"They are racist, and our group condemns racism.

Everyone does have the right to free speech within the limits of the law," he said.

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Rhonda Johnston, a resident of Georgetown, said she never heard of anyone's involvement in the organization before this incident.

"I really think, and hope it was just a one-time thing. I don't want my children growing up thinking they're better than anyone else because they're white," she said.

#### Tough tests for student exemptions

by Rolf Cohrs

A Prior Learning Assessment program (PLA) is going to be implemented alongside Humber's current course exemption system.

PLA committee member, Pat Ferbyack, said, "It's different from what we've done in the past. We've relied on what the person's done, rather than what they've learned," said Ferbyack.

Volunteer work and community centre courses will now be taken into consideration when students apply for an exemption.

Ferbyack said applicants who previously accumulated course related skills must demonstrate what they've learned in order to receive the exemption.

Applicants would take challenge and performance tests to prove if they've retained the skills they've learned as a result of their past course experiences.

"There's a lot of adult learners coming back to school and they have a lot of life skills that they



**FILE PHOTO** PAM HANFT - Dean of **Human Studies** 

should be given credit for," said Ferbyack.

"There was not an easy nonbureaucratic way for adults who had significant life experience to translate that into college credit," said Martha Casson, chief regis-

All divisions within the col-

lege would follow the same process for awarding advance standing credit.

"More consistency and better process will benefit all of us," said Casson.

Each individual college will responsible for informing potential course applicants about the different exemption options open to them.

"There will be a building of awareness. There's no point in developing a program and then keeping it a secret," Pam Hanft, dean of Human Studies.

"Prior Learning Assessment is probably most useful before a student begins a program."

A portfolio development course is currently in the works to help students organize their accumulated experience.

"It is a course that will teach you to take all of your prior learning and put it into a package that can be assessed," said Casson.

The new program will be in place by next fall if all goes well.



ALAN NISHIMURA

PILE O' BUTTS — Since the implementation of a smokefree Humber - butt cleanup costs amount to \$150 a day

## **Smoking costs Humber** big bucks in clean up

by Alan Nishimura

Humber College students who smoke are butting out — but not in the right place and it's costing the school up to \$150 a day.

According to John Hooiveld, superintendent of outside scrvices, cigarette butts and related waste costs the college an extra \$8,000 every year in clean up costs.

"In the early spring and early fall, we still had part-time staff on. We commit four or five people to two or three hours of extra work. So that's 15 hours at about \$12 an hour. That's \$150 a day," said Hooiveld.

But many smokers argue that cleaning up is part of the Outside Service's job.

"For the amount we spend to come here, they can clean up a few butts," said first- year nursing student, Christine Noto.

Hooiveld said the problem of cigarette butts is worse this year now that the school has become a smoke-free environment.

Despite the presence of ashtrays outside every door — the areas often look like they haven't been cleaned in weeks.

Fifteen hours a day "doesn't give (workers) sufficient time to do the whole place," said Hooiveld.

"They might only get half done, and it just continues day in and day out. You look at the place in the spring after the snow melts and it looks absolutely shitty," Hooiveld added.

The mess is also resented by non-smokers.

"People should clean up after themselves. It's not fair for nonsmokers," said Shelly Harper, a first year medical administration

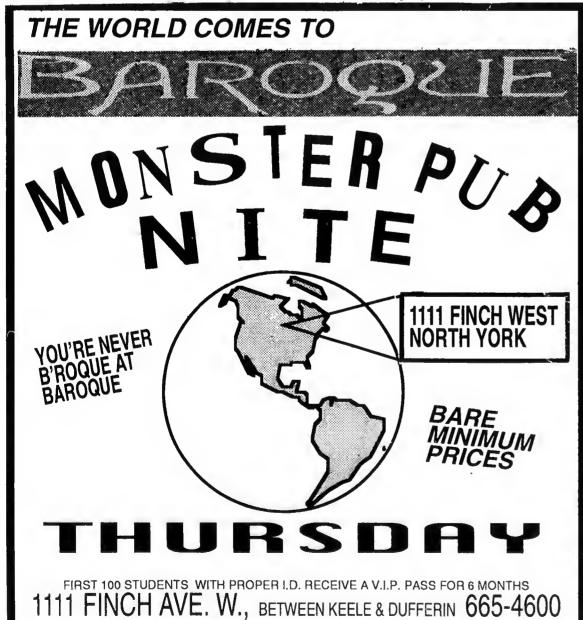
Hooiveld and non-smokers share the belief that the mind set of students must change in order for the mess in the smoking areas to show any improvement.

"It's an attitude thing," said Joanna Tesone, a medical administration student.

"The person's attitude must change. If there wasn't so much mess then our tuition would be less."

Hooiveld believes that the money wasted on clean-up could be used to renovate the building.

Hooiveld, said however, that any plans to upgrade the college would have to wait since so much time and money is wasted on picking up butts.



## **OSAP** revisions confusing; students fear higher debts

#### Grants have disappeared, replaced with bursaries

by Carolyn T. Gallant

Revisions to the Ontario Students Assistance Program (OSAP) are causing concern to some students at Humber since grants will no longer be available.

The revisions, however, are supposed to increase accessibility and help more students. The amount of funding students receive from OSAP will be assessed according to their financial need.

Pat Scrase, manager of Financial Aid said the revisions in the OSAP program will assist students in different situations.

"It is called a loan remissions program, loans only," said Serase. "There are special bursary funds available for sole supporting parents, the disabled and students from low income families."

The calculations are based on this formula; students' situation, allowable costs, expected costs, and total loan. The money will be given to students as a combination of Canadian Student and Ontario Student Loans.

"Basically students may receive a maximum of \$3,675 in Canada loans and \$3,000 in Ontario loans, they will get a remission for the balance," said

The government then will give a long remission for loans over \$5,550. The amount the student has to pay back is calculated when students start making payments on their loan.

Some students are still unsure about the changes to OSAP because they are afraid of going further into debt. Grace Jose, a second-year advertising media

and sales student, said she would like to finish school this year so she doesn't have to apply for another loan.

"I'm scared of going further into debt," said Jose. "As it is, a great part of the money was used for clothes and transportation because of the program I'm in. I don't qualify for a bursary because I live with my parents. OSAP screening should be more fair, there are people well off who get grants."

According to a brochure in the Financial Aid office \$800 million will be available to Ontario Post secondary students. Almost all the programs offered at Ontario colleges and universities are eligible for OSAP.

#### \$800 million will be available to Ontario students

Other concerns students had were that they would not have enough to live on since they were away from home.

"I don't receive any help from my parents," said Kandance Hildebrandt, a second-year Accounting student,"They just can't afford it and I'm afraid if I have to work all the time and go to school I won't have time to study."

Each year, more students need the assistance of OSAP. The revisions will make available \$11 million in bursaries that don't have to be repaid, for the disabled, sole supporting and married students with child care cost. Tuition fees, however, will be paid by OSAP for 1993 and 1994.

Students are also concerned that loans may not be on time to pay tuition fees or buy the books and supplies needed to begin attending classes in September.

Serase said the revised OSAP forms are much shorter.

"The new forms are only one page in length and there is one set as opposed to three or four pages as in the previous forms," said Scrase. "Returning students will receive their preprinted forms directly from the Ministry of Colleges and Universities."

All students are encouraged to come into the office if their address has changed, I have forms and I will send their applications to the ministry on their behalf,"

Over 6,250 application forms have been processed so far, according to Scrase. She said applications should "bottom out" at the 6,500 mark.

Though Scrase admits there are still a few holes in the program, she is very optimistic.

"Everything looks great, " she said. "The program looks good." There will be part-time work for students and the bursary funding will help. It's not a great part, perhaps \$300 or \$400. But, with the new program, students can work part time and still apply for

All application forms should be sent before February 16th, said Scrase.

#### Studs here at Humber?

by Patrick McCaully

The studs are coming, the studs are coming, or were they here all

Humber will find out when an adaptation of the popular Fox Network gameshow Studs comes to Humber as part of Wintercourse 93'. Tony Crispo, Co-Director of Wintercourse 93' said contestants were selected using a simple lottery system because over 35 people signed up for the show (20 women, and 18 guys).

"We had a really good response. We had to turn people away," said Crispo, "People were still asking to sign up a week later."

When the show is staged on February 9 and 11 in Caps, the contestants will reveal the details of dates using traditional Studs sexual

The entire Studs production will cost \$600, with \$300 in prizes. The money will be coming out of the SAC Wintercourse budget.

#### Humber's officials hesitate leaving students in the cold

by Carolyn T. Gallant

Humber officials hesitate to close the college due to winter storms unless absolutely necessary.

The decision is an academic one, said President Robert Gordon. Major storms disrupt the educational process and students lose up to eight hours of class time that cannot be regained.

"We don't like to close because we can't regain the day. On the other hand we appreciate that so many people come by car and public transit that it can be a bit of a disaster," said Gordon.

Gordon acknowledged there are many factors which come into play when closing the college. "If we have a storm in the morning we have to make the distinction between the regular day operation and the evening operation," he said. "We have to make a judgement as to leaving the school open all day and cancelling the evening classes or if it storms all night then closing for the day."

The Food Services department is also affected to some degree by a closing.

John Mason, manager of Ancillary Services said, "It depends when the college closes. We don't start production until later on in the day. Referrals for food distribution to the youth shelter or Second Harvest and the shelter for battered women on Albion Road would be the avenue we would go.'

Bridget Woodcock, director for Humber Day Care said they have a storm list devised for when the college closes.

"Everyone (staff) has a copy at home of the parents' phone numbers. When I hear that college is closed on the radio I call the staff, they in turn have five or six families that they must call, so it works out really well," she said.

When the college is forced to close due to a storm, cheers can be heard ringing throughout the halls, but the fact remains, hours of class time are lost, class schedules are disrupted and it affects the parents who have children in day care.

There is no cost to the college said Gordon, but there is the cost in lost time for the students.

## The Financial Aid office offers new course in money management

by Vikki McGuire

With the change in OSAP policies the Financial Aid office will be offering courses in money management to be implemented

Students will be advised in which accounts to put their money and how to get their money to work for them.

The financial counselling is also geared to introducing the students to the work study program in the college. This refers to jobs around the college where students can work during their spares.

"We want to educate students on better money management and let them know the options they have," said Pat Scrase, Manager of Financial Aid.

With the OSAP changes com-

said the new program will benefit the students and prepare them for the year ahead.

"I understand the pressures that students go through," said Scrase. "We want to be able to help in any way we can."

The Financial Aid office is also planning new ideas for the emergency loan fund that is available for students who have not yet received their OSAP. One of the ideas that has been approved is Casual Day, Humber College staff will be able to dress in casual clothing on Fridays if they donate \$2 to the emergency fund. Currently the fund is being subsidized by private donors and the maximum loan given out is \$200.

Scrase said attention should be given to the fund because of the from last year.

"Fortunately we can accommodate everyone who qualifies for the loan because we stay hot on the trail of pay backs," said

Students can only qualify if they have OSAP money coming in. That is the only guarantee that the Financial Aid office will accept unless it is an exceptional

Because of this strict policy the loan has survived through a very tough financial year.

"The emergency loan has helped many students with nowhere else to turn over the years," said Scrase. "I think Casual Day is a really good idea and I think the staff will agree."

Paramount Parks, formerly Kings Productions, is holding auditions for our 1993 season at Canada's Wonderland Toranto, Ontario. A variety of positions are available including singers, dancers, instrumentalists, technicians, and specialty acts of all types! For more information, call the Entertainment Department at 416/832-7000, extension 5095.

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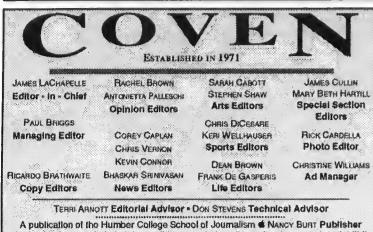
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#### EDITORIAL PAGE



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#### Brave new world

At the start of the winter semester, Humber College implemented a computerized scheduling system designed to improve class scheduling by utilizing available classroom space.

Instead, the new system has turned into what Humber's coordinator of scheduling, Heather Reid, calls a "comedy of errors."

Up until now, scheduling was done manually by Humber staff at great expense to time and space. More often than not, classes were scheduled for the afternoon leaving classrooms empty in the early morning and late afternoon.

The implementation of the program was meant to guarantee that class schedules were spread out through the week and classrooms were not left vacant during undesirable time slots.

This so-called improved efficiency has resulted in every student's nightmare — timetables from hell!

While the rooms are being used to full capacity, students and faculty have to contend with ridiculously long gaps between classes.

Some student timetables see five spares in an eight hour day — hardly what a tuition paying student deserves.

Only two parameters had to be met by the \$50,000 computer program which devised the timetables: students must have no longer than an eight hour day and instructors no longer than six.

In protest over their timetables, public relations students have sent a petition to President Gordon's office citing their concerns over daycare and part-time jobs.

Surely, PR students are not the only students with jobs and children.

The system was used at Humber in the Business and Technology Divisions in the fall semester and is currently being used at 14 other colleges in Ontario. Humber consulted with three of those colleges before purchasing the software.

However, Reid estimates it will take up to two years to iron out the wrinkles in the system. Until that time, students will have to put up with erratic scheduling.

With daytime enrolment near 11,000, Humber is the largest college using the system. Computer program or not, fitting 3,800 courses into 318 classrooms and labs is a monumental task.

It seems natural, in these days of technological advancement, that a computer program deal with a complicated process like timetabling.

But when student and faculty concerns are compromised, improved efficiency is hard to swallow.

#### **Actions instead of words**

An ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure," the old adage goes. Are these not appropriate words to live by?

If this is so, then why was there so little attention paid to Safety Awareness Week? Is it not more important to learn how to prevent sexual assaults than to read of their growing numbers?

Ignorance is not bliss — it is essential for women to know how to defend themselves if they are ever put into a situation where they may face an assailant.

However, when given the opportunity to learn to defend themselves, few women showed.

Is it then really fair to say that security is not doing their jobs if an assault situation occurs on campus? Security can only cover so much territory at one time and can only do so much to protect us. We cannot expect others to be our guardians — as students and members of society we need to take care of ourselves and be our own protectors.

It is the duty of men and women to take security into our own hands. It is our duty as members of society to keep our eyes open and watch out for our safety as well as the safety of others.





## CHEERS \( \square\)

CHEERS 
To the New York parking attendant who called authorities after witnessing a woman brutally beat and then dumped her youngster's body in a nearby garbage bin.

CHEERS \( \square\) To Toronto Council for putting public safety above political correctness and deciding not to hire a special group of firerfighters (which includes women and visible minorities) whose scores ranked below white male counterparts.

**CHEERS** ✓ To U.S. president Clinton for his commitment to lift the ban on gays in the military.

JEERS \* To the American military establishment for its homophobia which was expressed in the beating of a gay man by three marines.

JEERS \* The NDP for their decision to seize and sell the property of those who fail to pay traffic fines.

JEERS ★ Humber student apathy for failing to inform themselves about their own safety on campus.

JEERS ★ To the TTC for devising a more cumbersome Metro Pass.

#### LETTERS TO THE EDITOR: 60

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#### STOP THE PRESS

#### Morality is a relative term

by James Cullin

President Clinton's attempt to lift the U.S. military's ban on homosexuals showed at once both a fundamental commitment to civil rights and a profound ignorance of the armed forces he now

To be sure, Clinton holds the moral high ground on this issue. America's armed forces are, at the very least, an intolerant lot. Clearly the Tailhook scandal was not an isolated event. Last week's frightening display of gay bashing by a group of Marines in South Carolina only served to reinforce how out of step military attitudes are with those of mainstream society.

That said, does it necessarily follow that military attitudes need to be reformed? To an extent, yes. Blatant examples of homophobia and sexism point to a failure of discipline and as Commander and Chief Mr. Clinton is obliged to put a stop to such activities.

is lifting the ban on homosexuals a solution however? From a civil liberties perspective it is, but from the Pentagon's perspective the answer is an emphatic NO. Contemporary social attitudes can not be imposed on the military carte blanche. To do so assumes that the armed forces can operate under the same conditions as civilian enterprise does and this is simply not the case.

The American military has one purpose and one purpose only. That is to be ready to go to war when told to do so by its political masters. It is not an instrument of social change or public morality. The act of war is by definition a violent and immoral act that requires those who conduct it to suspend their own morality. This inescapable truth is apparently beyond Mr. Clinton and the social activists he is trying to please.

At the centre of this controversy is an almost surreal paradox however. It is rumored that General Colin Powell threatened to resign as Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff rather than allow the wide open acceptance of homosexuals into the armed forces as Mr. Clinton would like to see. Yet General Powell's career owes nearly everything to a previous civil right battle that integrated African Americans into the armed forces. Why, then, is Powell arguing passionately for discrimination against another minority?

The answer, I believe, is to be found in his experience as an infantry commander in Vietnam. It is widely acknowledged that the American military's failure to accomplish its mission in Southeast Asia was brought on by an extraordinary collapse of discipline. As Powell rose through the ranks his career was guided by a determination never to allow such a failure to happen again.

Clinton's plan to allow openly gay people to serve in combat units represents a frontal assault on everything Powell and his generation of military commanders have accomplished.

It needs to be remembered that combat units are organic killing machines. Their purpose is to exterminate opposing troops and nothing more. To accomplish this dreadful task requires not just discipline but a unity of purpose that civilians can not understand. Contrary to what people generally believe, 17-year-old boys do not put their lives at risk to kill other 17-year-old boys out of loyalty to God or flag or country. They do so out of fierce loyalty to the other members of their unit.

Military commanders can not develop that sense of loyalty unless everyone in the unit thinks alike and shares a uniform set of values. Allowing openly gay people to serve in combat units is the first step to introducing a pattern of individuality that will destroy the cohesion the military needs to carry out its immoral purpose.



## **Education or intoxication?**

by Susan Magill

Alcohol is the number one drug of choice in Canada. In Ontario universities, 94.5 per cent of the total student population consumes alcohol. The Addiction Research Foundation (ARF) reports that the greatest consumers of alcohol are adults between the ages of 19-29. It is no surprise, then, that more that 11 per cent of university students are considered high risk drinkers. Keeping the above numbers in mind one has to wonder why so many universities offer alcohol on

Universities and colleges are supposed to be learning institutions and more often they are becoming social and entertainment establishments. University of Toronto offers 15 drinking establishments on campus and York University offers alcohol in 13 different places. The University of Guelph has six full pubs and temporarily lost their license a few years ago when one patron died on campus because of excessive drinking. Humber College has one full pub and two restaurants that are licensed. There are other licensed areas around Humber, but three are available to students on a daily

Students can quite often be found lounging down at Caps, Humber's campus pub, smoking and drinking, trying to relax between classes. ARF research shows that 26 per cent of university students have gone to class after drinking, 39 per cent have missed classes because of a hangover and 24 per cent have missed class after drinking. With alarming numbers such as these it seems surprising that other institutions have not questioned the availability of alcohol on campus during class hours.

Some would argue that students need a social area to relieve the tension of busy school life. I agree. School is difficult and full of stress and students need to relax and be with their friends. But is alcohol necessary to achieve this?

Pubs are a good idea because they give students the chance to drink and talk with school friends they might otherwise not be able to spend time with. I think a pub is great for that but not during class hours. A pub should be open all day for students to meet and socialize, but alcohol should not be available until the evening hours. This way residence students can have a place close by to go and drink and students can drop by after class and socialize nightly entertainment.

with their friends.

Almost 50 per cent consume between 1-7 drinks weekly and are considered light drinkers. Moderate drinkers, between 8-14 drinks weekly, number 16 per cent and 18 per cent are heavy drinkers who consume 15-28 drinks per week. The last 11 per cent are the high risk drinkers.

Not all students abuse alcohol and not all are easily pressured into drinking, but advertisements for alcohol are aimed at adults aged 20-35 and this covers a lot of university and college students.

By making alcohol only available on campus during the evening hours we are not taking the choice away from students, we are just bringing the education back into the school. School is a place for learning, and if students truly wish to drink between classes there are plenty of watering holes off campus.

Pub nights should be just that: nights. During the day the bar should be locked and Caps can remain a meeting place where friends go to smoke, relax and get away from the school atmosphere. Alcohol is not necessary. At night, the bar can be opened and students can enjoy an after school drink and a chat with friends while taking in some

## want some cheese with that whi

by Lisa Langille

For years, students have been complaining about the lack of security around Humber College. The dark hallways, the poor lighting, the seemingly non-existant security guards have all been the brunt of many jokes and accusations.

Last year's sexual assault on a female student behind a residence building created an uproar.

Students felt that since they were paying to attend this school they had the right to feel safe, but look what happens.

And it seemed as though nothing had changed until a rash of reported crimes on campus forced the school to do something.

And it has.

Campus Watch, including security phones and an escort service, has been created to keep students safe.

And, in an effort to teach students how to defend themselves, Safety Awareness Days were held January 21,22 and 26. and were made possible by grants solicited by a Humber committee concerned with safety on campus.

But where were the students who complained about lack of security?

Probably sitting somewhere thinking that crime will not happen to them.

But a speaker at the Out of Harm's Way seminar on January 26 said 27% of women will be sexually assaulted.

At the seminar, concrete statistics were given and self defense techniques were taught but only about eight students were

And that really isn't surprising. Community Services officer Stu Davidson explained that "they don't think it will happen to them". Davidson spoke at a street proofing seminar the week of Jan.

But it might. Over and over the reports are in newspapers and on radio and televi-

Women who thought they were untouchable became victims of a brutal crime.

Not because of something they did, not because they deserved it.

But because of a society that is becoming increasingly more violent.

And, as Davidson said, women have to take responsibility for their own safety.

We have to be street smart. Because we're not untouchable and we're all potential victims.

Humber recognizes that and made the

effort to turn our attitudes around and help keep us safe.

And it was a commendable effort.

We, the student body, have been complaining about violence on campus, that security is weak and that we don't feel safe.

But while we complain to others about what Humber should be doing, we sit back and ignore our chance to educate ourselves.

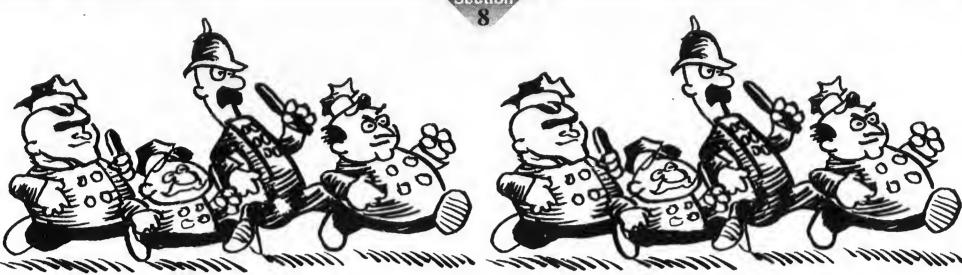
The Out of Harm's Way seminar cost \$30 but Humber picked up most of the tab and students only had to pay \$10.

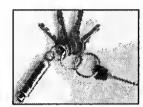
And still, they didn't show up.

Well, we can't complain anymore.

Humber is doing something to protect

The question is, why aren't we making the effort to protect ourselves.





#### **Secure** Thinking

## Marketing security awareness

by Lisa Langille

Personal and home security issues dominated Safety Awareness Days held at Humber's concourse on Thursday.

The event was organized by a committee and funded by grants from the government. Human Resources consultant Sandra DiCresce said the Safety Awareness Committee applied for the grants to help bring attention to safety issues and has been planning the event since October.

DiCresce said the event's aim was to "heighten everyone's awareness of unsafe environments and safety strategies."

Vendors displayed a range of personal and home security devices. Francesca Davino, a sales consultant with Out of Harm's Way, urged people to sign up for a seminar on



LISA LANGILLE

Just pull this string – Francesca Davino demonstrates a distraction device to ward off potential attackers

personal safety and demonstrated a variety of whistles and alarms.

At three other booths the focus was on home security with new alarm systems and locks and information on how to keep the home safe.

At another display Skylar Cellular was marketing cellular phones as a security device. "Having a phone will afford you that safety of being able to call the police," said Corporate Account Manager Rommel Santos.

Also on hand was Crime Prevention Officer Barry Clarke of 23 Division who said the police are trying to emphasize awareness as a security tactic. He said victims usually have no idea what is going on around them just prior to being attacted.

DiCresce said the committee wants to organize self-defence courses and has applied to the government for funding.



JOANNA TURCEWICZ

Who do you think you are, Geraldo? - Peter Wolfl and guest panel discuss the problem of violence against women.

## Cable show tackles tough topic

by Joanna Turcewicz

The problem of violence against women was tackled by a panel on January 21 for a taping of the Peter Wolfl show.

The show was filmed before a live audience in the Humber College lecture theatre and aired February 1 on Cable 10.

The panel, made up of people from various concerned organizations discussed what they are doing to combat violence against women.

Robert Motit, a member of Metro Men Against Violence, said his group is a volunteer organization of men who support women and address issues of violence. He said violent acts committed by men happen because of their socialization.

"Men should start looking at themselves first of all, to start changing. We have to look at male roles and gender roles and look at ways to stop oppressing women," said Motit.

Susan Bazilli, a lawyer with METRAC

(Metro Action Committee Against the Public Violence of Women and Children) said change has to start with the legal system.

"I don't think there is anything in the legal system that is set up to help women. I think women and children who are victims are continuously victimized by the system that is supposed to help," said Bazilli.

Bazilli also said sexual assault is the most under-reported crime in Canada and the legal system is one of the reasons.

Awareness of violence against women was another issue discussed by the panel. Sandra DiCresce, Humber's human resources consultant said, "One of the ways we have approached this topic is through the committees we have created in the college, such as the President's task force on violence and we have re-done our human rights policy."

Carol Allaine, a counsellor with the Ernestine's Women's shelter, a centre for assaulted women and children, said awareness

of the issue is very important and television is one way to get the message out. "I know a lot of people who watch those cable channels and anything that gets the awareness out is important," she said.

The taping of the program was publicized in both the Etobicoke Guardian and Etobicoke Life as well as around the college, but there were as many people in the audience as there were on the panel.

"I guess I can only say that people had better things to do tonight," said Wolfl.

Bazilli offered an explanation on why only a few organizations were available or willing to talk about the topic. "It's primarily women who do this work and all of the organizations are having funding cuts," she said. "Women who work in shelters are incredibly over burdened. It is very difficult for women who are taking care of women all day long to then be able to come out and discuss it."



Group hug! - Participants attending the Out of Harm's Way seminar practice ways of defending themselves if they are attacked from behind.

## Seminar prepares women to stay out of harm's way

by Lisa Langille and Joanna Turcewicz

f all women in Canada 27 per cent can expect to be sexually assaulted and close to 70 per cent of the sexual assaults will be committed by someone the woman

These "alarming facts" are why Francesca Davino, Consultant for Out of Harms Way,

said a program such as theirs is worthwhile. The sexual assault prevention company gave a lesson in self-defence to women at Humber, January 26.

According to Davino, the program was developed five years ago to give women the opportunity to protect themselves. In the last four years, 375 major corporations have provided the program for their female employees and over 17,000 women have participated.

During the first half of the three nour program, instructor Asher Levy told the audience Toward Safety and the

include screaming, reacting and using any free limbs to react.

Levy said it is important to remember the Ultimate Three. "When you leave here today, if you remember nothing else, remember the Ultimate Three steps of self-defense," he said.

During the remainder of the program, various means of selfdefense were demonstrated by

Ultimate Three — techniques Levy and the audience was asked to participate to gain hands-on experience.

> Women were taught how to escape potentially dangerous situations, like being attacked from behind, being harassed at work and in public and being threatened with weapons.

Women were encouraged to practice a number of punches and kicks to escape an assault. Levy demonstrated several elbow strikes, kicks and methods of escaping an attacker's grasp.

He did not advise using a weapon. Instead, he recommended the use of something that is not perceived as a weapon, such as a rolled up magazine. "A rolled up magazine will not be used against you like a gun would be," he said.

Two of the students who

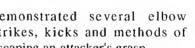
thought the course was informative.

Angela Kleer, a Hotel Restaurant and Management student, said the \$10 cost was attractive.

to be able to learn something like this," she said.

Another Hotel and Restaurant Management student, Darlene Levesque said, "I think it's about time Humber College did something about the issue of safe-

Levy ended the seminar by saying,"You all now have the knowiedge, the capacity and the potential to defend yourself and stay out of



attended the seminar said they

think it was a good price

harm's way."

#### SEVEN STEPS TOWARD SAFETY:

- 1. Avoid potentially dangerous situations by always walking in lighted areas and walking with purpose and determination.
- 2. Trust your intuition. If it feels wrong, then it probably is.
- 3. Run away at the earliest recognition of danger.
- 4. Talk your way out by using aggressive or gentle voice.
- 5. Get help. Go to a store or house. Ask someone for help if you're being threatened.
- 6. Defend yourself but keep it simple.
- 7. Escape as soon as you can and go to the police.

#### THE ULTIMATE THREE:

- 1. Scream.
- 2. React immediately and in one motion. Your best chance of escape usually comes within the first few seconds of an assault. 3. Use free limbs to react. Do whatever it takes to escape.



of the Seven Steps What a knock out - An Out of Harm's Way participant shows what's in store for a potential attacker.





## Making safety your own responsibility

by Lisa Langille

Women will be reducing the chances of becoming victims by adopting safe lifestyles, said Community Services officer Stu Davidson.

Davidson, of Metro Police's 23 Division, held a presentation in the community room on January 22, where he spoke for two hours about personal safety.

He stressed that a woman's most lethal weapons are intelligence, awareness, avoidance and action. "Learn how men act and think," he said. "This isn't male bashing. It helps."

According to Davidson, the program he teaches has been quite successful. "It is the most popular, most sought after presentation," he said. "If they practice what we disreduce the chances of being a vic-

Athough the presentation is usually well attended, only 16 people attended the one at Humber. Of the audience, many were Humber staff members but, as Davidson pointed out, few students were present.

"I think they think nothing's going to happen to them," said Davidson. Statistics prove otherwise. The latest numbers report that one-quarter of all women will be sexually assaulted but approximately 30 per cent of victims do not report the assaults.

"I find it very disconcerting that the violence against women and children has reached epidemic proportions," said Davidson.

Davidson also discussed the myths of sexual assault, emphasiz-

cuss, women will be safer. We ing that it can happen to anyone, women do not do anything to deserve it and that sexual assault has nothing to do with sex.

"It has everything to do with control. It has everything to do with power," said Davidson.

The offender is looking for a "compliant victim", he said, someone who will act as a victim, someone who will not fight back.

The selection process can take as little as five minutes. "Individuals select women as victims by the sheer fact that you are women. He's looking for a compliant victim to do what he wants and get away with it," said Davidson.

Because violence is part of everyday life, Davidson said women need to think in terms of street survival, this lowers a woman's chances of being assaulted.

By using simple self-defense techniques, women are able to escape a potential assault, because, said Davidson, "women who actively resist are more successful than those who do not."

Davidson recommends aiming for the eyes, nose and throat when fighting off an attacker. "You have to start thinking you're capable of extreme violence," he said.

Davidson doesn't recommend carrying a weapon. "About 80 per cent of the time when a weapon is used, it's a weapon of opportunity and the man takes it away from the

Davidson said that women have to protect themselves and trust their instincts. "Too many people ignore their gut feeling. If something feels wrong assume it is wrong. Safety has to be your responsibility."

## Group makes life sat

by Joanna Turcewicz

ne of the keys to crime prevention is community involvement, according to the Etobicoke Crime Prevention Association (ECPA).

The ECPA was formed in 1991 by Tom Hunt who was previously in charge of the Neighbourhood Watch in Etobicoke.

The association is an umbrella organization run by a Board of Directors drawn from a variety of Etobicoke organizations interested in crime prevention.

"We saw a need for a central organization like this to address all of the aspects of crime like break and enters, assaults, violence against women and auto thefts," said Hunt.

The Etobicoke Social Development Council is one of the main contributors to the ECPA and is involved in crime prevention through planning and community development according to the council's program coordinator, Loren Arduine.

"Crime prevention in Etobicoke promotes a healthy community. We Try to work together with the city to promote safety as a city and we inform other community groups that there is a need for safety," said Arduine

Neighbourhood Watch, another member of the ECPA, is a successful crime prevention program that promotes the idea of neighbours caring about neighbours.

In 1986 Neighbourhood Watch added an electronic bulletin board, the Personal Computer Community Organization Program (PC COP), which acts as a message system to inform communities of recent crimes.

Hunt said the community response to the bulletin board was very positive and has been very successful to date.

"Recently, the net result of the dialer is that Etobicoke has had a 38 per cent reduction in break and enters," said Hunt.

Marian MacDonald, executive director of the Metro Toronto Neighbourhood Watch Crime Concern office said the program is set up in little communities of 100 to 1,000 homes and calling in crimes very helpful.

"Neighbourhood Watch makes people aware of any crimes committed close to them. Neighbours share information about suspect descriptions and any methods suspects may have used to break into houses," said MacDonald.

The ECPA and Neighbourhood Watch work with the police by reporting all of the crimes and their descriptions.

The ECPA also assists the community by educating residents on how to protect themselves against violent crimes.

## Residence security on patrol

by Margaret Bryant

New security measures introduced recently have made the Humber residence—safer for students.

"I like to think Humber is a positive institution in making sure safety precautions are taken," said Derek Maharaj, Supervisor of Residence Facilities. "If you compare Humber College to other colleges I think we're heads above the rest."

In the fall of 1992, every resident was issued a picture identification card in an effort to restrict access into the residence.

Last year residents had coloured key tags for identification but some students found ways around this system. "A few problems with that is someone can loan that tag to someone that doesn't live in the building to get in," Maharaj said. "They used to cut them in half and

only show half."

Residence administrators decided picture I.D. would be the most efficient means of controlling access. A duplicate photo of each resident is kept on file in case a card is lost.

A new guest sign-in policy serves as an additional measure designed to prevent unauthorized people from entering the building. Normally residents can sign in more than one guest but after Thursday night pubs only one guest is allowed per resident. This is a change from last year's policy of one guest per resident on any given day.

The new policy includes giving the guest a temporary pass for 24 hours, which he/she can show when coming and going from the building. The resident faces a \$25 fine if the guest does not hand in the pass after 24 hours.

The new policy keeps stricter controls, but gives more freedom to

the resident explained Maharaj. "It's a little time consuming but it works great. We're trying to treat them a little more mature and give everybody that benefit."

First-year pharmacy student Karolyn Woods said she thinks the guest policy is necessary but feels more responsibility should be on the guest. "Once a guest is in, they are allowed to do whatever," she said. "I think they should have freedom, but follow rules like everyone else."

Emergency telephones are also located on each floor and residents can notify the front desk of any problems by dialling 30.

A security officer patrols the building from 8 p.m. to 8 a.m. to ensure the residence is safe. On Thursday nights a second officer is on duty.

Residence administration is investigating the possibility of a magnetic access card system that may be installed for students to enter the building...Card access would be limited to one door.

Maharaj said there are potential problems with a card access system, however, because more than one person can get in when the door is opened, so the front desk would still have to monitor who is coming and going.

Other services offered include a walk-home program and a nightly shuttle bus service to the Woodbine Centre.

The walk-home program is popular on some nights, but use of the service is down, Maharaj said. The bus runs from 7-10:30 p.m., and is convenient for residents who work at the Woodbine Centre and need a ride home.

Stacey Carson, a first-year Business Administration student said she feels safe living in residence. "I've never seen the front desk empty. It's good to know there's security on patrol at night."



Secure Thinking

## Gadgets for personal safety

by Lisa Langille and Joanna Turcewicz

In an effort to address the growing demand by women for ways to combat rising violence, many companies are offering security gadgets aimed at fending off potential offend-

There are conflicting opinions on which security devices actually prevent crime from occurring.

Francesca Davino, a sales consultant for Out of Harm's Way, a women's safety company, said her company offers programs in women's self defense as well as offer self defense products.

Davino stressed that personal alarms are not a solution by themselves. "We encourage people not to think of these as signals of distress that will bring assistance to them," she said. "But if you blow this whistle directly at someone, this shrill ear piercing sound is going to distract them for a moment so again you have created your opportunity for escape."

Asher Levy, also from Out of Harm's Way, echoed this sentiment. "Both (the whistle and alarm) are very effective weapons to carry

because they may attract someone who can help you. But they are not a cure-all."

Community Services Officer Stu Davidson of Metro Toronto Police 23 division also said he is skeptical about personal safety alarms. "I personally do not believe in alarms. I ask all women, what do they do when they're in a parking lot and a car alarm goes off? They ignore it. No one's going to pay attention to it," said Davidson.

However, Davidson did recommend a key-ring baton that is easy to

carry and serves as a self-defense weapon.

Rommel Santos, the Corporate Account Manager for Skylar cellular communications said cellular phones can be used as safety measures at all times

"There are three different types of phones you can get. Hand held portable phones and in-car units that are mounted into your vehicles are good. There are also transportable units that come in bags and are basically self-contained car phones," said Santos.

At a street-proofing program on January 22, Community Services Officer Stu Davidson informed women on how to use different products to keep themselves and their homes secure.

"You give up a little bit of privacy to get a whole lot of security by lowering your fences and trimming your hedges," said Davidson.

Davidson said 75 per cent of break and enters happen because basement windows are easily accessible. To combat this problem, Davidson suggests placing steel bars on basement windows to deter burglars.

He also suggested installing motion lights and buying stainless steel dead-bolt locks for doors. By placing a metal bar in sliding glass doors, the potential for a break-in is almost eliminated.

For a higher cost, companies such as Applied Security Systems Inc., offer complete residential security packages which include motion detectors for close to \$500.

Other safety devices were discussed during the event including a green dye spray which has proved unsuccessful because the dye can be washed off in a matter of hours.



JOANNA TURCEWICZ

On display – Whistles and alarms are just two of the personal safety devices on the market.



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## Vampires invade Humber through Roleplaying Club

by Pamela Brown

Humber's Roleplaying Club offers a world of biting drama, blood-thirsty adventure, and sensual fantasy.

The vampire craze has bit Humber. Films such as Bram Stoker's Dracula and books like The Vampire Chronicles have seduced some Humber students into a vampire masquerade.

"The idea of living at night and feeding off other people is the vampire attraction now," said Bruce Sponagle, the president of Humber's Roleplaying Club.

'The club's a great creative outlet. It lets you experience things you wouldn't normally."

The club is based around The Vampire Masquerade guide, published by White Wolf.

The vampire roleplaying takes place around a table; there is no board game or cards. Six to eight players enter an interactive, blood-thirsty dialogue of storytelling. There is a master storyteller who presents the 'skeleton'

of the story, but the 'vampires' have to live through their own resourcefulness.

The players can take on vampire characters from the book or make up their own. Each character will have its own strengths and weaknesses. For example, Modius is a vampire in his early 40s who lusts after power. Allicia is in her late 20s, is beautiful and loves to suck the blood of weak male mortals.

"A dice controls your destiny," said Dan 'Scarecrow' Wihoda, a 20-year-old Advertising and Graphic Design student. "The lower the numbers, the weaker your powers, and vice-versa."

There are really no winners in this game. The goal is to stay alive. "It's the same as normal life: it's a question of survival, said Sponagle.

Controversy has surrounded roleplaying games like Dungeons and Dragons, which has been linked to the suicides of several young roleplayers.

"We're not psychopaths. We bite... much."

don't hack up anybody. Besides, any type of media can drive you insane," said Bill Murphy, vicepresident of the Humber club.

Murphy, a 19-year-old Advertising and Graphic Design student, adds that roleplaying games are purely entertainment, like a movie or novel, and are creative since the player controls the

'Vampire Masquerade' is not the only fantasy adventure Humber's roleplaying club slips into. 'Raven Loft', 'Werewolf', and 'Shadowrun' are other fantasy-filled storylines that lead the players into a world of immortality and the unknown.

Humber's Roleplaying Club started in September of last year. According to Sponagle, the club is 30 members strong, and said he hopes meetings will resume around February.

Should students be hesitant or intimidated to join the club? "Hey," said Sponagle, "we don't



Scary Stuff — Bruce Sponagle, president of Humber's Roleplaying club, encourages other students to join the world of fantasy and adventure.

## Recession not over despite StatsCan report

#### More people turning to career counselling to find new job opportunities

by David O'Hare

Statistics Canada (StatsCan) seems to be alone in thinking the recession is over.

Al Michalek, executive director and dean of the Capital Fund Campaign, laughed when he heard the recession was over.

"We all read it in the papers, and the variety of the government agencies who measure these things say it's over. When you talk to the common person in the street, they find it difficult to believe," said Michalek.

Michalek said despite the statistical proof of the recession being over, unemployed people still beg to differ.

"I think if you don't have a job it's hard to believe in a variety of stats that show our economy is moving forward," said Michalek.

Nicole Shirley, a first-year Fashion Arts student, feels StatsCan's recent announcement

regarding the end of the recession is a psychological thing.

"If we're led to believe it's (the recession) over, we will probably think it's over.'

Shirley said the announcement was made to alleviate the frustration consumers have been feeling.

"People are frustrated that they can't spend the same way they did in the 80s. People are still getting laid off and plants are still closing down," said Shirley. "I don't see any changes. For college students the recession is still on because students are graduating and not getting jobs.

Counsellor Ren Wiebe, said people are changing careers more often as technology and society changes.

"I think the bottom line is, people are going to change their careers. This whole idea of having a job for life has gone," said Wiebe. "People aren't going to be doing the same thing for 20 years because the world isn't going to just stand by.

Wiebe said his career counselling services will be required more as people realize that they need to see someone who can help them do self-assessment and learn how to research possibili-

"People might need a counsellor so that the next time they can learn to assess their own values and skills," said Wiebe.

"I don't think we've given a lot of training in school for that. So I think there is a need for career counsellors."

Wiebe also said the role of the career counsellor is not strictly for job placement, but rather, to teach people how to find opportunities.

"It may not be as easy to find a career, that's why I think it's more important to do career counselling or planning," said Wiebc. "You don't want to spend six months preparing yourself or two to three years in school for a job you might end up hating."

Wiebe said before the recession began jobs were abundant, so you could make a change much easier.

"Now you have to be much clearer on what you bring to the table. Usually what you offer is what you love, so you should try to hone in on those things."

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## Teens talk to teens on sex infoline

by Alana Phelps

A new phone sex line in Toronto does not have a ten minute minimum charge, but the people on the other end of the receiver are trained by professionals.

Planned Parenthood of Toronto (PPT) has launched a Teen Sex Infoline that encourages teenagers to call if they have any questions or concerns about sex and sexuality.

The difference with this information service is that the counsellors answering the questions are teenagers themselves.

The success of Planned Parenthood's Peer Advisory Counsel — which targets the 16 to 24 age group — helped pave the way for the new Infoline.

Wendy Stratton, a PPT volunteer co-ordinator, said that the Infoline is a good idea because teenagers are more comfortable speaking with their peers on the subject of sex.

Stratton said that all calls — including cranks — are dealt with in a professional and "strictly confidential manner."

Safe sex counselling is an important part of this information service. Stratton said there are too many teens who do not have an outlet to discuss sexual mat-

ters, and often find themselves in situations they are not equipped to handle.

The teen counsellors are all volunteers — recruited from high schools or other peer advisory groups — who must complete a three-month training course before they are allowed to answer the telephones.

Stratton said "the teens (counsellors) are trained to say, 'I don't know ' if they are faced with a question they cannot answer." In these cases, the teen counsellor will advise the caller of the best course of action.

But teen counsellor David Dunn said, "there is a book (prepared by) Planned Parenthood where we can look anything up."

Dunn said the questions commonly asked by the callers are about the various birth control methods available, the proper way to use a condom, sexually transmitted diseases, and questions concerning pregnancy.

Dunn said that since the line opened there have been more calls each night.

Stratton attributed the increase in callers to the media attention they have been receiving from CBC, CITY TV, and the Infoline's poster and television campaign.

The ad campaign — designed



COURTESY PHOTO

Teen counselling — Planned Parenthood of Toronto created a new Teen Sex Infoline using volunteer teenage counsellors.

to be provocative — uses wry imagery to capture a teenager's attention.

One television spot focuses on a closed door with the line "A lot of teenagers are learning about sex using their right hand" followed by a shot of the "right

hand" dialing the Infoline.

Stratton said that so far the program has not received any negative feedback.

"The feeling is (by) the community sharing information (it will help young people) make better life decisions." Planned Parenthood offers sex counselling to every age group.

The Infoline — which opened on January 4. — runs from September to June. Call 961-3200 from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. weekdays.







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#### Summer job opportunities available abroad through SWAP

by Terry Haryett

Thinking about working in another country this summer? Registering with the Student Work Abroad Program (SWAP) can make the experience easier, according to SWAP representative David Smith.

Smith spoke about the program at St. George Hall, in downtown Toronto, on January 19 as part of a four part 'Travel Talks' series. His seminar focused on working in Britain but there are 11 countries to choose from, including Germany, Australia and Japan.

SWAP offers students assistance in finding accommodation and employment in the country of their choice, Smith told the group of about 30 people.

To work in Britain, students must apply for a Working Holidaymaker Visa at the British Consulate. To qualify, you have to be between 18 and 27. According to Smith, Britain is the most popular choice of SWAPers.

"About 60 per cent of the Canadians who go on the Working Holidaymaker Visa go through SWAP. I think you'll find the services we offer are well worth investigating," said Smith. He added that 600 SWAP participants worked in Britain in 1992.

To qualify, you must be a full or part-time student or be a 1993 graduate. You must also be a Canadian citizen or a citizen of the country of choice.

In order to work abroad through SWAP, students have to book their flight through Travel. Cuts agency, but, as Smith assured, "Travel Cuts traditionally offer the least expensive flights."

A registration fee is also required, and the price ranges depending on the country of choice. The fee for those going to Britain is \$215.

The fee includes two nights accommodation in a London hotel, during which time you are expected to find more permanent accommodation and employment.

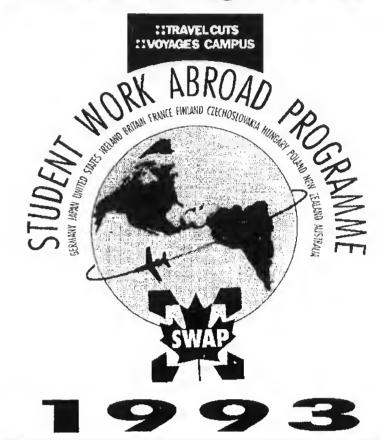
Smith said that finding accommodation is easy, and the SWAP office in London has a large number of direct accommodation contacts available daily.

"Most SWAPers in London tend to share apartments and usually find something within 48 hours of arrival (in London)," said

Finding a job is also easy through SWAP. "There are lots of job angles there (in London)."

The SWAP offices have job listings, and Smith said that "at least 15-20 employers call per day in London with job offers." Although most jobs are in London, Smith said that there are jobs available elsewhere in England. Most students find jobs in the hospitality or services sec-

Anyone wanting further information on SWAP should contact their local Travel Cuts agency. The deadline for applying is March 1st for most destinations.



## Music department remembers Thom

"He didn't

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by Alan Swinton

On Monday, January 18, 1993, Humber music student Thomas A. Kehoc, 23, died of leukemia.

As a child, the Edmonton native lost his sight to cancer, a disease he battled all his life. While at Humber, he majored in vocals as an honors student. The Thomas Kehoe Memorial Scholarship Fund has been established and will be awarded. to a second-year vocal music student.

memorial service on January 28, where teachers and students sang songs, recited poetry, and related experiences in Kehoe's honor.

Vocals teacher Tannis Fastspoke Vetter highly of Thom's scholastic aspects, Ollie

Leschuk from the Special Needs found out later, he was very shy, ten by colleague Joy Trenholm, titled For Thom.

Many others contributed to the ceremony, before the group stood to sing 'Amazing Grace', ending the proceedings. A videotape was made of the event to send to Thom's parents in Edmonton.

Thom is remembered by the many friends be left behind at Humber for the qualities he displayed since coming here in September of '91.

Lorenzo Fabbri, considered Thom's closest friend, said, "he had talent, he had everything,"

Fabbri said Thom was always aspiring and "was always trying to out-do everyone". He called Thom's sharp memory "incredible" and said Thom was quick to correct anyone in class when they had something wrong.

"He didn't have his sight, but he had a lot of other fabulous qualities," said Fabbri.

Music teacher Trish Colter found Thom a serious, hard working student with a "warm baritone sound" to his voice.

"He was a wonderful student. He was really strong - an honors student. Very strong in the areas of theory and ear-training," said Colter.

Classmate and friend Phil Morris said Thom was a great The music department held a student to work with as well as a good friend.

"He pulled his own weight, he really did. He leaned on you, but you could lean on him just as hard,' said Morris.

As a person, Morris said Thom was friendly, but

"He was very outgoing, Inside, I

Department read a poem, writ- but he put on an outward, a very outgoing expression," said Morris.

Another one of Thom's classmates said coming to Toronto alone and pursuing music was Thom's dream.

"He loved Edmonton, but he wanted to do it by himself so he could say, 'I did that'," she said.

She and Thom once did a duet, a song about child abuse.

"He told me he wrote it because so many times he felt abused. Not by people, but by all the things that happened to him," she said.

Despite that, she said Thom did not let his blindness or his past affect his attitudes.

Anyone who knew Thom and would like to do something, is asked to donate money to the Canadian Cancer Society.



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## New room devoted to prayer for students

by Tracy Bailey

Humber's Interfaith Prayer Room has offically opened its doors, and is already fulfilling a great spiritual need for many students.

The room, which opened January 25, has been besieged by students requesting its use.

"The request for a prayer room came from two sources. One was from a group of Muslim students in the college who need a private, quiet space at certain times of the day to pray and they were having a difficult time finding that space. They were using washrooms, space in SAC, the student life centre, and could never be sure if the space they wanted would be available," said Judy Harvey, Director of Counselling and Placement. "They've identified that their faith requires this need for the college to set aside an area if they could.'

"At the same time, the college had formed a chaplaincy committee to address the spiritual needs of Humber students and staff. They almost simultaneously identified the need for designated space to use on an individual basis or in small groups for religious events and personal spiritual needs," said Harvey.

Locating an area in the college to be set aside for the prayer room was not an easy job.

"We were looking for the space for awhile. The Intercultural Centre provided the space. They agreed to give up a portion of their room and donate it for the prayer room," said Harvey.

Dalyce Newby, Director of the Intercultural Centre, said that the Muslim students needed a place to pray because they had been using the video viewing rooms. Since the prayer room was founded, she said there has been a steady stream of people using it.

The Humber College community is very culturally diverse. Students requesting space for a prayer room come from a variety of religious faiths and cultural backgrounds. Having the two rooms neighbouring each other makes sense said Harvey, because the two directly relate to each

"Having it adjacent would help people to find out about the prayer room and those who use the prayer room would also find out about the Intercultural Centre



Place to pray — Humber students now have a room to meet their diverse spiritual needs. The room was set aside after students and a chaplaincy committee voiced their concerns.

so, there's a mutual benefit," said Harvey.

The chaplaincy committee took the idea to the academic council who are elected representatives of academic divisions in all service areas.

The council supported the idea for the Interfaith Prayer Room and said that they would like to see the college provide it," said Harvey.

"Individuals can drop in at anytime and stay any length of time. You don't have to be of any

specific faith or belong to a group," said Harvey.

The guidelines for use of the room are quite basic. All events must be scheduled, and be of a religious nature. Events must be also be sponsored by a staff member or by a student club, and are not to be longer than one hour. No food, beverage, or smoking is allowed in the room.

Humber also provides chaplaincy services. Chaplain Jim Glidewell, from the Baptist tradition, is on campus Wednesdays from 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Also, Chaplain Lawrence Jansen, who is from the Christian Missionary Alliance Church, is in from 9:30 a.m. to 12 noon on Thursdays.

Both make their services available to an interfaith and intercultural ministry for all people at Humber, whether or not they belong to a particular faith.

The Interfaith Prayer Room is open Monday through Friday between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m.

## **SAC** video games not for everyone

by Lori Hershberg

No one in the Students' Association Council (SAC) knows the reason why the Games Room at Humber College exists.

But according to Karina Bekesewycz, the services coordinator of SAC, she would have "half the school banging on my door" if the Games Room was removed.

Whatever the reason was, it's here. And it's giving SAC, and many students, a great time, a

Since the games room opened in September of last year, SAC has made \$31,336.89 of their \$54,000 goal. The money goes for the salaries for the members of SAC, the annual pool tournament held in the games room, and prizes for the winners.

Bekesewycz has received suggestions about possible arcade competitions, including a Gitoni toumament.

Some students of Humber don't think the Games Room is needed.

"The school should do something better with the space" said Bill Butterworth a pre-music student. He said he would prefer a place to practice music, smoke and hang out. Mike Bauer, of the same program agrees. Bauer said he would like a place to practice his music.

Kathleen Tanner, of the cabinet making program, is another student who also does not visit the games room. She said it's too dark and it doesn't look "appealing.'

Psychology teacher Jay

Haddad said students go to play games because "they're thrilled to be active in that way." He added that, "like a cat playing with a string, it's human instinct-innate curiosity and play."

Haddad said he thinks some people may fail classes because they go to the Games Room. But he added students may also fail because they're in love, play cards at Caps, and a myriad of other reasons.



LORI HERSHBERG

Fun and games — Humber's popular Games Room is a moneymaker for SAC.



## AGO unveils \$58 million facelift

by Heather Mason

fter seven months and a whopping \$58 million, the Art Gallery of Ontario (AGO) re-opened January

Visiting students were impressed with the Gallery's new look but most found it hard to justify the multi-million dollamake-over.

"I love it," said student Lindsay Mount. "But then 1 thought it was fine before. I don't understand why they did it. I think the money could go somewhere else.

The major expansion and renovation project, which began in 1989, has resulted in 30 new and 20 renovated galleries.

"We needed a place to display our permanent collection. We didn't have room for the Inuit or contemporary art," said Ann Millard, public relations assistant at the AGO. The gallery has the second largest collection of works by

Inuit artists in the world.

"The result is 60 per cent more exhibition space plus retail space to generate revenue," said Millard.

Another reason for the expansion, said Milliard, is to place the gallery in a more competitive position in the international market.

Student David Teeuwen said he agrees that spending the money was necessary

"I really like the changes they've made. I think that to be able to compete with other galleries it's worth it," he said.

Teeuwen added that most of the paintings hanging in the gallery are ones he has seen on past visits.

"I think we need better paintings and artwork in Canada," he said.

Steven Boyle, a graphic designer for six and a half years at AGO, said that he has no problem with the money spent.

"It was private money, it was

something that was needed and it's a cultural thing in Toronto," he said.

Boyle added that the last renovation took place in 1977.

In addition to private funds, AGO recently received a \$2 million donation from the provincial government. The province's contribution stirred up controversy last year when it was unable to fund the gallery, resulting in the layoff of 244 workers.

"The whole concept is to bring art and people together instead of keeping art at an arms length"

Boyle said that with the 60 per cent expansion comes a desperate need for more manpower. He said he expects the gallery will use part of the government grant to make this possible, but that relations between AGO and the Rae government are still strained.

Although Millard said the gallery is planning to rehire 50 of the 244 workers. Nicole Sazunse, a high school student visiting the gallery said, "it seems pretty unfair to the people who are out of work to spend this kind of money." She added the money should have been spread over projects city-wide.

Another high school student, Denise Alton, said she was impressed with the look of the gallery but thought the money could have been spent elsewhere.

"Not everybody likes these things. If people are interested in

art it shouldn't really matter what the place looks like," Alton said.

Adam Swinbourne, an Ontario College of Art student, said the money would have been better spent on art education. He concedes, though, there are positive aspects to the renovation.

"It draws more attention to the building and it will draw people who may not be in the arts," Swinbourne said.

According to the AGO's Millard, that is just what the gallery hopes to accomplish.

"The whole concept is to bring art and people together, to make it interactive instead of keeping art at an arm's length," said Millard.

n redesigning the gallery, which is now one of the largest in North America, the old, modernist, concrete structure has given way to a more Victorian architecture, reminiscent of The Grange, the first home of the gallery.

The new building design is intended to interact with the artwork, enhancing its ethereal nature and beauty.

The layout is very spacious which makes certain areas seem barren. According to Boyle, the reason for this is the increased presence of contemporary art, which he said is "nice to see.'

As well as new gallery spaces, project additions include an indoor sculpture court, a new print and drawing centre and library.

Art student David Hannan said he thinks the money spent on the expansion is "fine.

"It kind of reminds me of the National Gallery (in Ottawa), actually a bit better. I come from Ottawa, it's nice to see it coming over here. Maybe my work will be here in 20 years," said Hannan.

**Art Gallery of Ontario** 317 Dundas Street West Adults -- \$7.50 Students/Seniors - \$4.00 Family - \$15.00 Free after 5 p.m on Wednesdays



HEATHER MASON

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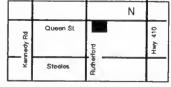
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#### Perverse new album for Jesus Jones

by Todd A. Wonacott

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Perverse, is the third and latest effort by English outfit Jesus Jones, and definitely their worst.

After the brilliant debut

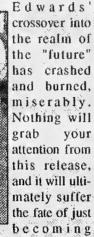
disc, Liquidizer and the highly successful commercial crossover, Doubt, Mike Edwards (lead singer, songwriter) was suddenly struck with a revelation: dance music, especially techno, is the wave of the future.

This seemingly large blow to the skull followed a massive world tour, which included a Toronto stop at the Concert Hall and an opening slot for INXS at Wembley Stadium.

What Perverse lacks is any sort of appeal. Doubt had catchy

If you liked Jesus Jones sec- tracks like Right Here, Right ond album, Doubt, with its com- Now, International Bright Young

But with the bleak exception If you like the budding, raving of The Devil You Know,



another dance album.

Perverse will leave you pondering the future of Jesus Jones.

What will happen to the live energy, walls of white ambient guitar noise? What about those catchy, sing-along lyrics?

The future is indeed in doubt after the release of Perverse. It looked so bright for these bright young things from England.

Promises of greatness have been dashed by this techno bar-

Sad.

## Damage full of emotion

Director Louis Malle's latest film not your average love story

by Marg Land

"Damaged people are dangerous. They know they can sur-

And in Louis Malle's latest film, Damage, emotional survival is the key.

Adapted from Josephine Hart's 1991 novel, Damage takes the audience into a world of erotic and overpowering obsession. It is a disturbing look at the damage an obsessive affair can have on the life of a successful family and the lengths that they will go to to survive.

At times dark and dismal, Damage has an inner beauty which still manages to shine through. Malle's brilliant camera work and understanding of human passion and outstanding performances by Jeremy Irons, Juliette Binoche and Miranda Richardson make this film a must sec.

The film is told from the viewpoint of Stephen Fleming (played by Irons, who won an Academy Award for Reversal of Fortune), a middle-aged member of British parliament who finds his life crumbling away after he starts a tumultuous affair with his son's girlfriend, Anna. For

Damage Director: Louis Malle Starring: Jeremy Irons, Juliette Binoche

Stephen, the affair takes him to a plateau above erotic lust as he discovers what true, complete passion can feel like after years of repression,

But to Anna (Binoche), the affair is a form of masochistic punishment to battle the guilt and pain of her brother's suicide. The audience watches with growing horror and pity as they see the inevitable fall approaching.

Irons once again gives an amazing performance of misery and suffering, surpassing his disturbing performance as twin gynaecologists in David Cronenberg's film noir, Dead Ringers. He takes the audience on a rollercoaster ride of emotion as he rises from complete despair to wanton passion back down to despair again. He takes a character whom many would hate and despise, and makes him into someone which the audience empathizes with and feels pity

Binoche, probably best known for her performance in The

Unbearable Lightness of Being, gives a convincing performance as the haunting and mysterious Anna. Slinking throughout the movie in black, like a beautiful angel of death, Binoche wraps the audience up in her web of suffering and teaves them emotionally spent at the end.

Little-known actress Miranda Richardson gives the most outstanding performance of the film as Ingrid, Stephen's innocent wife, who suspects that there is something different about her son's girlfriend. She steals the movic at the end, becoming the tragic victim as she inflicts physical pain upon herself to combat her emotional suffering.

A word of warning to the conservative minded: this is not the movie to see if you are looking for an old-fashioned love story. Full of erotic and passionate sexual positions which defy description and are definitely not listed in the sexual encyclopedia "The Joy of Sex", this film is meant for a mature audience willing to bring their own experiences of passion to the theatre and come away with a whole new understanding of obsessive love.

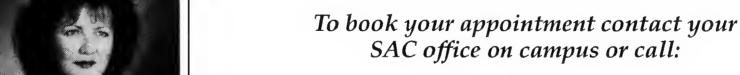


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## Buffalo's Mercury rising fast to fame

Todd A. Wonacott

Hailing from Buffalo, New York, you can't blame Mercury Rev for being a little down in the dumps.

It's the day after the comedy of errors at The Rose Bowl and well, "it's a bummer," says David Baker, the menacing lead singer of the group, making their second appearance in Toronto. (They opened for My Bloody Valentine in the summer of last year).

"The halftime show was pretty good," says Grasshopper, one of two guitarists in the lineup.

"I thought it was pretty neat how Michael Jackson was on top of different screens and then he was on the stage in the middle of the field," says Baker. "I think he wasn't singing though., was he?

"I wanted Walt Disney," adds flutist Suzanne Thorpe, disappointed.

After a deadend deal with defunct label, Trade, Rough Mercury Rev's first album, Yerself Is Steam, is now available on the Sony Music label after almost three years, and is, well, strange.

The album lists 12 songs but actually has 99 track settings.

"We figured we would just kinda mess people Grasshopper.

Other than Grasshopper, lead singer Baker and Thorpe, the Rev lineup includes Dave Fridmann (bass), Jonathan Donahue (guitar, vocals) and Jimy Chambers (drums).

up,"

says



Mercury Rev-David Baker, Suzanne Thorpe, Dave mates that they Fridmann, Grasshopper, Jonathan Donahue, Jimy Chambers

> On the surface they would appear to be just another band but don't be fooled by appearances— Mercury Rev are far from normal. This band really doesn't get along.

> They are scattered all over Western New York and don't see much of each other if they

don'thave to. they don't rehearse either.

"It's asking for trouble putting six strong personalities into a think tank," observes Thorpe, but the more pressure that builds up, the better we work. It's like a hurricane that builds momenhim."

The group estihave played no more than 30 live

shows in their existence as a

Appearances have included tours with Ride, My Bloody Valentine, playing in front of 20,000 people at England's prestigious Reading Festival and even an opening slot for Bob Dylan at

Yale University.

The live show is a scattered mess that seems to come together for an instant, but then quickly loses sanity.

Just when you think you've figured out what a song is about, confusion sets in again.

"Live, the only good shows are ones where we don't know what the hell happened," comments

"All of our songs come from random sounds. We are like musical nature photographers. We make pictures of sounds without any pressure or influences," says Donahue.

We like to record stuff that nobody really knows what it is when they hear it," adds Baker.

Mercury Rev have completed a follow-up release to Yerself Is Steam which is expected to hit stores in the fall.

The rev-olution continues.

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#### Doom and gloom at Ultrasound showcase

by Craig Sweeney

Toronto got its first taste of two up-and-coming bands last Thursday at the Ultrasound Showbar.

Guelph's King Cobb Steelie (KCS) have been a household name in their local community for a few years, preferring to play shows in their own area instead of seeking instant recognition from larger audiences in Toronto.

They also wanted to make it clear that profit wasn't a priority, so they gave away 800 copies of their first single at their shows. Lead singer Kevin Byrne says it was a matter of personal convic-

"We were trying to get away from the whole idea of having an audience and having a band and there being some kind of separation between the two. So we did things like give away our 7 inch singles and we tried to establish ourselves as this non-profit collective," said Byrne.

"The money was re-circulated. It would come to us at the shows (for playing), but then we made a recording and gave it away. We went into debt because of it.

This type of straightforward, honest approach to the business end of the industry also shines through in the band's music.

A performance consisting of a little hardcore, a little pop and a little rock added up to a sound bent on originality.

But Byrne says it just worked out that way.

"The songs are political and what they talk about is minority empowerment"

"It wasn't explicit on our part, but I guess we've all listened to a lot of different types of music and there are too many styles that we really enjoy to restrict ourselves to playing only one style of music. I just wanted to do something which reflected all of our interests rather than pigeon-hole ourselves.

"The nice thing is, if you establish yourselves as somebody who plays a various range initially, you're never boxed in by peoples' preconceptions of what kind of band you are," said Byrne.

Taking the stage after KCS were Boston's Chuck, introducing with repeated exposure.

the audience to their poppy, rhythmic style of "polifunk"strong political messages interwoven with funk music.

Their lyrics deal with with subjects like AIDS, war, poverty, and racism. They look cynically upon the "American pathology of materialism" in the song Obsession, from their debut release The Importance Of Being ... Chuck!

From the same record is a song called Brainstorm, which looks at the gulf war and "offers condolences to all the parents who lost their sons to preserve the price of

While the topics are gloomy, Chuck puts in an upbeat musical performance. Bassist Noah Southall says it creates a good

"The songs are all political, and what they talk about is minority empowerment through different methods, and just the anger at the injustices done to minorities in America."

Although KCS and Chuck hail from two very different cities and play different styles of music, both will unquestionably succeed

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## Humber's Lady Hawks destroy Fanshawe Falcons

by Rob Witkowski

The Lady Hawks staked their territory driving out the visiting Fanshawe Falcons on January 28 in front of a noisy crowd.

The classic confrontation between the top two basketball teams in the province had the Lady Hawks retaining their to standing with 80-67 victory. In addition, Humber's women's team advanced in the Canadian rankings jumping from five to

The first few minutes of the game were close as the Falcons kept Humber off stride. At the six minute mark, the Ladyhawks held a slim 8-7 lead and that was enough for home side coach Jim Henderson to call a timeout.

Humber's Tara Petrachenko said the team's game plan was "to come on strong at the beginning and not take anything lightly." The timeout called was used to calm the team down. It worked well because the team regrouped and went on a 13-0 run.

During half time, it was announced Humber Athletics would retire three jersey's at the next men's and women's double header against the Seneca Braves on February 3. Star players number 54, Denice Cumming, and number 21, Denise Perrier will be honored before the game for their contribution to the team. From the men's team, Patrick Rhodd will have his number 43 retired.

Leading the Lady Hawks in scoring were none other then the two "D's." Cumming's played her finesse game scoring 17 points and perrier, her usual tough game, with 15 points.

After beating perhaps their strongest competition in Ontario the team is looking to take a step up. "We talked about it last week, I think that has to be our goal now," said Henderson. "we've in the Championships for a couple of

years, been in the final now so the next step is to win it,"

But it would be unlike Henderson's character to let his team overlook their current schedule in preparation for the playoffs. Last year, Humber finished first in Ontario, but lost to Fanshawe in the provincial finals. The Ladyhawks coach reminds his players that Fanshawe made a good comeback effort. "I didn't expect it (getting the big first half lead). But they came back and still made a game of it. Even being down where a lot of teams would've quit, you them, give them credit for what they did tonight."

Fanshawe Falcon, Jackie Morgan was impressed with the Lady Hawks, who defeated them for the second time this season. "We got to respect them, they're good ball players that's for sure. Just that we got to be up for the game at the beginning instead of letting it drag on like it did in the first half."

Fanshawe played better in the second half and Morgan attributed this to getting use to Humber's zone press and her coaches halftime pep talk. During the halftime intermission, their coach said, "Bring the ball up because we're getting picked and we're fumbling and tripping and stuff," quoted Morgan. "So we came back a little more aggressive in the second half - don't like getting yelled at so much." This

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got to hand it to Puttin' it up - Denise Perrier drives to the hoop in ladies cage action, at the Gordon Wragg Athletic Center.

game was won under the basket and in the key where players struggled in battles for the ball. That's where players like Luchrishua Grant and Jenetta Paris shone, they fought for the ball with grit and determination. Paris was named player of the game for her efforts, while offensively, she potted 11 points.

The game marked the debut of forward Stephane Miles before a home crowd. She is expected to help the team with their inside game. A position was available when centre Caroline Carty left Humber after the Christmas break. Miles played basketball in the St. Catharines area and is a first-year nursing student. She had missed tryouts at the beginning of the sea-

The team had on opening at the post position, so Tara Petrachenko suggested the coaches let Miles tryout. The coaches reaction was "how tall is she." Suffice to say, she was tall enough, Henderson doesn't know how much of an impact she will make right away. "It's still gonna

take a while for her to really make andy contribution," Henderson. "but we'll be playing against some big teams and we may need some extra help inside defensively so that's what we're looking for, some rebounding strength inside."

The coach said that Miles can

"help pick up on the little things like the offences and the plays that we're running. She's catching on quick enough that it's not going to take her long for that part. So the main part is going to be conditioning since she hasn't played for over a year.

Henderson said just because Humber beat Fanshawe his team can't take it easy. He is very focused competitor and will not let his team put their guard down.

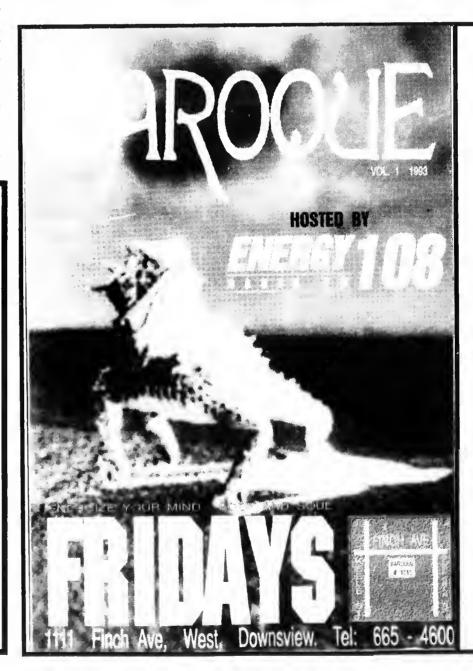
"It get's so that every team can make their season by beating us," Henderson explained. "No matter where they finish or who they lose to, what else they do but they know that if they can beat us it will make their whole season."

During the half of the game, the Ladyhawks kept pressuring Fanshawe in their offensive zone. After Humber scored a point they would double up on the ball handler trying to come out of the zone which caused a lot of

The leading scorers for the Falcons were Tracey Murray and Becky Huntley, with 15 points

Maclean's Cable 10 is televising Humber's home basketball games. Doug Fox, Humber's athletic manager said most games televised during the weekdays can be seen Friday at 1p.m. and Saturday at 9a.m.





#### **SPORTS**

#### Parquet Play

Hawks take act on the road, weekend wins in b-and v-ball

A strong team effort over the weekend, helped the Humber men's volleyball team come away with two wins in as many days.

Led by Humber Athlete of the Week, Warrick Manners, Humber defeated Loyalist College and Royal Military College by indentical scores of three games to one.

In both games, Humber had to overcome lapses in concentration before cruising to easy victories.

Team member Wayne Wilkins commended the bench for the role they played.

"The subs really came through when we needed them," he said.

With the doubleheader win, Humber's record now stands at six and four. They currently trail second place Sheridan College by four points in the OCAA standings, with four games remaining.

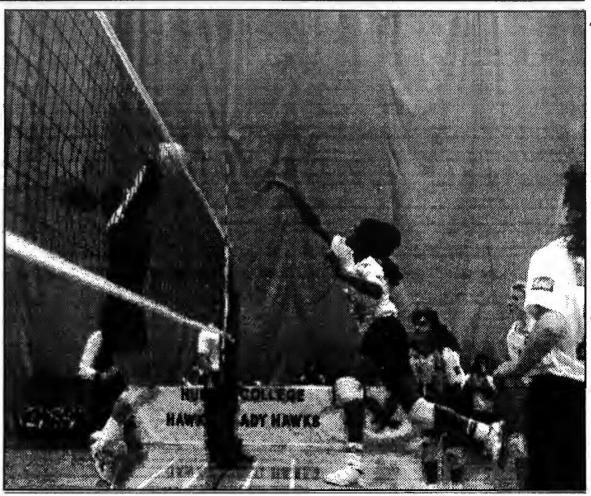
#### Basketball

That victory train kept rolling for the men's varsity basketball Hawks.

The male cagers defeated Durham College January 28th, 87 - 73, in Oshawa.

Fitzroy Lightbody continues to lead the Hawks in scoring, he poured in 19 points. Pat Rhodd had 15, as the Hawks had four players in double figures

The Hawks remain undefeated at 9-0, and are on the road for their next two contests. The Hawks take on Jordan College and St. Clair, February 5 and 6 respectively.



JOHN TENPENNY

Take that — Karen Moses smacks a return de force in ladies volleyball action at home January 28th. The Lady Hawks won in in straight sets, 3 - 0.

## Hawks tame Grizzlies

by John Tenpenny

The Grizzlies from Georgian didn't live up to their name; insted of of putting up a fight they simply rolled over and played dead for the Lady Hawks volleyball team.

Facing a shorthanded and undersized opponent, the Humber women's volleyball team had a little trouble dispatching the team from Georgian three games to none, last week.

The tone of the match was set early, as the Grizzlies had trouble simply keeping the ball on their side of the court in order to set up plays. Humber took advantage and won the first to games easily, by scores of 15-9, and 15-3.

About the only mistake the Lady Hawks made, was when Tamara Bennet nailed teammate Erica Weirsma in the back of the head with a misplaced serve.

Head Coach Steve Corbin was pleased with his team's effort and the poise they showed in the third game. After several mental errors, Humber allowed Georgian back into the game 9-9. Corbin called timeout and with key substitution Humber regained

its composure and went on to victory.

Commenting afterwards, Corbin said that, "in the past we might have lost it." Corbin also said that on the court communication is vital to winning. "They talked to each other to get back into it."

Georgian Athletic Director, Michelle McConney, who was filling in for the head coach, currently on her honeymoon, was pleased with her squad's performance. A squad made up mostly rookies.

Citing Humber's experience, McConney said, "it's tough to teach rookies, and give them that experience in one year."

Co-MVP's of the game, Karen Moses and Erica Weirsma, both expressed relief after the victory. "We thought it might be an easy game, but we didn't let that affect us," Moses said.

While Wiersma thought the team served better than usual, she was concerned about the passing, particularly in the third game. "If your passing is off, you can't adjust," she said.

The Lady Hawks ran their record to 6-5, while Georgian drops to an abysmal 0-10.

Next weekend, the women travel west, to face Windsor and St. Clair.

## Soccer Hawks kick off season

#### Kickers blunted in their first tourney effort

by Natalie Vujaklija

The Humber Hawks men's soccer team kieked off the season by making it to the quarter finals of their first tournament. The tournament, hosted by St Lawrence College in Kingston last weekend, marked the first time the team had played together

Overall Hawks' Coach, Germain Sanchez, was fairly impressed with his teams' performance. "Considering half the team is new, I saw some really excellent stuff."

High praise went to returning Hawks, goalie Adam Morandini, and team captain Mike Maglio, for outstanding tournament play. Rookie center - forward, Phil Caporella led all Humber scores with four goals in four games.

In the four games the Hawks played they finished with a record of 2-1-1. The Hawks only loss came at the hands of the Rangers, a local semi-pro team from Kingston. The Hawks suffered from the same malady as last season, inability to finish

their chances which cost them the game. They out played and outworked the competition everywhere but the scoreboard.

To add insult to injury, the winning goal was scored on ricoehet off a Ranger player into the Humber net.

"It was a hard way to lose, but a loss is a loss and you can't make excuses," he said.

Sanchez said he will try to work the "bugs out" this week in practise in preparation for the Humber Invitational, February 28th



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#### Buffaloed to death

by James LaChapelle

It couldn't happen to a better city. A third straight humiliating Super Bowl defeat has come to the town with self-pity, Buffalo, N.Y.

Not since the 1909-1911 Detroit Tigers, has a team lost their sports' greatest prize three years in a row. And it may be something those chicken wing eating, fire-loving, Jim Kelly idolizing Buffalonians may never get over.

This sporting debacle started during Super Bowl XXV when the Bills were victimized by their own kicker Scott Norwood. Norwood choked by missing a field goal in the dying seconds and sending his team to defeat.

The Bills were back for the next Super Bowl with a vengeance. This was going to be their year. Jim Kelly was hot as a pistol, they would not be denied. But, when all was said and done, the Bills were denied. They ran into an even hotter quarterback, Mark Rypien of the Washington Redskins.

This year's Super Bowl does not need to regurgitated. The Bills were outplayed offensively and defensively by the Dallas Cowboys. It was an embarassment so large, that by the third quarter it became virtually unwatchable.

But having their football team lose the Super Bowl three years in a row isn't the only reason to hate Buffalo. All of their sports teams have a pathetic history.

Buffalo's hockey team, the Sabres, have been in existence since 1970-71. They reached the Stanley Cup finals once, early in their career, but have yet to be a real play-off contender.

They have had some highlights —The French Connection line provided some thrills. Gilbert Perreault, Rene Robert and Rick Martin were one of the most famous threesomes of the decade. But still, they couldn't bring the ultimate prize to their team.

The 90s are upon the team and again they have some exciting players. Pat Lafontaine and Alexander Mogilny are two of the top players in the game.

But until they get a good

two-way defenceman and some second line wingers, the Sabres will continue missing hockey's ultimate prize.

The third major sports team in Buffalo is the Triple A base-ball Bisons.

The team, an affiliate of the NL East Champions Pittsburgh Pirates, is made up of has-beens and never-will-bes.

The team signs up veterans cast off by other teams. Danny Cox, John Cerutti and John Candelaria have spent the twilight of their careers toiling for the Bisons.

The team does well every year, but they're not on a level playing field. Their team is full of players in their 30s beating up on fresh-faced, budding rookies from Smalltown, U.S.A.

Buffalo has always had a bad reputation. The city is ugly, there is a huge fascination with fire and they look at every little sports highlight as a major event.

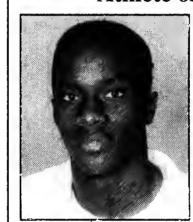
After watching the Super Bowl, I realize that it wasn't bad luck for Buffalo, it's just their nature.

#### **OCAA Standings**

Varsity Basketball

Wor	nen's		Men's		
Team	W	L	Team	$\mathbf{W}$	L
Humber	9	0	Humber	9	0
Fanshawe	8	2	Algonquin	11	1
Seneca	7	2	Durham	5	5
Mohawk	7	4	Seneca	5	5
George Brown	4	5	George Brown	0	10
Redeemer	3	8			
Durham	1	8			
Conestoga	0	10			
	7	Varsity	Volleyball		
Women's			Men's		
Team	$\mathbf{W}$	L	Team	$\mathbf{W}$	$\mathbf{L}$
Seneca	10	1	Durham	9	0
St. Clair	8	1	Sheridan	8	1
Humber	6	5	Humber	6	4
Sheridan	5	4	Centennial	5	4
Confederation	5	9	Seneca	4	5
Durham	4	5	Loyalist	4	6
Centennial	3	6	Mohawk	2	7
Georgian	0	to	RMC	0	11

#### Athlete of the Week



#### Warrick Manners Men's Volleyball

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Events will wrap up at approximately 3:15 p.m. and will be hosted by Street Legal star Anthony Sherwood.

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