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Stephenson talks shop at Humber

College system a 'success story'

by Janet Smellie

The college system in Ontario is "the success story of North America", according to Education Minister Dr. Bette Stephenson.

Despite the recent faculty strike and current governmental restraint, she said the 17-year-old college system has been fairing "quite well" and would continue to grow financially.

Stephenson made the remarks in an open forum at the Ontario College Committee of Student Presidents' third All Presidents Conference held at Humber two weeks ago.

More than 75 student delegates representing student governments at Ontario's 22 community colleges attended the Friday night forum.

Stephenson told the delegates she recognized the difficulties the three-week strike put on students, and called them "the unfortunate third party".

"Public service strikes are probably the most painful of all," she said, because, "there is always the group being served which suffers because of it."

Although Stephenson acknowledged her belief that strikes are not always the best method of reaching solutions in cases such as the recent college faculty grievances, she said the teachers were entitled to that

option under the current legislative act which guarantees them all rights of the collective bargaining process.

Stephenson said she did not legislate the teachers back to work earlier than she did because she wanted to respect their guaranteed right to strike.

"A negotiated settlement," she said, "is much better than one legislated or arbitrated. However, when it became apparent that there was potential damage to the educational programs and students, I had no choice but to force them back."

While both faculty and students are back in the classroom, Stephenson told the delegates not to consider the dispute resolved.

To deal with the on-going dispute, the ministry has called in an arbitrator, who will report his ruling after 60 days. Because the arbitrator is not in a position to rule on the teachers' workload issue (which became the primary demand of the faculty union), teachers will have to continue to work under the current assignment clause in their contract.

To deal with the workload issue, Stephenson has set up a "fact-finding" committee, specifically aimed at "building an information base agreeable to both sides".

Called the Tripartite Committee, management and faculty are represented by one member each, and is chaired by an independent moderator.

Stephenson reiterated her conviction that students and other interested groups will be allowed input into the committee's investigations.

"There will be no limitations on sources," she said. "The committee will be seeking information from organized student bodies, various faculties, (and) staff members, including support staff."

Stephenson said she is still unsure when the money normally used to pay salaries saved during the strike (an estimated \$26 million) would be put back into the college system.

"I'm not sure how long the freeze will last," she said, "however, I can confirm that some of the money had already been put back into the system, to cover operating cost."

"This is not a winfall situation, as some have suggested, but I can assure you that all the money will in fact be distributed back to the colleges."

Looking to the changing patterns in the college system, Stephenson said student patterns are shifting.

"More people are recognizing the value of post-secondary education, as are employers," she said.

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NEWS

Seasonal sex is rampant

by Dave Earle

The University of Windsor has given a Christmas warning to its female students — don't get pregnant.

Dr. Walter Wren, the director of student health services at the university claims 25 per cent of pregnancies at the university occur during the holiday season.

But Helen Swan of Humber's Health Services questions Wren's findings.

Although she does not keep records of pregnancies at Humber for reasons of confidentiality, she says Wren's claim would be hard to verify.

According to Swan, there is a higher chance of pregnancy occurring during the holidays because of the increased consumption of alcohol, which decreases inhibitions.

Swan says students should use adequate protection if they have intercourse.

"And it's not just the female's responsibility," says Swan. "An unwanted pregnancy affects at least three people."

Birth control information is available at Metro Family Planning Services, 367-7442.



Bette visits Humber — Education Minister Bette Stephenson is escorted by SAC President Darrin Caron en route to the All Presidents Conference held at Humber two weeks ago.

PHOTO BY MARK REESOR

Stephenson appears

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According to Stephenson, there are now 600,000 people enrolled in part-time programs, and out of approximately 120,000 full-time students, 23,000 are mature students.

Stephenson said her ministry has kept up with this shift by giving appropriate increases to comply with the changes.

"Since 1978", she said, "colleges alone have done better in terms of annual percentage increases, than any other part of the educational system," adding that college funding is "significantly higher than the level of inflation and is continuing to grow".

"I realize," she said, "the need for funds at the post-secondary level, but there isn't a money tree out there that grows dollar bills for us to throw around."

In voicing her predictions for the future of Ontario's 22 community colleges, Stephenson said: "If I had a crystal ball I would tell you — but I don't have one."

"All I can say is I will do my level best to ensure that we keep supplying additional amounts of money towards our support of the college system."

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Stick it or lose it

by Kevin McAllister

Six Humber College parking patrons have found out the hard way that securing your parking decals to your car's windshield will deter thieves who are after your parking space.

Gary Jeynes, manager of Humber's Safety and Security, reports six parking patrons have been "ripped off" by decal thieves since September.

Students should protect their parking decals as if it were their property, said Jeynes. Doors should be locked and windows should be shut completely.

"If the students don't have their decals fixed on the windshield, and their car door is unlocked, some person with a devious mind could easily lift it, and that's \$57 out of their pocket," said Jeynes.

Even a strong wind blowing through an open window could lift an insecure decal off the dashboard and out the window for someone to pick it up.

Students who have had a decal stolen, however, will get another if they report the theft to the bookstore and pay a \$5 administration fee.

Regulations for parking at Humber clearly stipulate all decals must be fixed to the lower left corner of a car's windshield.

If the student refuses to place their decal on the window, it must be visibly placed on the dashboard, or the parking staff will have no choice but to ticket the vehicle, said John Hooviveld, Humber's grounds manager.

All reported lost decals will be checked before another permit is handed over.

Students dig for Xmas cash

by Rick Vanderlinde

And the Christmas spend-a-thon is on ... for some people anyway. But for students, scrimping on Christmas presents instead of splurging on them is more likely.

With everything from food to transportation jumping in price this year, most students have no other choice.

Tuition has jumped \$25, the price of entrees in Humber's eateries went up 10 to 15 cents and some books and supplies have seen price hikes.

And in-college price increases are just some of the financial obstacles students have to dodge. The cost of getting to school is another.

For those students wealthy enough to afford a car, the recent gas price increase will do some financial damage. Southern Ontario residents enjoyed relatively low prices up until two weeks ago. But gas company officials say the current 50-cent-a-litre price tag probably won't drop for some time.

And the cost of insuring a car is going up too. Insurance companies are planning a 10 to 15 per cent increase on premiums in 1985. Anyone below the age of 25 knows what that will do to their already hefty premiums.

While the increase in car costs could make taking the bus a little easier to bare, TTC riders won't get away unscathed. In January the transit commission will make all its riders dig another nickel out of their pockets. That's 95 cents one way. And the chances of post-secondary students getting special rates, like highschool students do, seems more remote than ever.

Osler residents will also be victimized by spiralling prices next year. Next September they'll be expected to pay \$670 a semester for accommodation — \$30 more than this year. In the past Humber administration kept rent increases down to the five per cent provin-

cial rent review rate even though they weren't obligated to. But a deficit has forced them to change their policy.

Despite a lower inflation rate, it seems students are still paying more for almost everything. And most have seen little if any increase in income.

So where will the money come from? The government? Not likely. Money going to students from the provincial and federal governments increased by 8 per cent this year and will go up another 6.8 per cent next year. But according to the Ontario Federation of Students (OFS) that's not enough.

The OFS says with higher tuitions, high summer unemployment and record enrolment, fewer students are receiving less money. And more and more of that money has to be paid back.

Since 1978, when a 'grants first' policy was established, the average grant has fallen by 5 per cent while the average loan has increased by 120 per cent. That means students going to school in 1984 are getting less grant money than students who went to school in 1978. During the 1982-83 school year the average Humber student collected \$1,216 in grant money and \$1,619 in loans.

The OFS wants the government to give students more money. But the government's not listening. Bill Clarkson, the director of student awards says the federal Progressive Conservatives are considering freezing all their grants and loans at the current level. With the bulk of money that students receive coming from Ottawa, that could cause financial nightmares.

Financially, 1985 doesn't look good. Almost everyone will have to tighten their belts, but students will have to breathe a little deeper than most. Maybe students should ask Prime Minister Brian Mulroney for a Christmas present to get them through the new year — Santa doesn't give cash.



FILE PHOTO
What the hay? — Equine Centre permanent resident, Fred, is completely into the Christmas spirit this year. So much so, in fact, that he even grew a pair of antlers just for the occasion.

Higher enrolment, greater workload, teachers say

by R.T. Comber

The predominant issue in the strike of Ontario's college teachers a few weeks ago was faculty workload. Teachers claimed that, with increased enrolment, their work, both in and out of the classroom, was increased proportionately.

Most students at Humber are made aware everyday of the faculty's claims.

Chris Morton, a counsellor at Humber's North campus, said she hasn't yet received any complaints from individual students about the overcrowding of certain parts of the school, but said she does recognize the problem.

"It is sometimes unbelievably crowded, and like an obstacle race in the halls, (but) I'm not sure it's too different from other colleges," said Morton.

"Some classes may have to be assessed on an individual basis, but (one) can't assume there is a (crowding) problem right across the board," added Morton.

Humber College's North Campus has experienced scheduled growth over the years to meet the expected growth in post-secondary enrolment. At the end

of the completion of the fifth and final phase of expansion, North Campus was expected to serve about 5,000 students. This year, total enrolment for full- and part-time day students is about 8,000 students.

Current demographic studies indicate a decline in future of post-secondary enrolment, however, the result of which is a scaling-down of new college facility construction.

According to John Gilles, press

officer for the Ministry of Education, the ministry does not study post-secondary institutions, but derives projected enrolment figures from studies carried out on the secondary school enrolment figures.

"We (the ministry) have published enrolment projections from the current year to 1992, and they show a drop in secondary school enrolment of about 80,000 students (in that period of time)," he said.

Humber College had planned to build another campus in the City of North York in order to alleviate crowded situations at the North and Lakeshore Campuses, said Fred Embree, Humber's recently retired registrar, but the ministry's studies have effectively stifled those plans.

"One can't see the government spending money by building on to the college system, when at the same time (it is) forecasting de-

clining enrolments," said Embree.

In response, Humber College is negotiating a plan to lease space from the owners of a mall under construction near the North Campus. The college would like to acquire enough space to accommodate 14 classrooms, a daycare centre, and a registration and information centre in the Woodbine Centre, which is expected to be completed by August of 1985.

Get into the act and play the theatre scene

by Joseph Sacco

Toronto theatres are packed this year with good theatrical productions and a number of the shows are running through the holiday season. Here's a few:

★ *Cyrano De Bergerac*: Dec. 31-Feb. 9, Royal Alexandra Theatre, 260 King St. W., 593-4211.

Ed Mirvish presents this funny and daring heroic story of romance. The performance is a Shaw Festival production and has become a classic.

★ *The Little Clown*: Through Jan. 12, Adelaide Court Theatre, 57 Adelaide St. E., 363-6401.

A Trinity Theatre Toronto production of an orphan who teams up with a theatre company and discovers adventure and the meaning of Christmas. A perfect production to watch, especially when Christmas is less than two weeks away.

★ *Every Kid's A Star*: Dec. 18-Jan. 6, Bayview Playhouse, 1605 Bayview Ave., 481-6191.

This Juno award-winning children's performance leads 14 young singers and dancers on stage in a musical trip of discovery. The production is choreographed by Peter Jarvis and directed

by Joel Greenberg. A production for all ages.

★ *Agnes of God*: final week, Bathurst Street Theatre, 736 Bathurst St., 533-1161.

Roberta Maxwell and Anna Louise Richardson head a fine cast in this thriller. All through this play, the audience is on the edge of their seats in terror which leads to the unforgettable finale.

★ *Let My People Come*: fifth year, Club 21 Cabaret, 21 Yorkville Ave., 923-3263.

This controversial musical comedy about sex is done partly in the nude. The show is made up of

little scenes where the topic is sex. A funny and entertaining play which has been playing in Toronto for five years now and looks like its going to be playing for another few years.

★ *Pump Boys And Dinettes*: indefinite, The Variety Dinner Theatre, 2335 Yonge St., 489-7777.

Broadway's hit musical comedy is in Toronto and looks to be the best production playing at the present time. Winner of four Dora awards, so you know this will be a good one.

College 'grew up'

Gordon on Humber, strike, and future

by Alan Johnson

Dr. Robert Gordon has been president of Humber College since the summer of 1982. At 45 years of age, he is responsible for virtually all aspects of the college community. We talked with him about the colleges' role in the lives of students, as well as his own role at the college.

Coven: We all know the strike had its bad effects. Do you see any positive things that came out of it?

Gordon: Well, I guess we all grew up a little bit.

Coven: In what respect?

Gordon: Well, we took it seriously. Prior to it happening, a lot of people thought it couldn't. Another positive effect is that while it was hard on faculty, I think they came back and picked up their work professionally and in a dedicated fashion.

Coven: Do you think the students have a right to be bitter?

Gordon: The students might have lost an awful lot more. They didn't lose a whole lot, other than frustration and a little money at the time.

Coven: Do you think the quality of education thing has been exploited?

Gordon: Well, we are trying to address that issue ourselves, but we don't have a lot of resources to address it significantly, unless the government changes the ground rules.

Coven: Do you think the government will give it a higher priority?

Gordon: There is no question of that in my mind. If the government doesn't look at this commission that they've established as a very serious thing, then we've not only lost something in terms of morale, but the faculty won't have any right to raise hell on the issue again.

Coven: What do you mean?

Gordon: They struck for 18 days and didn't get any negotiated settlement, so it could look like they were almost lured into it. Given the fact they have a legal right to strike, being legislated back is a very poor way of doing things.

"We hope that (the government) will keep that money in the system"

Coven: Do you see any change in governmental positions, now that Davis is leaving?

Gordon: I haven't seen anything to that extent. The only thing that would worry me is a reversal of what Davis has done. Some people would argue that the establishment of the colleges has been one of Davis' most outstanding achievements.

Coven: What about the Bovey Commission?

Gordon: I'm personally very hopeful that the commission will come up with some interesting recommendations, which the government will take seriously, and insert into the next negotiations with the faculty union. I think the government now knows that the issue is serious.



Coven: Do you think our graduates will suffer next spring because of the extended year?

Gordon: No. No more than they would have under the economic recession. The undergrads will suffer, though, because of the tremendous competition for summer jobs. The university students will have an even longer period to hustle them.

Coven: Do you see any of the money saved by the strike being injected into the college system?

Gordon: Now, that's an interesting question, because the colleges have a lot of strike costs that have to be skimmed off the top. That is, provided the government agrees to what we perceive as being strike costs. We hope that they will keep

that money in the college system and not return it to the treasury.

Coven: No doubt you've heard the rumblings from students in Applied and Creative Arts, because of poor equipment and lack of facilities?

Gordon: The problem with ACA is that right now, it is not being seen as top priority on the skills lists that the governments put out, both federal and provincial. The technology program is swamped with equipment because that's where they think it is. But we used our own college money on ACA last year, and we'll try and do that again next year. When you're running the largest college in the province with about 120 full-time programs, it ain't easy.

Coven: So you think the diversity of programs is going to remain?

Gordon: Well, it certainly is at Humber College. One of our strengths is that we've always had a comprehensive series of programs in every division, rather than specializing in one particular one. What you do find is that almost every college has some accent on focus of specialization.

Coven: So there is specialization to an extent?

Gordon: Yes, to an extent. But we also offer a broad range. I mean, I don't want to get so specialized that we limit that range.

Coven: Are electives going to be emphasized in the future?

Gordon: Absolutely. Even though there is pressure to can them, we've got to find a way to maintain them as integral part of every program, and not simply say to hell with it.

Coven: Why?

Gordon: Well, I believe personally, and it is the policy of the ministry, that general liberal education is very important to the future. The short-term job may be okay, but once that becomes obsolete, it's the people who have the ability to recycle themselves, that will succeed. They will be the ones who have taken liberal education, I believe. It won't be the people who have just got a skill down cold, and say "Now what do I do? Nobody wants my skill."

"...I'm here until at least 1989"

Coven: Do you think a college education differs from a university education, as far as quality goes?

Gordon: You're certainly not lacking in quality. You have very competent and qualified instructors. In fact, they're much more dedicated to the student, than the average university professor is to the undergraduate. Also, everyone here is a specialist in their field, and they have the contacts on the outside, as well as a great pride in what they do.

Coven: Do you plan on leaving Humber within the next few years?

Gordon: No. I'll leave one day. I said that right from the beginning. But I just signed a five-year contract last year, so I'm here at least until 1989.

Coven: Are you toying with the idea of politics?

Gordon: I might do that one day, but the timing's not right. Besides, I have a commitment here to effect some change that I embarked upon when I got here. It takes quite a few years to do that.



"One of our strengths is...a comprehensive series of programs in every division"

Coven: A report earlier this year suggested the government may be leaning towards specializing in a few programs at each college. Do you think that will ever become a reality?

Gordon: Well, I think there is some truth in that, because the Council of Regents monitors all the programs that are offered, for that very reason. After all, we wouldn't want six colleges to begin specializing in a new program, only to find that there weren't enough students, or jobs for them. That's not unreasonable, given that we're 100 per cent publicly funded. My personal experience is that we (the colleges) have a fair amount of autonomy.



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Happy New Year

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Colorful season has a grey spectre

by Rupert Raj

Loneliness is a grey spectre that haunts many people.

Rose, a 60-year-old welfare recipient, lives with loneliness almost every day of her life. Noel, an 18-year-old college student who is partially deaf, has no friends to share "the good times".

Rose lives alone in a west-end apartment but her "real" home is the Eaton Centre, where, every day but Sunday, she sits on her favorite bench, from about nine in the morning to usually four in the afternoon, and watches the people go by. And, although she is in the midst of a throng of milling people, she is still lonely.

"Do you know, sometimes a whole week goes by before anybody talks to me," she says.

Rose goes to the downtown shopping mall because there are other people there, she explains. Even if they don't talk to her, at least she can see them...can hear them...can feel their presence, a kind of companionship of sorts.

Rose has a married sister in Mississauga — her only living relative (she has no friends) — who phones her from time to time and invites her to dinner on rare occasions. But, other than this sporadic contact, Rose's closest companion is loneliness.

"Most evenings, I go home to my apartment and just sit in the dark and watch the cars' headlights through the window...I usually go to bed about seven-thirty because there's nothing else to do."

Noel lives with his parents in their Scarborough home where he spends most of his free time locked away in his bedroom. Shut up in his own little world, divided from the rest of his family, Noel daydreams about having a girlfriend — or any friend, for that matter. He is painfully shy and also sensitive about his hearing impairment. Noel hasn't had much success in making friends with any of his classmates.

"Because I don't hear so well, I tend to talk quite loudly and I think this puts people off. I'm also afraid to ask out a girl in case she

would look down on me because I'm handicapped," he confides.

Because he feels plagued by a persistent sense of loneliness, Noel calls the Toronto Distress Center (a crisis-intervention/suicide prevention hot-line) once or twice a week — just to have someone to talk to, and to listen.

At Christmas time especially, those of us who are fortunate enough to share our special moments of fun and festivity with family and friends, manage to remember the lonely, prompted by timely twinges of conscience. And, social service agencies remember too, as there is an abundance of Christmas dinners for the needy and the lonely, each year at this time.

"loneliness accounts for 40 per cent of their calls"

"It's either feast or famine," notes Joy Reid, executive director of the new drop-in centre for transient women on Dundas St. E.

The centre, which opened last May, is a private agency run by Friends of Shopping Bag Ladies. Reid says almost every social agency in Toronto is supplying a Christmas dinner, including their own centre, which is serving turkey dinner for an expected 60 women. Most of the women (many of whom live on the street, although a few of them sleep in hostels or have their own rooms) frequent the centre every day. There they can chat or play cards with others in a comfortable environment, says Reid.

But, not only women are lonely. Many men are also alone and friendless.

Major Barr, a counsellor with the Salvation Army on Sherbourne St., says many more men than women show up for their annual Yuletide dinner which is served to some 400 to 500 Toronto transients.

Barr notes the Salvation Army receives from 30 to 45 calls a day at its 24-hour suicide prevention and emergency counselling



bureau.

"Callers are generally people who are all alone and who let their problems pile up...But, once in awhile, we also get calls from people who feel remembered at Christmas and want to thank us for being so kind to them," he says.

Barr notes they get an increase in the number of lonely callers at Christmas time because "there are more lonely people this time of year," he says.

However, Helen, a staff-worker at the downtown Distress Centre, disagrees.

"The media perpetuates the myth that Christmas creates an increase in loneliness," she says.

"what about the rest of the year ..."

She says although loneliness accounts for about 40 per cent of their calls, people are not lonelier

at Christmas than at other times of the year.

Reverend Gordon Winch, executive director of the distress centre, agrees with Helen that loneliness is the number one reason why people call there.

"There are an awful lot of lonely people out there and we are like a family to many of them," he says. "For some callers — particularly in the case of shut-ins — our volunteer "befrienders" are the only voice they will hear during the course of a week, other than their TVs," Winch adds.

Helen notes there are several variables that may be associated with loneliness, such as shyness and a lack of social skills.

"Chronically lonely people find the experience of meeting new people and making friends too painful a process," she explains. "Even if they do go out to a social function, they just sit by themselves."

Other factors coupled with loneliness may be old age, physical handicap, medical and psychiatric problems, and poverty.

Helen goes on to say women who are lonely or depressed are more likely than men to call the crisis-line because of the stigma society imposes upon men who admit to needing help or who feel the need to reach out to others.

She also notes women who know they are going to be alone during Christmas, generally plan ahead to spend this time with family or friends, or with other people who have nowhere to go that day. Men usually don't think about being alone on Christmas until after the day arrives and then, it's too late, Helen says. This is because "women are better organizers than men" she explains.

Rose and Noel (not their real names) are two people who are stalked by the shadow of loneliness. Ironically, because both of them will almost certainly be sharing Christmas cheer — Rose with her sister and brother-in-law, Noel with his father and mother — neither will likely feel as lonely on Christmas Day as on the other 364 days of the year.

People generally seem to think about the lonely and the friendless only around the time of Christ's birthday. But, what about the rest of the year when there is no Santa Claus or toys, no turkey and mince pie, no Christmas cheer?

Perhaps Charles Dickens had the right idea of human fellowship — the true Christian spirit — when he spoke through the enlightened Ebenezer Scrooge in his classic moral tale: "I will honor Christmas in my heart and try to keep it all the year."

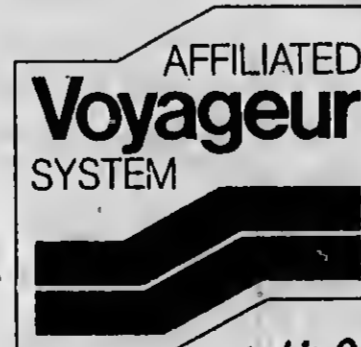


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Editorial

Speak not

Freedom of speech is a right which, in this country and in this college, we generally take for granted.

Most of us feel free to criticize, comment on, or condemn anything or anyone we please — within the parameters of fair play. There are people at this college, however, who don't enjoy this privilege.

These people work for Ken Cohen, Humber's Physical Resources director.

They aren't free to talk because Cohen has prohibited them from doing so. Without prior permission, none of his staff are permitted to talk, or give information to, the press. If they do, they are open to disciplinary action.

Cohen appears to have forgotten that, as public service employees, he and his staff are ultimately responsible to us, the public.

Even the new Conservative Government permits public servants to talk to the press, as long as they identify themselves. Is national security less important than *Physical Resources'* security?

A few weeks ago, a Coven reporter asked one of Cohen's underlings for some information. Routine stuff, like how many security guards there are at Humber.

The information wasn't confidential; Cohen himself gave it to the reporter the next day. The employee, however, was afraid he would get into trouble if he talked.

Who can blame him? Who would take a chance at giving out information if it might mean getting into trouble with the boss?

We feel this situation has got to stop. Under this gag order, any information, no matter how trivial, can not be obtained without first going to Cohen and getting permission to talk to one of his employees.

Surely any employee of this college has a right to talk without first having to "get permission" from the boss.

After all, we were under the impression that this was an open college.

Manna from Humber

Jingle Bells, Jingle Bills, it's Christmas and I'm broke again — that's a tune many students are chanting as the festive season draws near.

It's that time of year when a little extra cash is needed to buy a gift for that someone special.

It is that time when school fees are coming due, and bills accumulated from the fall semester are to be paid.

It's especially time to wonder where living expenses for the next four months are going to come from.

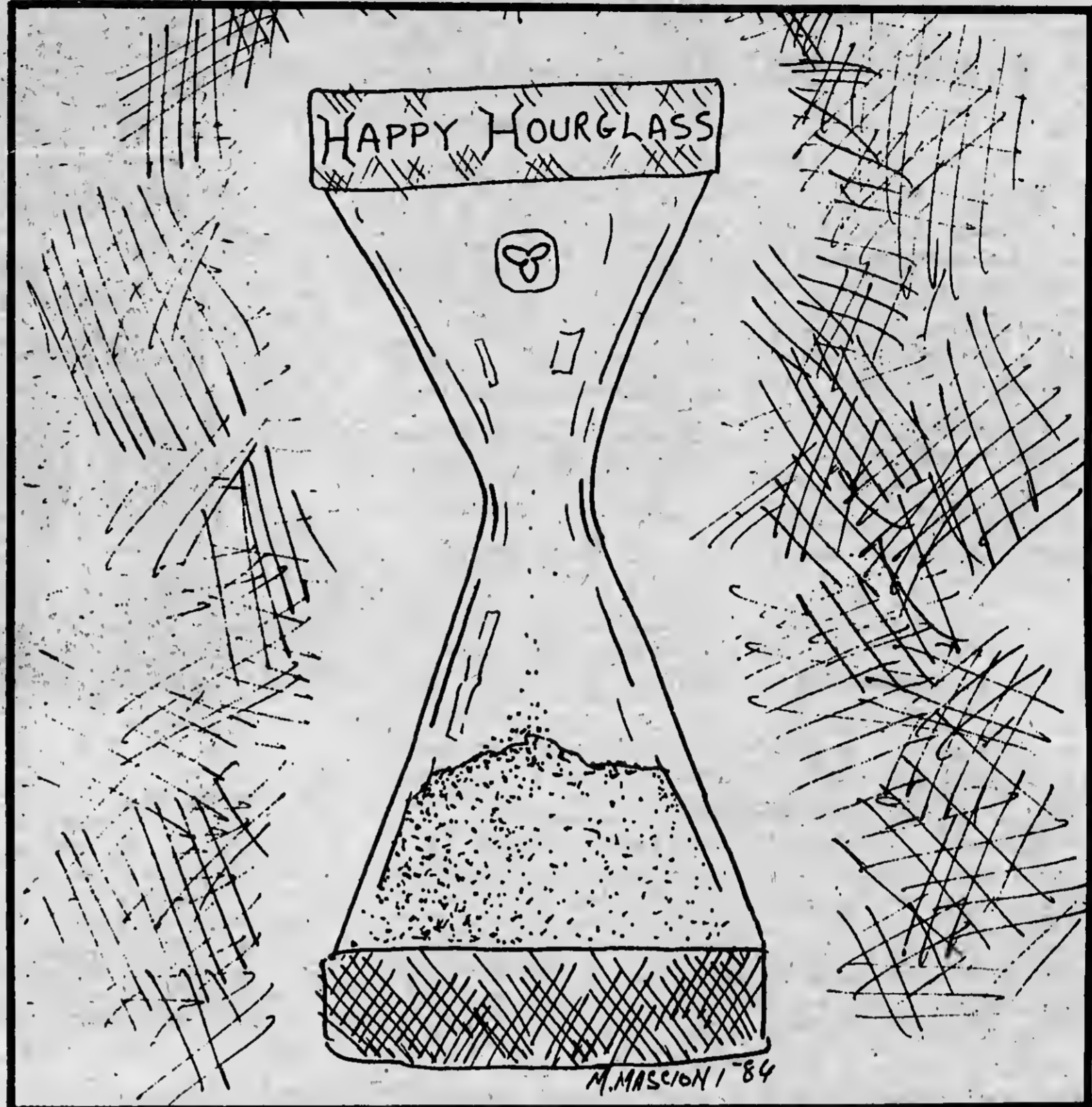
But wait! Could there be a glimmer of hope, a ray of sunshine, a light at the end of the tunnel, a pot of gold at the end of the rainbow?

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This regurgitated dribble finds its way into the cupboards of students when the jingle of coin in their pockets ceases to jangle.

Now thanks to Humber's decision to distribute OSAP checks at the beginning of January, students can once again flourish in pizza and beer.



Union responsible for administration's caring

To the editor:

Tony Mergel in his letter of Dec. 10 seems to believe that each of the three examples of administration caring about teachers was initiated solely by the management of Humber College. Let me set the record straight.

The PC Junior computer offer was made initially to the administration only. There was no intention at all to offer this to anyone else in the college. It was only

after some individual teachers forcefully pointed this unequal treatment out to administration and after the local faculty union backed them up that the current purchase offer was made.

Similarly the colleges' certainly did not intend to pay teachers for Nov. 9 until union pressure forced them to do so. The pay for Nov. 9 is entirely justified by Bill 130 and anything else would be illegal. I know each of these factors to be true because I was the one who caused these positive events to

occur.

With regard to payday on Nov. 15, I can only speak for myself on this one, but I expect to be paid on a regular payday whether by cheque or by deposit. What is so surprising about this?

Tony has chosen his words as he sees fit but in my 16 years at Humber, I have yet to meet my "superior" nor do I ever expect to meet such a being.

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My Turn:

Christmas?

Bah, hum-bug!

by Dick Syrett

Some of you less discerning types may not be aware the holiday season is upon us, so this piece will serve as a friendly reminder that Christmas is fast approaching. You all remember Christmas, right? You know — Silent Night, pass the cranberries, nine maids a milkin', Bing Crosby, Ho! Ho! Ho! — sound familiar?

Officially, Christmas begins October 23, when the first carols can be heard in Woolworth's. It doesn't end officially until the last set of lights on the block are finally ripped down sometime in April, invariably by a group of trained vigilantes who seek out and destroy the last nauseating remnants of a holiday five months since past.

over-zealous block parents pelted house with rocks

Last year, my family agreed to take the bloody things down voluntarily after our home was pelted with rocks by a group of over-zealous block parents.

You see, my Mother likes to keep the lights and decorations up as a constant reminder of her favorite time of year. During the holidays, the family gets together and watches all those awful Christmas specials. You know, those real "down home" specials shot in mid-August with that wonderful fake snow. One especially dreadful special I recall seeing last year was Dean Martin's Christmas at Sea World.

Somehow the true spirit of the holiday got lost during the show. For me, it was lost somewhere between an act featuring a gifted sea lion named Bob who barked along to I'll Be Home For Christmas and a skit featuring several scantily clad bombshells with pointy ears who claimed to be Santa's helpers.

But aside from the deluge of horrendous television specials there is only one other thing I dislike about Christmas — the fact that Christmas is followed by New Year's.

New Year's is worse than "horrendous" television specials

You remember New Year's don't you? — Time's Square, party favors, blood-alcohol-level. It's not the actual physical date that I hold in such low regard, but rather the ritualistic practice that is associated with the first day of the new year — resolutions.

Just when I start to feel in a festive mood, some well-intentioned idiot asks me whether I've made any New Year's resolutions yet. And some people are quite insistent that I make not just one resolution, but an entire list.

I don't need to be reminded that I'm imperfect, I'm well aware of the extent of my bad habits, vices and other shortcomings and I don't much fancy the notion of parting with any of them. They've taken years to develop and nobody is going to take them away from me!

I think people should only make resolutions they know they can keep. That way they succeed at something and start the new year feeling good about themselves.

This year I've decided to make a couple resolutions. I'm going to stop eating broccoli for the rest of my natural life, which shouldn't be too difficult. I'd rather be kicked repeatedly about the head than eat the stuff in the first place. And I'm also going to take more naps, which should also be easy because I'm already quite proficient at that.

Everyone should enjoy all the vices they hold dear and when it comes to New Year's resolutions, take my advice: aim low and avoid disappointment.

Their turn:

by Tara McKnight
and Ursula Mertins



Jennifer Hall

Coven: What does Santa do in the summer?

Jennifer: I guess he just sits by the fireplace. I think it's nice and warm.



Jeffrey Kwong

Coven: What does Santa look like?

Jeffrey: He has a beard and he has a red coat. When he laughs he goes, 'ho, ho, ho — ho, ho, ho.'



Anna Dorbyk

Coven: Do you have a favorite reindeer?

Anna: Rudolf because he has a shiny nose.



Shasta Mennard

Coven: Is there more than one Santa?

Shasta: Some of the others just pretend cause they're dressed up like Santa cause he makes costumes for them.

'What will they think of next?'

Got no money, got a long list

by Kenny Whitmell

For the average college student, Christmas can sometimes be a frustrating time of year.

While you would like to give your loved ones that special gift, it often seems to be out of your price range.

You might feel the days of the \$5 or \$10 present is a thing of the past.

Happily, a wide variety of unique and useful gifts are still at your fingertips — many of them guaranteed not to be duplicated under the Christmas tree.

Surely, at some time you have run out of matches and wistfully wished you could make one of the matches light again. Now you can with a gadget known as Perma Match. Guaranteed to produce hundreds of lights, it comes with its own telescopic handle and sells for \$8.50.

This handy match makes a striking gift.

If there is anything more frustrating than running out of matches, it's having dead batteries in your flashlight. Fortunately, a new flashlight has come on the market, totally powered by hand. You never have to replace any batteries just pump it with your hand and it produces its own light. This present promises to generate a lot of excitement under the tree and sells for a mere \$4.95.

Still another way to light-up someone's Christmas is a package of three chemical light wands. These six inch plastic tubes contain two chemicals that when mixed together give off a powerful light. The light can be seen a thousand yards away and sells for only \$9.95.

A loved one receiving this gift will probably glow with happiness.

There's still another product that can shed some light on the subject of Christmas giving.

For centuries scientists have no doubt been trying to find a way to enable us to write in the dark. Finally, we welcome the arrival of the self-illuminating pen. This ingenious device has a built-in bulb that lights up what ever you happen to be writing on. The most amazing thing about the

pen is that it requires two "AA" batteries which are actually included.

If you want to give the "write" gift this year, it sells for only \$7.95. What will they "ink" of next.

Although these four illuminating gifts should not be taken lightly, there are many other fascinating Christmas ideas.

How many of us have often found ourselves outside in sub-zero weather completely nude? Now there is a blanket that claims to be able to keep you warm at 40 below-zero. Known as "Emergency Blanket", it's made of a special insulating material and can be folded up and fit into a pocket.

It can be purchased for a paltry \$5.95 and is a gift a loved one could easily get wrapped-up in.

For the bird-lover on your list, how about a plastic bird that really flies. This marvelous bird can fly to a height of 40 feet and a distance of 150 feet. It's powered by a rubber band and comes with a genuine rubber beak.

At only \$8.95, it makes a great gift if you can "sparrow" the money.

It seems this year that boomerangs are coming back. You can pick up this Australian invention originally used for killing small animals for about \$10 for the economy model. If you like surprises just think of how anyone could ever figure out what a wrapped boomerang is. Wouldn't this look great down under the Christmas tree.

Finally, for the person who has everything, you can bet they don't have a strip-tease lollipop. Each one of these lollipops has a man or woman on the front. The idea is to suck their clothes off until they're nude before your eyes. At only \$4.99, giving one of these to everyone on your list would certainly have your Christmas worries licked.

All these gifts, with the exception of this last one for the sucker on your list, can be purchased at the Science and Technology Agora. A short excursion down to this little store on 3350 Dufferin across from Yorkdale Shopping Centre would be well-worth the trip.

Christmas Greetings

Humber staff and students

May I take the opportunity of using this pre-Christmas edition of Coven to wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a most happy and prosperous New Year. As you are all too well aware, this has been a rather difficult year for everyone at Humber for obvious reasons.

Nonetheless, I would hope that the experience of the strike and the interruption of classes is behind us now, and we can look forward to the rest of the academic year with enthusiasm and optimism. While this labor issue has probably meant that we can never return to our original idyllic perspectives, I do believe that, if we pay attention to some of the serious issues which were raised during this period, the College will not suffer any long term damage with regard to the students' academic programs or to the College's general morale. I know that our faculty plunged into their work with concerned dedication upon their return and have been able to make-up lost time quickly so that this academic year in time will be seen equally as productive as any other. Also, if the government takes seriously the commission which has been set up to study the workload issue, as it certainly should, given the situation which led up to its establishment, then, certainly, future classes of students will have the benefit of an improved learning environment.

Humber College has always meant something special in terms of the quality of its student life, the availability and interest of its faculty, and its pride in seeing graduates placed in areas of their career choice. We have no intention of letting that reputation slip.

On behalf of the Board of Governors, and all the administrators, faculty, and support staff of the College, I hope you will enjoy the holiday season and come back refreshed.

Dr. Robert (Squee) Gordon
president
Humber College A.A. & T.

Faculty and students

Faculty and students at Humber College came of age in 1984.

Until this year, both faculty and students lived with over-crowded classrooms, inadequate facilities, and the shrinking of the time we could meet together outside of class.

This fall, faculty and students spoke for the first time to say with a clear, cohesive voice that the quality of education in the college is at risk. We can take pride that we have put the issue of improving education quality on the agenda of the college and the province.

Coming of age is an exciting process as we feel the energy and enthusiasm of assuming the responsibility for our lives. Faculty are redefining their professional responsibility as educators to include responsibility to advocate collectively for changes needed to improve education. Students and their organizations are going through a similar process.

Coming of age can also be a painful process as we grow out of dependency on someone in authority to take responsibility for decisions which affect our lives.

For students, the disruption in their education has been a heavy cost to pay. I am confident all faculty will do their best under current circumstances to enable students to successfully complete their programs.

Faculty have also paid a heavy price, particularly in terms of the conflict between their individual sense of responsibility to this year's students and their collective sense of responsibility for future students in the college.

We look forward in 1985 to developing a co-operative relationship with student organizations in order to strengthen each other's efforts to improve educational quality at Humber.

John Huot
president elect
OPSEU Local 562
faculty union

To all the Support Staff

As 1984 grinds to its end, I would like to wish ALL a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

The year of 1985 will be a year of challenge to us at the college, with demand setting in early February, negotiations starting in March or April ... and hopefully ending successfully by August 31st with a more equitable contract. As these meetings are taking place, take your rightful place and take part in improving your working conditions.

Good wishes go especially to many of people; Marlene Medal, who is on the long road of recovery (full steam ahead!), to the families of fellow workers who died in the last year, to those who have left us for retirement, to those who have sought other places of employment, to your executive, Rhoda, (vice-president) who moved recently to Queensway C; to Ian Jones, (vice-president) at Queensway A, Brenda Wall (vice-president) labor studies, Verna Hooper, treasurer, Dianne McArdle, secretary, Fred Stanley, chief steward ... and to the rest of the shop stewards. Have a safe, happy and pleasant holiday season.

Don Stevens
Support Staff,
OPSEU 563 president

Dear readers,

When planning the Christmas issue of Coven, we wanted to produce a paper meaningful of the season. A problem arose, however, when we sat down to try and define the meaning of the season.

While we didn't want to put a damper on things, we also decided not to ignore that sector of society which we might compare ourselves to in order to see how lucky we actually are.

We had decided upon two.

The first focuses on some of those people left behind in the fast-paced rush at this time of year.

The second focuses on the various Christmas programs set up by different groups and organizations in an effort to make the holiday cheerier for people who could not hope to enjoy the season without their help. We intended both these pieces to help keep in perspective what the season means to everyone, not just us.

Now some of you may think the Coven staff are a bunch of depressing people who set out to ruin everyone's fun. Far from it. We recognize what the season means to everyone — ourselves included — but we also didn't want people to define their Christmas by what happens to them alone. We feel that, by not having something to compare our fortunes to, the spirit of Christmas will become more lost than it already is.

John P. Schmieid
editor — Coven

And a Happy New Year!

Concert Scene: Sugar fairies and killer dwarfs

by Robin Ginsberg

Toronto has always had an array of concerts ranging from symphonies to heavy metal and this year is no exception. Here's a rundown on some of the many ways to celebrate the Christmas season.

The Toronto Symphony's Annual Christmas Concert, Dec. 20, Roy Thomson Hall, 60 Simcoe St., 766-3271. This year's concert will be conducted by Errol Gray and includes an appearance of Jamie Westman, a 12-year-old soprano. The narrator is Jeff Hyslop. This annual tradition is perfect for those people who love the good old Christmas spirit.

Lee Aaron, Dec. 20, Heaven, 88 Bloor St. E., 968-2711. Heaven does it again, only this time with a merry-metal Christmas.

Prairie Oyster, Dec. 22, The Horseshoe, 370 Queen St. W., 598-4753. One of the top country-rock bands will play in a Christmas bash with no cover, free food, and inexpensive drinks. A good gesture from the Horseshoe to club supporters.

Tres Hombres, Dec. 27, Heaven, 88 Bloor St. E., 968-2711.

Killer Dwarfs, Dec. 28, Tony's Grand West, 4749 Keele St., 665-1456. Alright, you heavy metal freaks out there, this one is for you. These tiny musicians, called Killer Dwarfs, can dish out the biggest heavy metal sound. The Dwarfs had a video out and are now gaining more and more recognition. Move aside Twisted Sisters, Killer Dwarfs are on the rampage. This is called a practice New Year's party with champagne and the works. So, if you want to start off New Year's early, this one is perfect.

Tokyo, Dec. 31, Nag's Head North, 7270 Woodbine Avenue, 475-6405. The price for this New Year's concert will be \$10 per person, excluding dinner. Tokyo brings their lavish sounds to the Nag's Head North with some new material. They're probably one of the best "top 40" bands on the bar circuit.

The Features, Dec. 31, Adam's Rib, 1603 The Queensway, 259-1796. The Features are a good band to dance to. The price for this evening is \$55 a couple which includes dinner. A good choice.

The Unit, Dec. 31, Stars in Brampton, 107 Kennedy Road S., 456-1763. Not too much is known about The Unit, as they are a newcomer to the bar scene. Stars, though, is a great party place with a good crowd and plenty of room to move. Stars has become the hottest spot in the city of Brampton.

For those of you who like to see a concert on New Year's Eve, you may enjoy *The Spoons, Corey Hart and Platinum Blonde at Maple Leaf Gardens, 698-2277.*

The National Ballet's 'The Nutcracker' Dec. 26th through to Jan. 6, at the O'Keefe Centre, 1 Front St. E., 766-3271. One of the most popular attractions of the holiday season, The Nutcracker, has been the traditional Christmas performance at the O'Keefe Centre for 20 years now, and has been seen by nearly one million people.

Strike-edition Courier may come back

The faculty strike, as most students know all too well, was an untimely interruption in education for students at Humber.

However, while some were working or catching up on homework, a few others took it upon themselves to jump headlong into the world of publishing their own newspaper.

"When we found out the official school papers would cease publishing at the start of the strike, I thought we, (some second-year journalism students) could get ahead of the rest of the course, not to mention ourselves, by continuing Coven (the lab for journalism students)," said Sotos Petrides, executive editor of what became the College Courier.

It didn't turn out to be so easy.

On the third day (of the strike) the skeleton staff of 10 was caught by administration, and because of the uncomfortable situation the strike had caused, were informed they could not use the Coven name, advertising or funding. In fact, they almost were locked out of the office when they pressed the issue.

Nevertheless, the students continued working on the paper under the pretense they were working on assignments.

"We knew the paper would eventually go to print," said Warren Moody, the managing editor, "but we were hoping the money wouldn't have to come out of our own pockets."

Moody declined to elaborate on how much it eventually did cost them.

"After SAC put us on hold for a week, which was impossible since the paper was basically ready for printing the day we approached



them, Warren and myself decided to put up the money," said Petrides.

"Then for the second issue, once we decided on the editorials we were using, common sense told us not to approach SAC again," added Moody.

The Courier ruffled more than a few feathers during its tenure. SAC president Darrin Caron was considering a lawsuit against the paper regarding an editorial which questioned Caron's competence as a student leader, and a story which didn't have his response to a teacher's opinion that he caused more harm than help during the strike.

The Courier had two issues printed in the three weeks the strike lasted, most of the copy being strike oriented.

"It was a weird situation," said Moody, "we didn't set out to be a 'strike news' paper, but when we saw the inaccurate coverage by the major media, we thought we could do a better job covering the events, since we were more involved on an everyday basis."

What will become of the College Courier is up in the air.

"We don't know what will happen exactly," said Petrides, "but we do have a few ideas up our collective sleeves, so you will be hearing from us again."

Strike fought education cutbacks

by Sotos Petrides

After a support staff strike was averted at 22 community colleges in Ontario another labour dispute involving 7,600 college faculty began.

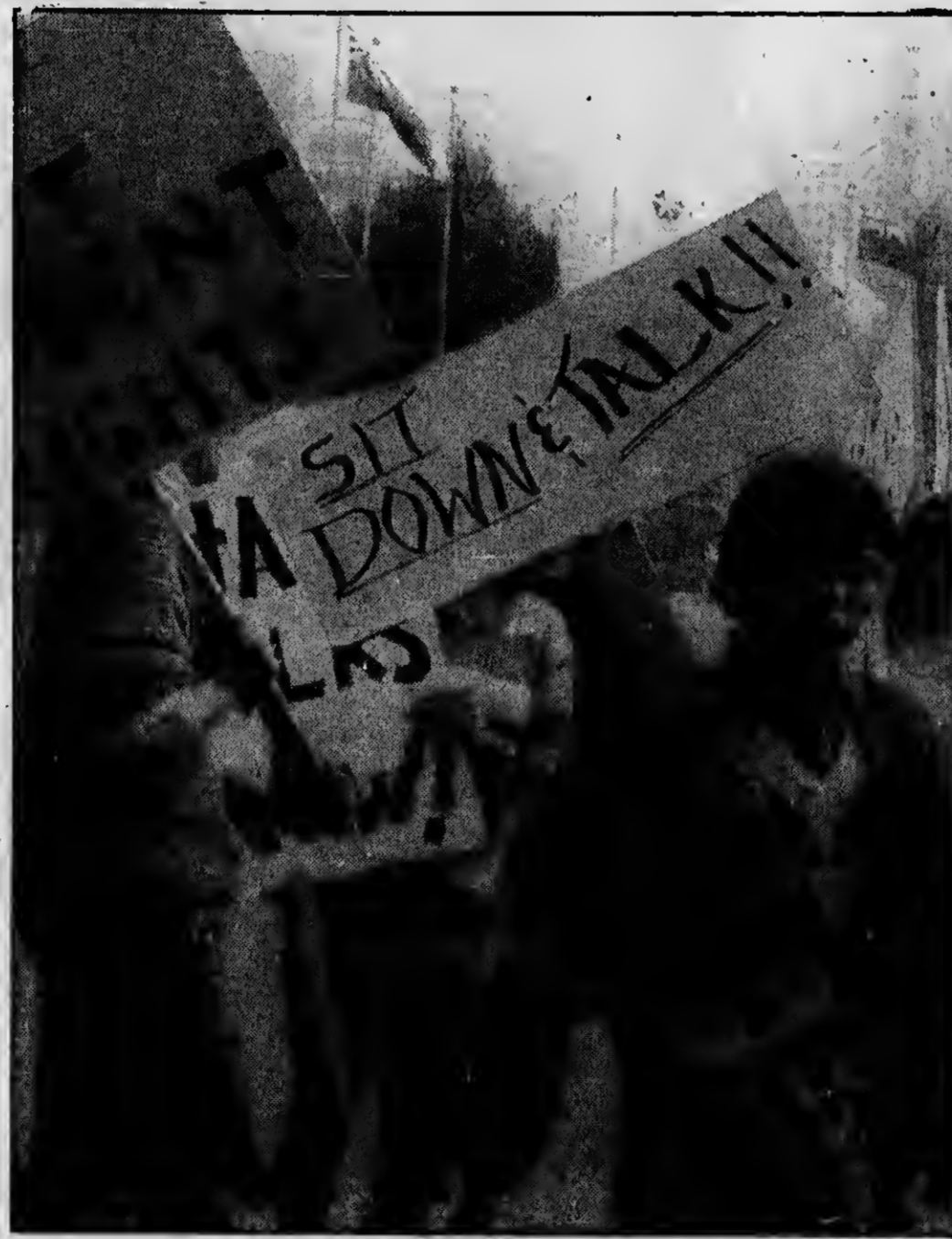
The strike was quashed by legislation forcing faculty back to work after only three weeks. The key issues of the strike (workload and quality of education) were not addressed in the legislation but a special committee to study workload was set up. The Instructional Assignment Review Committee will deal with individual workload problems teachers face.

The process is similar to one which the teachers already had in the previous collective agreement.

Personnel Relations Manager and Council of Regents (COR, the provincial bargaining team) negotiator, David Guptill, said in an interview prior to the strike that he did not see workload as such a crucial issue. He explained that a workload survey conducted by COR showed teachers as having an average total workload of 41.5 hours per week.

Guptill also referred to the grievance clause in previous contracts whereby the faculty could bring the complaint to a Grievance Board. He claimed few faculty at Humber had ever used this procedure.

Clues of an impending strike came early and in late August it was decided that faculty members of the Ontario Public Service



'Pawns' raise their voices — college students marched before Queen's Park on a regular basis to protest the failure of the two parties to reach a quick settlement.

Employees Union (OPSEU) and COR, needed a mediator to carry on negotiations.

Talks resumed with mediator Graeme McKechnie, who was also involved in negotiations with other school systems.

Before the strike, the mediator postponed talks on more than one occasion due to these extra duties. It was hoped that by doing this the parties would do some serious bargaining. But the tactic didn't avert the strike.

On Sept. 25 bargaining broke down and talks were adjourned with the two sides far apart.

The same day mediation efforts broke down McKechnie stated that he would be happy to return to the bargaining table when someone from either side gave him an indication they were ready to resume negotiations.

COR went to work that evening in an attempt to bypass the mediator's call for adjournment and present an offer directly to each faculty member in the system.

Each college president issued a letter expressing their concerns about the breakdown in talks with a copy of the offer they wanted faculty to see before the strike vote Oct. 2.

The night before the strike vote, the union locals held emergency meetings to inform their members what they were voting on.

Gary Begg, president of union local 562 said, "the package you

received in the mail is not a legitimate offer. If it were, it would have been passed down to us through the bargaining team."

Humber President Robert Gordon maintained the only reason the offer was passed in this fashion was because it would be the only chance the faculty would have to see it before the strike vote.

In a letter of response to Gordon, two faculty members explained to students, other faculty and administration, why they had voted for a strike mandate.

"We feel strongly there must be a challenge from us all to stop the government from denigrating the quality of education," said the letter signed by Jean Jablonski and Brian Beatty.

The letter argued that through the years the class sizes have increased and the atmosphere of learning is in jeopardy.

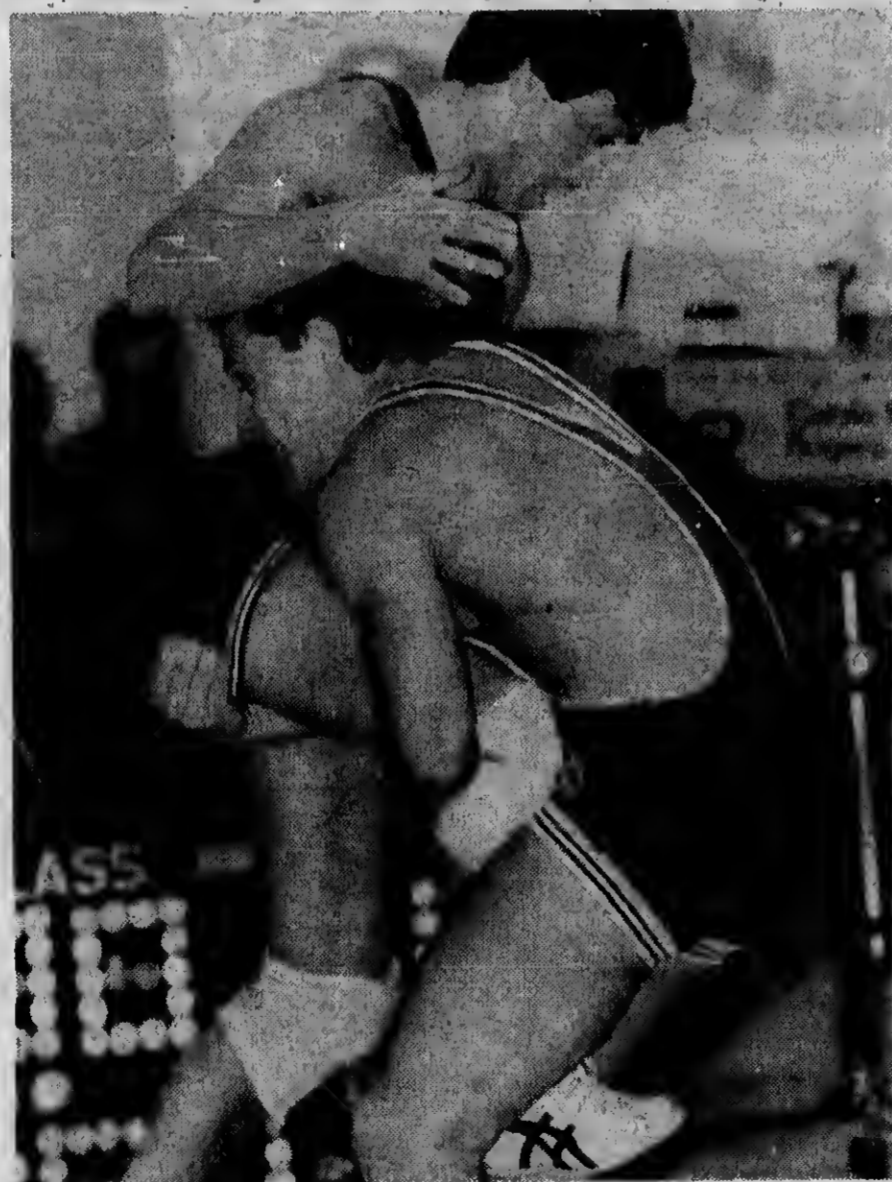
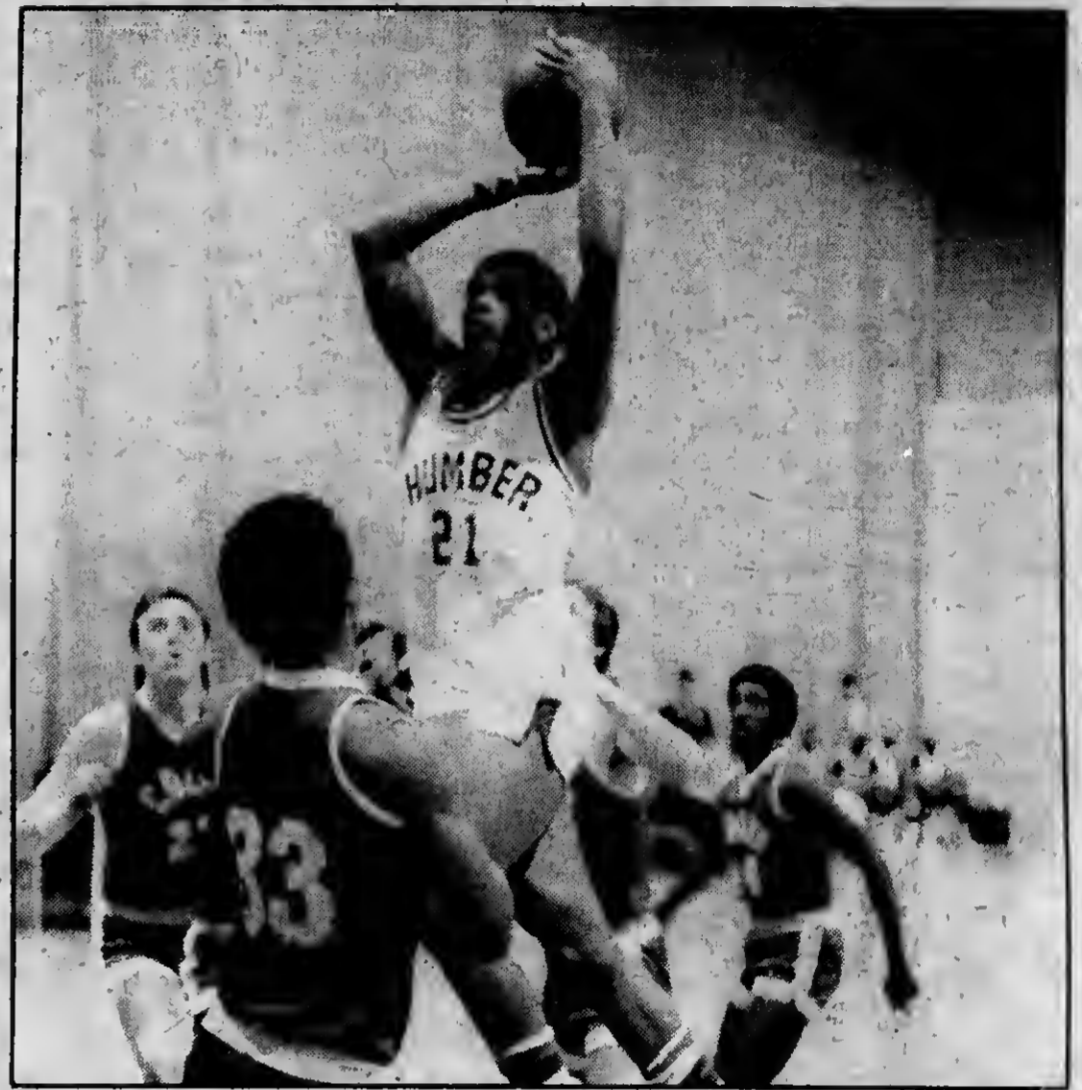
Since returning to school the atmosphere has changed for the worse, many faculty have taken a different attitude towards their profession.

Humber student Warren Moody said, "the teachers don't want to put in more time than what's in their contract which is making students mad at them instead of the people who are responsible for this situation." Moody also added that many students have lost their motivation and that the school "just isn't as much fun as it was before the strike."

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e year in pictures



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200 spot checks in Metro

Police crack down on drunk drivers

by Mike Goldrup
and Sharon Murphy

Humber students drinking during the Christmas season will probably contribute to the more than 90,000 drivers expected to be pulled over by the RIDE (Reduce Impaired Driving Everywhere) program.

Sergeant Don Colbourne, co-ordinator of the RIDE program in Metro, considers RIDE "education as well as enforcement".

Colbourne designed the program not just to arrest drunk drivers but also to deter potential drunk drivers.

"It's not sufficient to increase people's chances of getting caught," says Colbourne, "RIDE has to convince them that they can get caught if they risk drinking and driving."

Last year alone, there were almost 87,000 cars stopped during Christmas and 280 charges were laid for impaired driving.

Every day on Ontario roads, alcohol is involved in the death of at least one person and the injury of 81 others.

Penalties for drunk driving convictions increase in severity with the amount of subsequent offenses. For a first offence, penalties for impaired driving can range from \$50 to \$2,000 fine and a minimum three month license suspension. Second-time offen-

ders face a mandatory minimum of 14 days in jail to a maximum of one year, and also six months suspension of their license. For a third offence, there is a mandatory three months in jail to a maximum of two years and a minimum three year suspension of your license.

If you are convicted of a drinking and driving offense you are not covered by insurance. After suspension, your insurance rates will increase by an average of 50 per cent upon first conviction, and an additional 100 per cent for each subsequent conviction.

To avoid getting caught for impaired driving and ensure you can still have a good time you can leave the car at home and take a taxi. Some bars have a program where they drive you home or take your keys and call you a taxi. The TTC is also an alternative to driving.

An impaired driving charge would be the worst Christmas present you ever had.

BODY WEIGHT LBS.	NUMBER OF DRINKS					
	1	2	3	4	5	6
100	43	87	130	174	217	261
125	34	69	103	139	173	209
150	29	58	87	116	145	174
175	25	50	75	100	125	150
200	22	43	65	87	108	130
225	19	39	58	78	97	117

CHART BY METROPOLITAN TORONTO POLICE

Blood Alcohol Chart — This guide charts your blood alcohol level after you have enjoyed a few cold ones at your favorite establishment. One drink translates as: 1.5 oz. of 40 cent alcohol; 5 oz. of table wine (10 to 14 per cent alcohol); or 12 oz. of beer (5 per cent alcohol). To get your reading, find the number of drinks consumed and read down that column to the line closest to your weight. To compensate for your body's elimination of alcohol, subtract 15 mg. for every hour since your first drink. The RIDE program advises that people with between 19 and 50 mg. should stop drinking, if they intend to drive. Anyone over that should not drive. Remember this is only a guide.

Metro helps needy at Xmas

by John Aleixo

Christmas for some families means doing without a traditional six-foot Christmas tree surrounded with presents, and the Christmas table packed to the rafters with food prepared for the day.

These families are single parent families who struggle throughout the year and cannot afford to celebrate Christmas.

This year, 33 of Toronto's 60 charities are trying to help underprivileged families celebrate a happy Christmas.

The 33 charities, associated with the City of Toronto Christmas Bureau, receive donated gifts (either toys or money) which are forwarded to a North York warehouse, according to Wilf Boyce, co-ordinator of the Christmas Bureau.

The toys are then distributed by the North York Fire Department to needy children in Toronto.

Many of the 33 charities undergo large toy drives to gather gifts from all of Toronto. A list of some of the bigger of the 33 charities and their functions include:

33 charities collect money, gifts, and toys

★ The CHUM/City Christmas Wish, has been in existence for 17 years. Warren Cosford, Director of Special Projects at CHUM said that there is no specific goal which CHUM tries to reach every year. The main objective of the Christmas Wish is to receive as many unwrapped toys as they can between the second week in November up until Christmas.

★ The Gift Of Christmas has been operating for the past 10 years. Like the Christmas Wish, the charity's function is to collect as many toys as possible in a six week period leading up to Christmas. One of the larger toy suppliers of toys to the Gift of Christmas is the Scott Mission.

According to Dr. Allen Ziedman of the Scott Mission, a free toy store is set up at the mission, where parents can come in and pick out toys for their children. Ziedman also said that along with the Gift of Christmas, "donations are also made by individual companies and offices in the form of toys and money."

★ The Toronto Sun has a unique Christmas drive called, Adopt-A-Family: Lee Lemothe, a Sun columnist said that the Toronto Sun hopes to raise more than \$42,000 this year for 125 families. Last year, the Sun raised \$42,000 for 120 families, said Lemothe. At this point in time, the Sun is ahead of last year's mark by \$200. The Sun works in conjunction with the Toronto Social Services Department.

Before a family can be "adopted", that family must first apply to the Sun. Lemothe then sends the applications to the Social Services department where the applications are either accepted or rejected. If accepted, Lemothe then writes a short biography depicting the families plight. The money is distributed according to the need of each individual family. The money may be used to buy a turkey, clothes or a pair of boots

for a child, said Lemothe.

★ The Toronto Star-Santa Clause Fund is hoping to raise \$345,000 this year, an increase of \$25,000 from last year. According to Star columnist Samuel Campell, the paper is working in conjunction with the Social Services Department and the Salvation Army. Campell said that the money will be used to prepare 20,000 gift packages which will be distributed to needy families. These gift packages will consist of toys, candy and clothing. Before a family is chosen to be a recipient of the Santa Fund, it must first apply to the Salvation Army or the Social Services department. If accepted, Campell, like his counterpart at the Sun, writes a short biography about the families in need. So far the Star has received \$196,095.

★ The Salvation Army is the most identifiable agency in Toronto when it comes to the poor.

Major Jack Barr of the Salvation Army said that their goal as always, is to raise \$1 million. With that \$1 million, the Salvation Army hopes to provide more than 9,500 families with groceries, toys and clothing. The Salvation Army annual Christmas drive begins in late November and runs until the end of the year. During this period, the Salvation Army receives donations from the public and organizations such as CKEY radio and the Toronto Star Santa Claus Fund.

According to Major Barr, the bubbles on the street bring in \$100,000.

The rest of the donations are sent through the mail, or from CKEY and the Santa Fund.

★ The Hospital for Sick Children also receives many donations, said the hospital's Public Relations officer, Annie Massey. According to Massey, the hospital receives enough money from private donations, to buy presents for about 300 shut-ins.





**The Coven Advertising Staff
says Hello, Merry Christmas
and Happy New Year!**

From Brad, Sam and Jim



Baboushka to St. Nick

Christmas traditions vary world-wide

by Janice MacKay

Whether people say Merry Christmas, Joyeux Noel, or even Froehlich Weihnacten (Merry Christmas in German), the meaning is the same — greetings for the holiday season.

Although the meaning of Christmas — the birth of Jesus — is standard almost worldwide, many countries around the globe celebrate Christmas with different customs and traditions.

Christmas in America is a combination of customs and traditions from every part of the world.

Not every country believes in the jolly man dressed in red with rosy cheeks and a white beard — known as Santa Claus.

Little boys and girls in Russia don't receive gifts from Santa — even if they've been good all year long.

But each year at Christmas time, Russian children expect treats and gifts. But who delivers the presents, if not Santa?

Baboushka. As the legend is told, three wise men asked Baboushka to assist them in their search for Bethlehem and baby Jesus. Baboushka refused.

But later she repented and went to find the wise men. They were no where to be found, so Baboushka spends her time rewarding good children.

Along with Russia's belief in Baboushka, Russians follow many old Christmas traditions. Every year during the holiday season, many citizens of Russia make five small piles of grain on their kitchen floor.

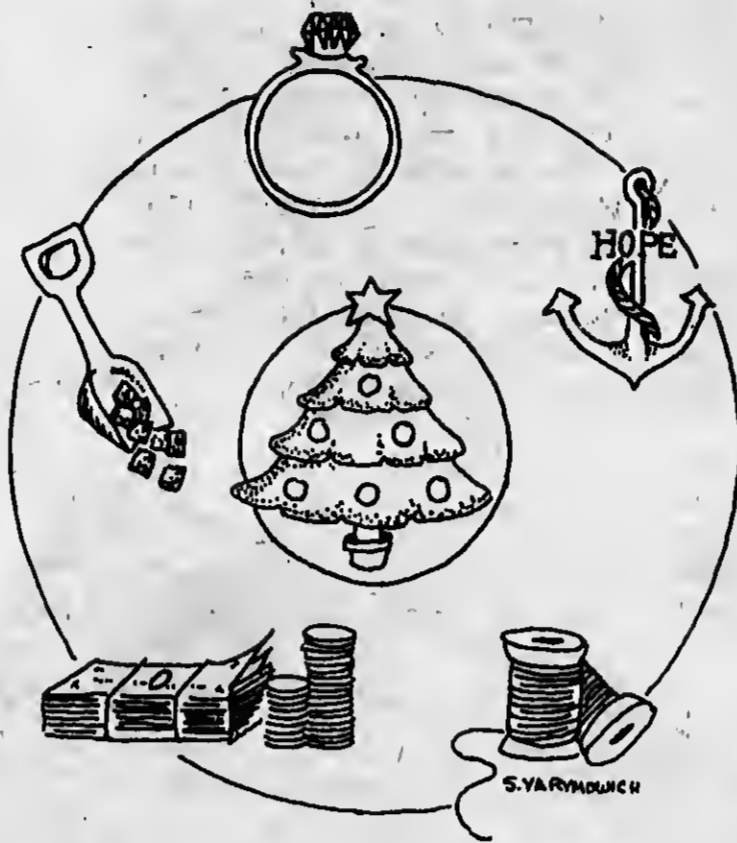
Then they name the piles: ring, coal, money, thread, and hope. A sleepy hen is brought in and allowed to wander around. The first pile which the hen stops at predicts the future for the coming year.

Ring means a death in the family. Coal means a marriage in the family. Money symbolizes wealth, and thread means a life of hard work. Finally, hope means a long journey or a wish come true.

In Latin America, a wish come true is how many adults and children perceive Christmas.

Here Christmas falls during the hottest time of year. Flowers and bright colors can be seen everywhere. Children are on their holidays, since school is closed from the end of November until the beginning of February.

Although the ceremony is quite religious, it also has a carnival-like quality. This is the time of year for parades,



bullfights, and horse races.

Everyone — rich or poor — builds a nativity scene. It can be as small as your hand or as large as the entire room, but each place adds its own local color. Motorbikes to Marimba players are included in the manger scenes.

In many parts of Latin America, Christmas Eve is the dominant part of the holiday. This is the time when gifts are exchanged and the people greet each other with the words Feliz Navidad.

Although Latin America has its own distinct way of celebrating the holiday, Papa Noel and the Christmas tree are becoming better known each year.

In Holland, St. Nicholas brings along Black Peter (the devil) to help him distribute the gifts. Black Peter started out as an evil man chained to St. Nicholas as a punishment. Black Peter had to drop candy down sooty chimneys. Black Peter has evolved into a sly, but easy going man with a

lopsided grin.

In Holland gifts aren't brightly wrapped and decorated. These people believe that gifts should be concealed to look like something else. Small gifts are concealed in potatoes dressed as dolls, in pudding, or even in a glove. Larger gifts are hidden in the coal cellar on St. Nicholas eve, and some gifts are hidden in things such as cauliflower or cabbage.

On Christmas day there are no parties or celebrations since this is strictly a religious time.

In Greece, Christmas is also quite religious, but Easter beats Christmas as the main holiday.

St. Nicholas is considered the patron of sailors and the master of the wind in Greece — not as a jolly old gift giver. He is prayed to, to rescue sinking ships and is portrayed as always being wet from the waves. His face is covered in perspiration from his efforts.

Christmas in Greece is celebrated with carols and a traditional dinner. Roast pig is usually served along with a holiday bread called the Christ bread. The crumbs left over from the meal are scattered beneath the fruit trees to help them grow and be bountiful.

Not only do some countries feed their trees at Christmas time, in some places animals get a full course Christmas dinner. Such is the case in Czechoslovakia.

The farm animals here receive a part of every course in the hope that the cows will give more milk and the chickens will lay more eggs. The bones left over from the Christmas meal were traditionally buried under the trees so the trees would grow.

Czechoslovakia's Christmas dinner includes carp, Masica (a fruit stew), and calta, which is a white bread.

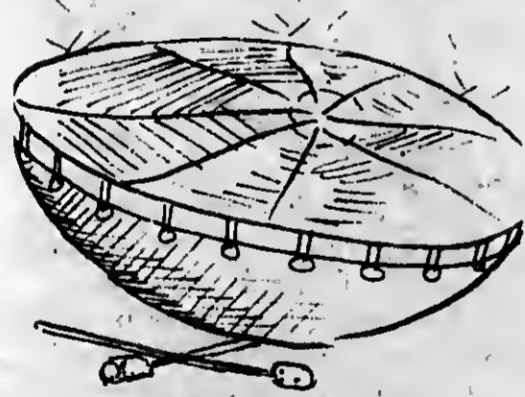
St. Nick descends from heaven on a golden cord accompanied by an angel, and the devil — Cert.

In Japan and China, about one per cent of the population is Christian and they celebrate Christmas similar to the way it is celebrated in North America.

The date of Christmas, Dec. 25th, was never mentioned in Luke or Matthew of the bible where it tells of how it came about. There were great debates on the time of day and the date of Christmas, but finally a decision was reached.

Traditionally the 25th of March was a sacred date for the church when they celebrated the Annunciation of the Virgin — fertility and creation. So they simply made Christmas fall nine months later on Dec. 25.

Spanish beats and fine food aromas envelopes natives of Caribbean island



by Denise Lyons

Christmas on the small Caribbean island of Trinidad is as different from that of the traditional Christmas in Canada as is night and day.

There is no first snow to signal that special feeling of Christmas in Trinidad. Instead it's the flamboyant red of the poinsettia against the miles and miles of fresh, vivid green.

The sun beams down on the island and in those few remaining areas where the Spaniards first inhabited, the sweet strains of the Parang, the traditional music of a "Trini" Christmas, begin to take over the airwaves.

The preparation of food begins early Christmas Eve. As in the North American Christmas, a turkey is also important on the Christmas dinner table. Ham is also important and some people even go as far as to either engage in the actual killing of the pigs, or at least witness it to make sure their ham will be perfect.

A large variety of dishes are prepared and consumed in that one day of festivity under the hot Caribbean sun.

"Souce" may sound 'totally gross' but it will probably be the most deliciously spicy thing you have ever tasted. It is prepared by cutting up pork and emersing it in salty water which also has lots of pepper and Spanish thyme and all the other local seasonings you can think of.

Then of course, no Christmas is complete without a dough called pastels. Originally from Spain, the dish consists of cornmeal made into a dough-like ball and pressed flat. It is then filled with ground beef and again a variety of spices. After being carefully wrapped in a section of a fig leaf it is boiled in water with a pinch of salt. The taste is pure heaven.

Sorrel, ginger beer, and punch-a-creme are the traditional



drinks on the island during the festive season.

Sorrel is red and has a slightly gassy taste. The sorrel plant, or rather the fruit of these trees, is used to make the drink. It is skinned leaving little hairs like that of a peach but only coarser in your hand, but that is easily removed with some water then your hands are as good as new. The skin is then boiled and sugar added.

Ginger beer burns as it goes down the throat but the tingling sensation is welcomed by all. Ginger is grated with some sort of rag over your nose so that the potent fumes will not 'tickle' your brain if you inhale too much of it. Both sorrel and ginger beer is made some time before Christmas

and left to 'set.' In other words it's left to cure. Like Orson Wells, Trinidadians will never serve ginger beer before its time.

Punch-a-creme is like an egg nog laced with rum. The drink is rather potent but too sweet to affect you too negatively. A word of warning though, don't chug it!

Because a very large percentage of the islands inhabitants are Roman Catholics, Christmas Midnight Mass is a rigidly followed tradition. Even the little rebels who thought that going to church with 'Mum' is just not cool, attend the mass. After that mass, the feteing begins.

Kids are awoken half way through the night by the up tempo beat of the parang side (band). The lively Spanish beat has been a part of Trinidad Christmas for a very long time. All the kids attention, however, is not focused on the musicians as this gives them the perfect opportunity to see what Santa left them.

The celebrations and Christmas activities may be different, but the underlying reason for it all is the same in both countries. The message of peace and love is passed on.

Although nations may celebrate the season differently, most realize that the birth of Christ is an important event on the calendar.

So have yourself a merry little Christmas, Trini style.



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Festive mood inspires festive dress

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by Sue Martin

If holiday fashions are making any kind of statement this year, it's undoubtedly one of subtle seduction.

As one ex-officio describes it, this season's fashions don't smack of overt sexuality at all, but rather, says Effie Blancas, supervisor of the Bay's Jeunesse, a kind of "innocent" allure that's evident in the softness of beaded sweaters, the drape of fine silk or the demureness of multiple layers of lace.

It's there too in the extravagant use of tulle (pronounced "tool"), more familiar as a staple in wedding veils and fancy dress hats, and which is now being draped and wrapped almost anywhere and accented with the new glitter jewels.

Indeed, accessories of all sorts are by far the hottest addition to any holiday wear — rhinestone brooches, lace gloves, crystal jewellery — anything that sparkles.

As a result, it's becoming easier

to create a new look out of something basic. Take a plain silk wrap skirt and plain matching top, belt it and add some bold, chunky jewellery for a casual look. Or, as Blancas suggests, use it as a "blank canvas" and build on it. Add a lace undershirt (that can also be worn over for a change), a pair of lacey ankle tights, frilly socks and a lace camisole. Top it with another lace overblouse and tie lace scarves at the neck and even the wrists.

For holiday leisure wear, Blancas recommends the layered look again — overalls over big roomy shirts in eye-popping colors, topped with contrasting jackets and soft woolly sweaters.

But women aren't the only ones to be suitably adorned this year. Menswear cogniscent say sweaters are also a "big deal" this season in patterns, textures, and interesting colorations.

In line with the trend towards romanticism, accessories like wing tip-collars, suspenders, bow ties, and even arm bands are making a comeback this year.

All fashions courtesy, The Bay, Bloor & Yonge St. store.

Tuxedo jacket \$42 (Michelle)



Sequined top \$24, satin pants, \$32,



Black lace skirt and top \$35 (Sue)

Lace blouse \$24,

lace camisole \$18,

plain camisole \$10,

Esprit silk skirt \$89,

lace undershirt \$20,

lace scarves \$3

20% stockings \$20



Yellow jacket \$100, Yellow pants \$40, Red shirt \$42,

(Michelle) Red jumpsuit \$104,

Blue shirt, \$42, Blue jacket, \$100 (Sue)

by Loren Astin

One of the biggest problems faced during the holidays is deciding what to wear to the holiday parties, not to mention the jewel of them all, the New Year's party.

This year the options are numerous, with exciting new hosiery, accessories, and of course, formal fashions.

A trip through any mall will quite possibly overwhelm the prospective buyer with the choices available.

This year the designers have given the consumer "their head"

so to speak, in that the choices are endless.

Look at the dresses. Both flared and narrow skirts are available in a variety of lengths ranging from the "ankle brushers" to just below the knee.

According to a sales person in the Holt Renfrew dress department: "This (variety of dress lengths) could confuse the customer, as they may be unsure as to which style is correct. However, the choices are to their advantage, since they can choose the style that best suits their figure."

According to Mary Henry, assistant to the buyer at Holt Renfrew, velvet gowns are popular, especially in black. Styles are both tight and full with the use of crinolins. Also there is a lot of skin with

"bare to there" backs and strapless gowns that reveal the arms and shoulders.

Along with velvet, sequin and beaded tops are big this year.

"We just can't keep them in stock," Henry said.

According to Christine Henderson, assistant buyer of hosiery and jewelry at Holt Renfrew, hosiery is bigger than ever this season, especially the lace stockings.

"We can't keep them in stock no matter what price they are."

Textures in general are important to this year's legs. Neutrals are big, seams are in. For the seductive evening leg, there is lace, rhinestones, both vertically and horizontally, and pearls.

No matter what your style, it's out there for you this season. Just don't wait too long to buy it though, because in most cases, once it's gone, it's gone for good.

Fear and loathing in shopping malls

by David Martin

The panic is really setting in as I write this.

The fear usually starts around the middle of November. By the beginning of December, I am reduced to a snivelling wreck at the prospect of it.

What could possibly be so horrifying that it causes me to hide in my room in a once-yearly fit of hand-wringing desperation?

It's Christmas shopping. That wonderful Christmas pastime when ordinarily law-abiding citizens engage in hand-to-hand com-

centres from coast to coast. And I'm always one of the first casualties.

I've been stepped on, scratched, rabbit punched and even bitten by everything from young children to senior citizens. I've been harassed by sales clerks and even hissed at by young children having their pictures taken on Santa's knee.

For the novice or the faint of heart, like myself, Christmas shopping can be a frightening and bewildering experience.

But, it's not too late. Help is on its way. If you follow these five

somewhat helpful hints, you may survive yet another season of merry mayhem at your neighborhood shopping centre.

No. 1. Never shop alone. This is only inviting ambush while you struggle from store to store under your load of Christmas presents. If you must separate from your party, always remain in constant touch by walkie talkie.

No. 2. Be prepared for evasive action. Make it your business to know the location of all emergency exits. In the event of a full scale cabbage patch riot, this could save your life.

No. 3. Always bring a supply of nuts, berries and water with you. During this time of year tempers become very thin. As a result, fast food and restaurant line-ups become far too dangerous. Also, your own supply of food can be used to pacify would-be attackers in the congested check-out line.

No. 4. Always carry a whistle and don't be afraid to use it should someone approach you in a threatening manner. Be especially cautious of innocent looking old ladies who remind you of your grandmother. They are only thinking of ways to grab the tie for

your father out of your hands.

No. 5. Finally, the most important one. If you should happen to become overwhelmed by the crowds, the noise or the prices, remain calm. The mob can smell your fear. You might try finding the nearest empty change room and hide out there. Don't worry, you won't have to wait there too long. There are only seven more days of Christmas shopping left. And while you're at it save a place for me.



Portrait of an editorial cartoonist...



Face behind the wit...Marc Mascioni

Sports



PHOTO BY DONNA RANIERI

Going through — Hawks' goalie Mike Allard goes down to make the save but the puck slipped through his legs in the first period against Seneca Braves. Allard

allowed four goals and was replaced mid-way through the second period by Brian Thompson. Braves won 11-5.

Braves remain in first with win

by Donna Ranieri

Let's just pretend Humber Hawks' last two periods against Seneca didn't take place and Humber skated to a 2-1 victory over the Braves — tying them for first place in the Ontario College Athletic Association (OCAA) Tier One hockey standings.

That may sound great to Hawks' supporters, but it's far from reality. Instead, Humber lost 11-5.

If the maroon and gold's top players weren't sidelined with injuries and if they avoided unnecessary penalties, Humber's last two periods could have been as good as the first.

"We just didn't play a good game. The guys weren't up for it," said Hawk coach Gord Lorimer. "The players didn't back check and help out our defencemen."

Seneca coach Nick Harbaruk is satisfied with the way the Braves have been playing.

"There are few teams in this league who can skate with us for 60 minutes," he said.

"Humber took some cheap shots and some bad penalties near the end of the game. You can't win a game from inside the penalty box," he said.

The Hawks had 56 minutes in penalties compared to the Braves' 22.

Hawks' Dwayne Rosenberg, who netted three goals on the night, opened the scoring in the first period after being set up by defenceman Scott Defoe.

Moments later, Defoe skated into Braves territory alone and slipped the puck past a sprawling Chris Chasmer, giving the Hawks an early 2-0 lead.

Braves missed two scoring opportunities in the first period, hitting the goal post and the crossbar. Hawks' only lead in the game lasted about three minutes until Seneca's Ken Mugford scored a quick goal, which sparked a Braves' scoring spree in the second period.

Seneca controlled the second frame, scoring five unanswered goals.

Humber goalie Mike Allard was replaced by Brian

Thompson in the second period after the Braves netted four goals.

In the final 20 minutes of play, Seneca scored five goals, while Humber scored three.

Humber's Jamie Bracken suffered a knee injury late in the third period after being checked by Bill Ellison. Bracken missed the next game when Hawks suffered a 4-3 overtime loss to Canadore Panthers.

Lorimer was pleased with the play of 21-year-old Defoe, who scored two goals against Seneca.

The 5'10", 180-pound defenceman, played with the Newmarket Flyers last season, scoring 20 goals and 60 assists in the Ontario Junior Hockey League (OJHL). Defoe was also named the OJHL's rookie of the year.

Steve Turner, Defoe, and Don Intino, scored in the Hawks' most recent loss against Canadore.

Humber's next home game will be against St. Clair Saints, Jan. 26, at Westwood arena. Game time is 7:30 p.m.

Hockey team on the mend

by Donna Ranieri

Humber's hockey Hawks will have a chance to recover between Christmas and the new year from all the injuries they've been plagued with this season.

Associate Director of Athletics and Recreation Peter Maybury said, "After Christmas it's a whole new story ... they'll be a different team."

Hawks will be making some

additions to the team roster to strengthen their lineup for the second half of the season.

So far, Dwayne Rosenberg, John Hammell, Tom Bracken, Don Intino, and Jeff Pierog have been added to the squad.

According to coach Gord Lorimer, the team's biggest weaknesses last year were their defence and lack of goal production out of their forwards.

In two meetings with the

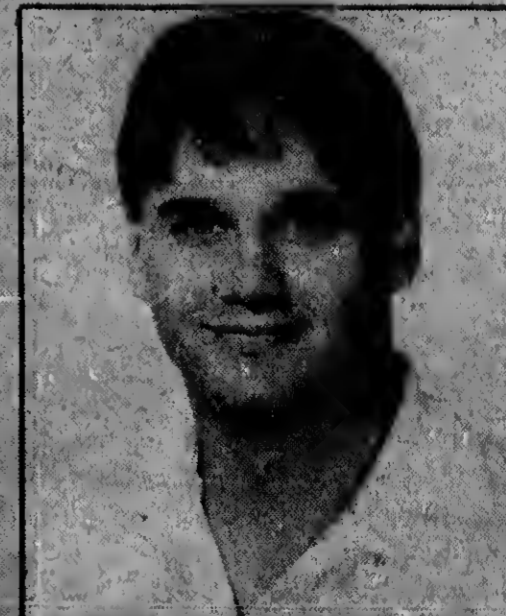
Braves, Hawks lost both matches. The maroon and gold were outscored 23-8 in the two encounters.

Hawks' leading goal scorer and OCAA scoring leader, Steve Turner, has collected 38 points (19 goals and 19 assists), in the 13 games he has played this season.

Turner has a chance of breaking the OCAA record for most points, held by St. Lawrence's Bill Salzer. Salzer

scored 43 goals and assisted in another in 1971-72.

Centre Doug McEwen was off to a good start with 19 points in 6 games before being sidelined with a knee injury, which was a great disappointment for the team. McEwen was expected to miss action for the rest of the season, however, Lorimer is optimistic that he'll be returning sometime in the new year.



Scott Defoe

Depth improves team

sidelines by David Canivet



Flying high — Hawks' Everton Henry goes for two points in a game against Centennial Colts. Humber is second, while the defending champion Colts are struggling in eighth.

PHOTO BY SAM SCRIVO

When Humber's men's basketball team lost last year's Ontario Colleges Athletic Association (OCAA) finals against Centennial Colts, it abruptly concluded the Hawks' most successful season ever.

The maroon and gold finished the '83-'84 season with a 19-5 win-loss record. Now, with just one-third of the 1984-85 campaign completed, they've shown indications of even greater things to come.

In fact, compared to last seasons 4-2 start, the Hawks win-loss record this time around has progressed slightly with a 5-1 record.

It may not seem to be that great of an improvement, but there's more than meets the eye. Hawks' offence has collected 489 points, averaging 81.5 points per game — 10 percentage points better than last year's 71.1 average. On the defensive side of things, Hawks have allowed 423 points, averaging 70.5 points per game against — an improvement from 74.8 per cent at this time last season.

Of the five victories this fall, four of them have been on enemy territory, including the Hawks' first ever victory against the St. Clair Saints. Humber edged the Saints 77-72. Last year their road record was 8-4, and the squad is well ahead of that pace thus far.

The Hawks have had the home court advantage only once this season with two contests, scheduled to take place at Humber, being postponed because of the teachers' strike. At this Nov. 28 game, the Hawks crushed the Seneca Braves, 88-62, collecting their second consecutive home opening victory and first win against the Braves since 1982. The Hawks' record since last season's mid-point has been an astonishing 16-2.

Coach has winning background

During the off-season major changes have happened, including the acquisition of a new head coach with last year's coach Bill Pangos, retiring to continue his education. Mike Katz was brought in after his successful eight year reign at Toronto's George Harvey High School, where his teams won four league championships.

Like Pangos, Katz enjoys the fast-break tempo style of game whereby a team can utilize a good defence. With this year's squad, he is using the same style used while coaching at George Harvey.

However, building a team to his liking hasn't been easy, with the Hawks having made a 50 per cent turnover in player personnel.

Gone from last season's roster are Wayne Yearwood, Doug McKinlay, Eric Grizzle, Angelo Nasato, Delroy Taylor and William Polman. Added to this year's squad are: Winston Pryce, George McNeil, George Skrba, Carlton Stewart, Everton Henry and Barry Hutchinson.

With the likes of veterans Wayne Ambrose, Gary Cooper, Michael Mohamed, Michael Stephenson, Henry Frazer and Matthew Carlucci, Humber has an even faster team and the height needed for offensive and defensive rebounding, averaging a lanky 6-foot-two-inches.

To this point in the season, Katz has been lucky that the Hawks of the '84-'85 season can play as a unit. And play they can.

Another forte of this team is its depth. Unlike last season, when the Hawks had to add Grizzle, Yearwood and Frazer at mid-season, it appears this year's lineup is well balanced and changes won't be necessary unless injuries play havoc with the squad.

Hawks return with a bronze

by Carlo Gervasi

When Humber's men's varsity basketball team arrived home from a tournament in Manitoba last week, they didn't return empty-handed — earning a bronze medal.

In the six-team tournament, held at Red River Community College, the visiting Hawks trounced Red River 95-66 and Assiniboine 87-58.

The maroon and gold tasted defeat only once during their three games at the hands of the gold medalists, Northland, who out-scored Humber 96-90.

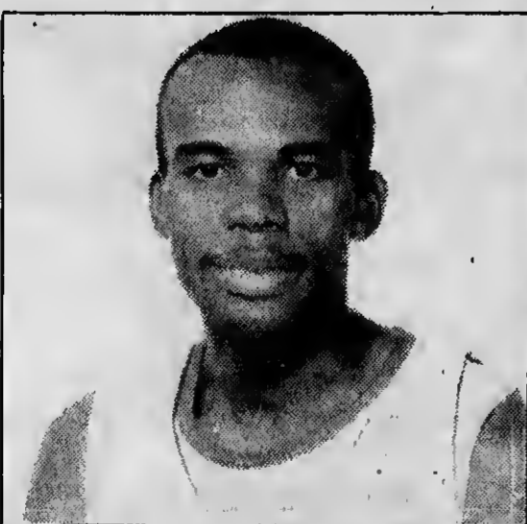
The University of Manitoba's junior team, who were silver medalists and a Rainy River squad from the United States, were the other tournament participants.

Hawks' co-ordinator Doug Fox was pleased with the maroon and gold's efforts.

"I thought we played well as a team in all three games," he said.

"Northland was the toughest team we've played all year. If they were in the OCAA (Ontario Colleges Athletic's Association), they would be the best."

Once again, Hawks' forward



Henry Frazer

Henry Frazer and guard Wayne Ambrose were stand-outs, combining for 91 points in three games. Their impressive performances didn't go unnoticed, as they received tournament all-star honors.

Frazer, who accounted for 56 points overall, netted 30 points against Northland. He added 16 more against Red River and another 10 in the Assiniboine game.

Ambrose, who had 35 points in his last two games, wasn't too shabby either, scoring 19 points against Assiniboine and another



Everton Henry

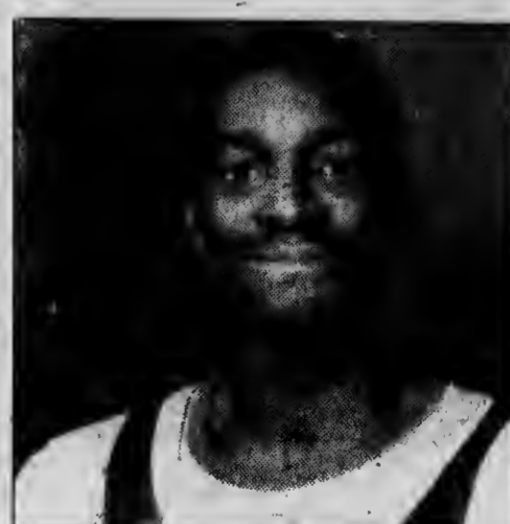
16 in the Northland competition.

Fox didn't keep the performances of the Hawks' 'dynamic duo', a secret.

"Frazer is improving game by game," Fox said. "His shooting is exceptional. He's shooting about 65 per cent, which is very good in the OCAA. He was just spectacular against Northland."

"Ambrose on the other hand, has played well all year and was outstanding in all three games."

The tournament also marked the return of rookie-guard Everton Henry, who totalled 31 points overall, and was Hawks' leading



Wayne Ambrose

scorer against Red River.

"We were glad to have Henry back," Fox said. "His best performance was against Red River."

Fox, a former skipper for the Hawks, was also impressed with the gutsy performance of giant rookie-centre-forward, George Skrba.

"He played well against the Northland's big guys."

The former skip, who viewed the tournament as a "good challenge playing top calibre teams", was a little disappointed with the scheduling, which forced his team

to cancel two key road games last week. The Hawks were supposed to meet Mohawk Mountaineers and Niagara Knights.

"We didn't mind the strong competition, but the timing wasn't great. It cuts right into our season," Fox said.

The tournament wasn't all basketball, however, as several other festivities took place.

"The players were involved in a cultural exchange program," Fox said. "We made a lot of new friends, visited a lot of nice places and had a great time."

Hawks' coach Mike Katz may have also had his share of fun, but didn't have an easy time adjusting to the Federal International Basketball Association's (FIBA) rules.

"Mike had a difficult time coping with FIBA's rules because they included limited time-outs and substituting," Fox said.

"We were playing under Olympic rules. But if we make it to the Canadian Championships this year, we'll still have to play by the same rules."

by Steven Nichols

Wouldn't it be nice to walk down to the Gordon Wragg Centre, through a hallway that leads to Humber's new 2,000 seat hockey arena, pick up a jumbo hot dog, a large cold drink at the snack bar and watch the Hawks' in action instead of making the long trek to Westwood Arena.

A few years ago this scene may have been imaginable, but due to a lack of funds a proposal for a hockey arena at Humber College's North Campus wasn't passed by the Board of Governors (BOG).

According to Rick Bendera, director of Recreation and Leisure Education at Humber, the Ontario government and Wintario are not giving money to build a rink.

Humber College has addressed the issue three times, the first being in 1973.

The new home of the Hawks was supposed to be partially funded by the Borough of Etobicoke and Humber College. However, Westwood Arena — the Hawks' present home, opened and Etobicoke decided that it would not build any more arenas north of highway 401.

A couple of years later, a new proposal was brought to BOG named "complex five" — an \$11 million complex which included the building of the now present Wragg Centre and a 2,000 seat arena. The proposal went by BOG because it was too expensive, even though money had been raised. The Wragg Centre was the only phase completed.

Three years ago, Humber put a proposal to BOG, this time for a 300 to 400 seat recreation rink. But once again, there was not enough funding for an arena.

According to Director of Physical Resources Ken Cohen, a hockey complex at Humber College is not foreseeable in the distant future.



PHOTO BY STEVEN NICHOLS

Home of the Hawks — The men's varsity hockey team have to play their home games in the shabby confines of Westwood Arena. Proposals for a rink at Humber have been ignored several times.

The chance for an arena "died when the gymnasium was built six or seven years ago and especially with Westwood Arena in the general vicinity," said Cohen. "It (an arena) is low on the priority list" from a college stand point.

The proposed sight for a rink would be the area adjacent to the gymnasium, said Bendera.

Humber pays \$65 per hour to rent Westwood Arena and according to Peter Maybury, as-

sociate director of Athletics and Recreation, Humber would save money by building its own arena. Humber would make back the money that was used to build it, in approximately two years.

The Hawks' new home would cost anywhere between \$1 and \$2 million to build.

A program that would definitely benefit from the building of a rink would be Arena Management. The program is offered here at

Humber and it is the only course like it in Ontario colleges.

Ebbie Bishop, co-ordinator for Arena Management, would like to see a rink built at Humber.

"The arena would be a teaching lab for the students," said Bishop. "We could teach refrigeration and ice making right in the arena," he said.

Bishop would have four to six students in the arena looking after maintenance, operation of the

building and refrigeration equipment.

"We could put students in there (arena) a lot cheaper than support staff," said Bishop.

Maybury would like to see an arena at Humber because it would save the college money, it would not cost much to maintain, and Humber could make money from the renting of the arena to outside participants.

Ski team's future in limbo unless funds are increased

by Mike Williscraft

Varsity skiing could be the next sport to be axed on the budget chopping block of a number of Ontario's 22 community colleges.

According to Humber Athletics Director Peter Maybury, it is just not worth it for Humber, and the other colleges, to keep the lower profile sports such as skiing operating because it hurts the higher profile sports economically.

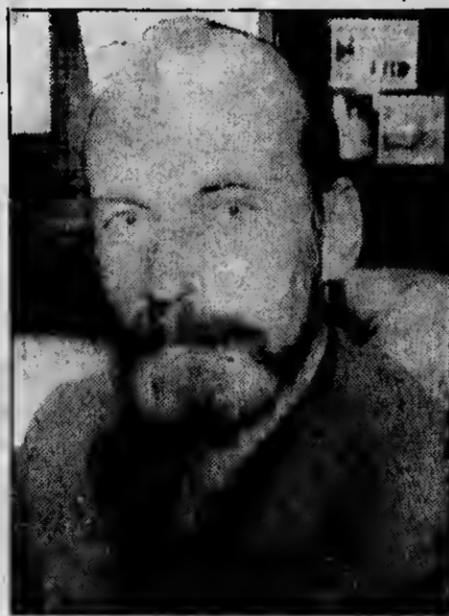
In fact, three weeks ago, Humber did not even have a ski team until the money was found in athletic's budget.

With the addition of Humber, the list of competing colleges (Georgian, Sheridan, Confederation and Mohawk) has now increased by 25 per cent, to five.

"Colleges just don't want to be a part of the sport (skiing) anymore," said Maybury. "Schools like Seneca and Centennial, that have lots of money in their athletics programs, just aren't interested."

Maybury cited the high cost of the relatively short ski season, as one of the main reasons for the "intensive care" state of the program. However, Humber's ski coach Tom Browne, disagreed:

"When the amount of dollars that is involved in the Athletic Department is considered, the \$6,000 needed to operate the ski team



Tom Browne

doesn't seem that significant but I do realize his (Maybury's) problem," said Browne.

The problem Browne referred to is the vicious circle that seemingly encompasses all economic matters these days.

As it was pointed out by both Browne and Maybury, the money just is not there. The athletes make a request (for equipment) to their coach, he asks athletics and they ask administration.

Then the answer comes back down the line that the funding is not available.

However, Maybury stressed that athletics is not being short-changed.

"The college president (Dr.

Robert Gordon) takes a great interest in what's going on down here. We realize the administration is caught too," said Maybury. "Nobody can stretch a dollar further than Humber can and that's a tribute to our staff."

In an effort to maintain a high profile on a small budget only two major sports are operated, men's hockey and basketball, Maybury said.

Funding for athletics is provided by each student's activity fee. According to Maybury, although 25 per cent of all fees goes to athletics, after it is filtered through various cuts by the Board of Governors it works out to about \$9 per student.

Despite all the budget problems Maybury remains optimistic about the future of athletics at the college level.

"This year there's been a lot of noise about no women's basketball and that doesn't bother me a bit. At least there is the interest. Last year we paid the costs but there was no commitment," he added. "Only two or three women would show up at the practices and we just can't afford that."

Next year Maybury hopes to bring back men's volleyball and women's basketball.

As for skiing, the future looks bleak. "I think skiing will kill itself," he warned. "Soon it will drop right out as an OCAA sport."

Dear Santa...

by Mike Williscraft

'Tis the season and all that stuff, so in the spirit of Christmas I thought I would convey the gift lists (as I see them) of a few of Toronto's sports franchises.

Dear Santa:

I have been a very good boy this year and the team did very well but we still had one problem, the bullpen.

Recently, I acquired a quality reliever in Bill Caudill so that isn't anticipated as a problem this year.

What I need this Christmas is a quality third baseman that can hit for power, a homerun hitting right-handed DH and some who can step in to fill the vacant leadership role.

Pat Gillick
General Manager
Toronto Blue Jays

Dear Santa:

Last year I asked for a good regular season and a Grey Cup. I received the first part but the Grey Cup failed to materialize. What happened?

I really only have one request for the team. With the apparent departure of our relief specialist, Joe Barnes, we will need a stable backup for starter, Condredge Holloway.

If it isn't too much trouble, someone along the lines of Miami Dolphin's Dan Marino would do nicely.

Bobby O'Billovich
Head Coach
Toronto Argonauts

Dear Santa:

I have not been a very good boy this year, but hell, why change now, right.

All I need is some smooth-skating goal scorers, a couple of good defencemen, plus a team captain that his mates can respect instead of look down upon for his poor sportsmanship.

I realize this bunch may be a little difficult to round up all at once, so if you could have them here for the midway point of the 1985-86 season it would be much appreciated.

Your pal, Hal
Owner
Toronto Maple Leafs

OCAA

Basketball

	MEN'S TIER 1		Pct.	GB
	W	L		
Sheridan	7	0	1.000	—
Humber	5	1	.833	2
Niagara	7	3	.700	2
Fanshawe	8	4	.667	2
Seneca	4	3	.571	3
St. Clair	5	4	.555	3½
Mohawk	4	4	.500	4
Centennial	3	5	.375	5
George Brown	4	7	.364	5½
Algonquin	3	7	.300	5
Conestoga	0	5	.000	6½
Cambrian	0	8	.000	8

Scoring Leaders

(As of Dec. 11, 1984)

	GP	FG	FTMT.	P.	A.V.E.
1. Steve Zahn, Alg.	10	88	29	205	20.5
2. Ron Pagala, Sen.	5	40	18	98	19.8
3. Robin Tiplady, Cam.	8	59	33	151	18.8
4. Gary Gallagher, Alg.	10	78	30	188	18.8
5. George Rakas, Moh.	8	63	23	149	18.6
6. Emilio Rocca, Fan.	12	95	25	215	17.9
7. Dino Latella, St.C.	8	57	29	143	17.8
8. Scott Irwin, St.C.	9	64	27	155	17.2
9. Henry Frazer, Hum	6	47	6	100	16.7
10. Wayne Ambrose, Hum	6	42	14	98	16.3

Hockey

MEN'S TIER 1

	G	W	L	T	F	A	P
Seneca	15	13	2	0	103	50	26
Humber	13	8	5	0	75	73	16
Georgian	14	8	6	0	94	79	16
St. Clair	12	7	5	0	79	67	14
Sheridan	11	5	6	0	44	47	10
Centennial	12	4	8	0	57	58	8
Canadore	8	3	5	0	32	41	6
Conestoga	11	0	11	0	28	97	0

Scoring Leaders

(As of Dec. 11, 1984)

	GP	G	A	TP	PIM
1. Steve Turner, H.	13	19	19	38	12
2. Drake Turcotte, Sn.	15	20	17	37	28
3. Bruce Fallis, Cen.	12	17	17	34	0
4. Kevin Jarold, St.C.	12	17	15	32	8
5. Chris Girard, St.C.	12	13	18	29	22
6. Kan Mugford, Sen.	12	11	17	28	0
7. J. Pinsonneault, St.	12	13	14	27	12
8. John Nixon, Geo	13	9	16	25	24
9. Tim Clayden, Geo.	14	8	17	25	48
10. Bernie Hann, Sen.	14	5	20	25	12

Hockey

MEN'S INTRAMURAL
MAROON DIVISION

Teams	G	W	L	T	F	A	P
Pub Crawlers	4	4	0	0	40	13	12
Studio 27	3	2	1	0	17	7	7
Puck-Its	2	2	0	0	25	5	6
Rhodians	2	0	1	1	11	13	3
Disk Pack	3	0	3	0	9	17	3
Morgan's Crew	3	0	3	0	8	27	3
Terminators	2	0	2	0	6	19	2

Gold Division

Teams	G	W	L	T	F	A	P
Rangers	4	4	0	0	25	9	12
Trojans	2	2	0	0	9	6	6
N.C.M.E.	2	1	0	1	12	8	5
Huskies	3	1	2	0	13	26	5
Powerslaves	2	1	1	0	12	12	4
Meriners	2	0	2	0	5	18	2
Crimson Kings	2	0	2	0	5	19	2

Hockey

Rangers	14	Huskies	5
Trojans	4	Disk Pack	3
Pub Crawlers	14	Crimson Kings	2
N.C.M.E.	6	Meriners	2
Rangers	1	Morgan's Crew	0
Pub Crawlers	5	Disk Pack	3

sidelines

by John Elvidge



Hawks' "Seneca Syndrome"

Wanted: One Witch Doctor. He must be well versed in all up to date spells and incantations which would be appropriate for a hockey team with an inferiority complex. He must also be able to sing a few soothing, but reassuring chants, for a frustrated coaching staff. Lastly, he must have the ability to put mild, but effective curses on opposing teams — like the Seneca Braves. Please send your resume or what ever Witch Doctors read to: Humber Hawks Hockey Team.

What has happened to our Hawks? I think their problem is becoming more evident as the season goes on.

Several fans at the latest humiliation got the Hawks incured, in which they got their tail feathers severely burned by dropping an 11-5 decision to Seneca Braves, seem to feel the Hawks' problem is talent.

This rather mild observation created a very argumentative atmosphere, the kind that always seems to get loud and border on

personal slander. Well, after the smoke cleared, it was obvious that I had indeed made my point and it was all but accepted fact that I was the victor.

To say the Hawks are lacking in talent is stupid and shows a definite lack of hockey knowledge. What the team is lacking is the ability to put their talent to use.

It's not that they never use their talent. They just don't use it at certain times. Like when they get behind a few goals or when they play their warpath buddies from Seneca College.

The worst two games the Hawks have played this season have been against the Braves, and believe me, out of six periods of hockey against Seneca, the Hawks have only played one good period of hockey. God only knows where they were for the other five, but Seneca was obviously there, putting 23 goals in just two games.

No, the Hawks problem is definitely not talent. After all, they have beaten every other team in

this league.

Humber's problems range from minor to major proportions. The minor problems are mostly physical, that is to say, the squad is riddled with injuries and are minus a few players due to other commitments. These problems are easy to take for a coach because they can be solved with time and patience.

But, the big problem facing the Hawks is their inability to play effective hockey against Seneca. The Braves have become a curse to our Hawks and their coaches.

Coaches Lorimer and Shutt have to find a way to motivate their team to play hockey against Seneca. The same Seneca team they are going to have to beat to win the Ontario Colleges Athletic Association (OCAA) crown.

If the Hawks don't do some soul searching soon and over come the "Seneca syndrome" it will start showing up against other teams in the league, and then ... — well, I don't like to think about that.



CAPS staff wish everyone a very merry Christmas, and a safe and happy holiday season.



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We nearly forgot again — to tell you that the party is on December 19, 1984.