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Culinary student murdered

Police hunt for armed male suspect in SUV

by zoe szuch
NEWS REPORTER

Linda Brown remembers her son surprising her with cooked meals when she got home from work.

But yesterday Linda was arranging funeral services for her eldest child, culinary arts student Jermaine Brown, 23, who was murdered on Monday.

Police received a call to 235 Grandravine Drive about shots being fired around 11 p.m. Monday.

Jermaine was found wounded at the front of the building. He later died in hospital.

He was the oldest of six children. His family said he excelled at high jump, basketball and math.

"He was one of those ones that they were looking to send away, to school for basketball," Linda said.

"Basketball, that's his dream," said his father Frank.

Jermaine also dreamed of opening up his own restaurant downtown, Frank said. He loved to cook and seafood was his specialty.

His parents were thrilled when Jermaine enrolled in Humber's culinary arts program in January.

"My husband was so happy he ran out and bought him his computer bag," Linda said.

"And chef knives," Frank added.

"He loved Humber, that's why he looked forward to every morning. He was so excited he [would] get up ... on time," Linda said.

Jermaine's culinary classmate Sarjay Panesar said, "the guy

turned his life around, he wanted to do something better for his life and for his family and for him to be cut short by something like this... No mother or father should go through that pain."

Jermaine's parents are also coping with being unable to see his body until after an autopsy is completed.

The body had already been identified by two women. Police and Jermaine's parents said one woman was an ex-girlfriend.

At a press conference yesterday police said there is video and physical evidence from the crime scene.

Police believe the murder was gang-related but would not give details.

They said at least two people were involved in the shooting. Police also said they don't know if Jermaine was also a participant.

Police describe the suspect as a black male who left the scene carrying a large firearm. The suspect got into the passenger seat of a green or silver sports utility vehicle.

Const. Isabelle Cotton said "We really do need the help of the media and the public. We think there might be witnesses."

Funeral arrangements are underway. The service will be open for fellow students.

Jermaine's classmates plan to have an honorary chef jacket made with signatures from fellow students and faculty.

Police want anyone with information about Jermaine's murder should call the Homicide Squad at (416) 808-7400 or Crime Stoppers anonymously at (416) 222-TIPS.

"The guy turned his life around... for him to be cut short by something like this, no mother or father should go through that pain."

- classmate Sarjay Panesar

-with files from Jenn Coward



scott jordan

Flowers mark the site in front of the Grandravine building where Jermaine Brown was killed.



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A former Huntsville, Ontario Canada Post letter carrier was found guilty of mail theft after 110 boxes of unopened mail were found stashed in his home — cbc.ca

Students speaking out about strike

Most worry about course load, money and marking schemes

by laurel sanders
SENIOR REPORTER

Humber students are happy to be returning to class this week, even though there's no clear answer to how they're going to complete their year in time.

"We should have never had a strike in the first place, or maybe

a week at most," said Eric Araujo, a first year computer and numerical control student.

Humber's website warns students to expect things like online content, independent learning and correspondence in order to complete their compressed workloads. Depending on the course they're in, students have mixed reactions

to this news.

"I'm good because I don't have to go to one of my classes now. We're e-mailing in our final assignment," said Umberto Celisano, 20, first-year business marketing student.

"My course will probably be extended because of the CGA stuff. It's accounting, so they have

to match the CGA standards," said Cosimo Panetta, 31, an accounting student.

Although Panetta said an extended year doesn't bother him, others are concerned teachers won't be forgiving enough to students.

"I think teachers should be nice because a lot of people have

forgotten stuff," said Juliana Daud, 19, a first-year law clerk student. "Really, if you think about it, before they had two tests so you had a chance to improve your mark. Now we only have one, so if we do bad, that's it."

"I'm stressed out, I pay hard earned money and I'm already in an accelerated program. Now it's double the acceleration and I'm not a speeder," said Araujo.

William Hanna, dean of media studies and information technology and associate vice president of academic operations, said struggling students will have an opportunity to get help even if the colleges don't have a clear plan yet.

"Obviously I do feel some of my money went to waste, but there's not much I can do about it now."

- Umberto Celisano, student

"The college is certainly going to be looking at what we can do for these students, above and beyond (the strategies) we talked about," said Hanna. "I do not know what they are but I do know the colleges will be doing something to address the needs of those who can't compete within that time frame."

Most Humber students said they're more concerned about money than a heavy course load.

"I feel better now that my money's being put to use. But I want my money back. I'm not joking," said Gaetano Viesti, a first year law clerk student.

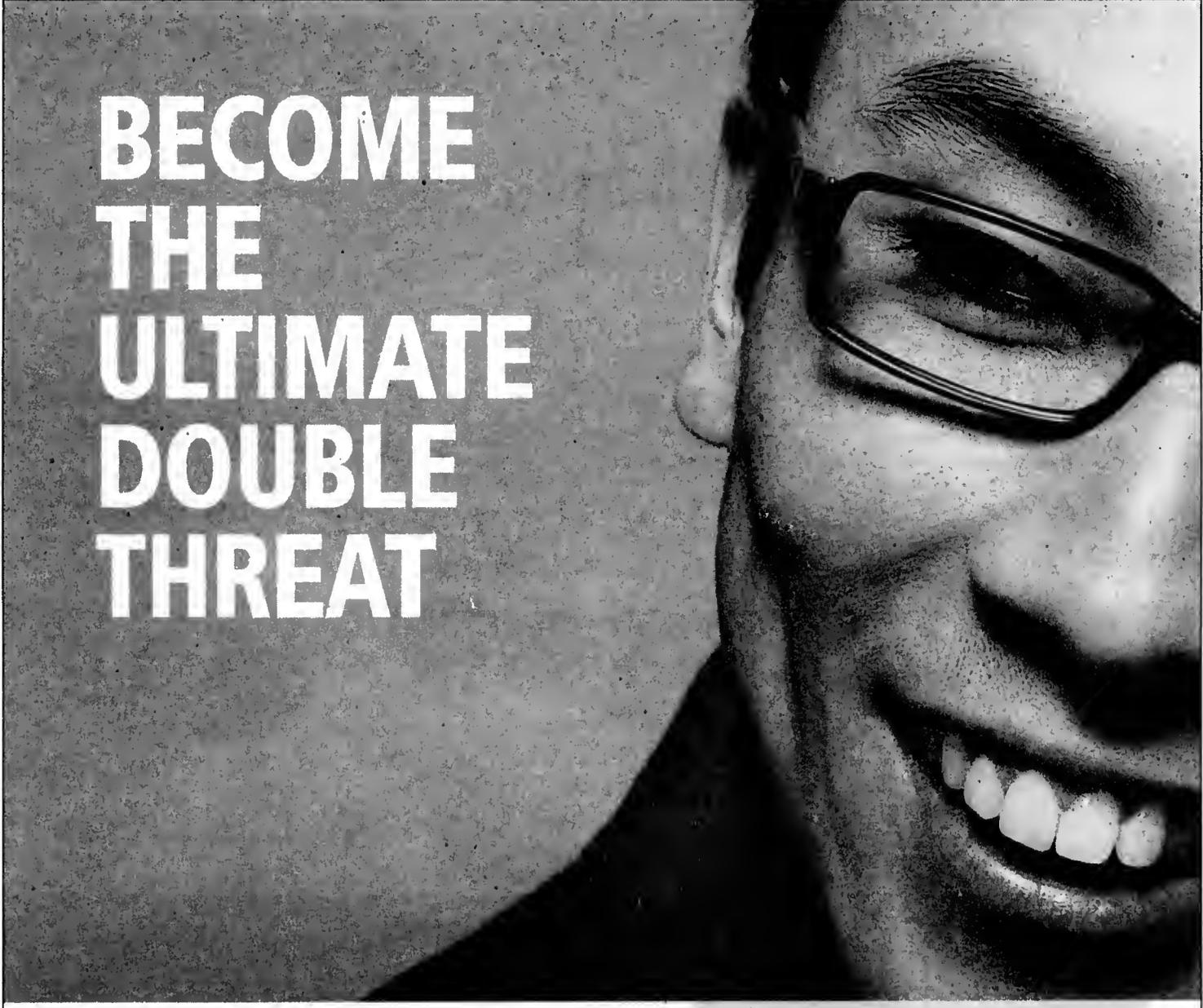
"I want money, that's what I want. Those three weeks, we paid for that, we should get (the money) back if we're not getting taught. It's like being robbed, legally," said first-year law student Daud.

According to Humber's website refunds will not be issued for students for the winter semester. Despite the fact that no student will lose their course or year as a result of the strike, students are losing some course enrichment.

"For every course there's certain 'nice to haves' where it enriches the course and some of those will have to go ... we're looking at all the pieces to ensure students acquire all of their learning outcomes in their course to complete it on time," said Hanna.

Students serious about getting a refund shouldn't go to customer service or the registration desk. Humber's website directs students to the Ministry of Training Colleges and Universities.

"Obviously, I do feel like some of my money went to waste. But there's not much I can do about it now," said Celisano.



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A total of 12 Canadians, including 11 soldiers have been killed in Afghanistan since 2002. Yesterday a 22-year-old was killed by Taliban fighters — yahoo.com

HSF almost foiled Budget vote was chaotic

by emina gamullin
NEWS REPORTER

After a heated debate yesterday, the HSF passed its proposed budget, but not without a lot of opposition.

The main point of contention was the proposed \$46,500 to pay for the College Student Alliance (CSA) membership, a lobby group that represents various student unions throughout Canada.

"Don't listen to what extremists here have to say," said one student speaker who identified himself as Matthew.

"We are not extremists, we're students," countered another named Sean who was against the CSA membership.

"Extremist students," said Matthew.

At one point HSF chairperson Tyler Burrows threatened to shut the meeting down if another outburst was heard from the crowd.

The entire budget was rejected, which would have effectively shut down all HSF operations starting April 1.

A motion was then passed to keep the budget, but amend it to take out the CSA fees.

It passed with 25 votes in favour and 24 against, but the HSF called for a re-vote where more students were signed in to vote on the matter. In the final vote the CSA stayed in the budget with 45 votes for and 31 against.

HSF vice-president Daniella Cross said she was pleased that the budget passed. "It's great that we don't have to cease operations because that would be catastrophic for students."

Anja Cantin, a second-year social service work student, and a vocal opponent of the CSA and tuition increases, said she was

very disappointed with the meeting. "Once again it's been proven that what we have here is not a democracy. We just saw first-hand how the people at the HSF manipulate things."

She said the re-vote was a scam.

"While this was going on I noticed that more and more students were called in by them and quickly signed in to vote against our motion. It's unbelievable that they twist and turn the rules and we have no say."

While HSF president Joey Svec said they had a contractual obligation to pay the CSA fees regardless of whether they represented Humber or not. Cantin said that wasn't true. "There's a lot of money in the HSF and they have lawyers working for them so if they wanted out of the CSA they could."

All parties agreed though, that more students need to come out to meetings. "Democracy has prevailed," said Svec. "The problem is that when an opposition of 30 or 40 students come, they end up making the majority, not of the 1700 students, but of the 50 people that show up to a meeting. 30 people can determine where your student money goes."

"That's the biggest problem here," said Cantin. "The students are not informed. They need to come to these meetings. They need to see the attitude of these people, the way they speak to us, the way they dominate everything. The power is with the students. Without us they [HSF] are nothing."

The HSF has a total operating budget of \$4,524,000 for the 2006-2007 period. The next HSF general meeting will take place on April 12, 2006 at the North Campus.



Students raise their hands to vote against the HSF budget during a meeting yesterday.

emina gamullin

Arbitration pact ends stalemate

by nicole blake
NEWS REPORTER

After weeks of unsuccessful contract negotiations between Ontario college teachers and college management, students at 24 community colleges were sent back to class this week after both sides agreed to arbitration.

"We feel great about the decision. This is exactly what the union proposed, voluntary arbitration," said Ted Montgomery chair of the Ontario Public Service Employees Union (OPSEU).

Negotiations between college management and OPSEU stalled last Wednesday with both teams concluding that there was no

hope in coming to a conclusion to the two-week-old strike.

Arbitrator William Kaplan will consider each side's proposals and will determine all aspects of the contract negotiations, which have not yet been agreed upon, including class sizes and salary issues.

"We feel very confident we have a good case to present to the arbitrator. We think we'll make good progress. The decision will be better for students and faculty," said Montgomery.

Arbitration is used when two parties are unable to come to an agreeable resolution. Each side will present its own view and reasoning behind its request.

Both will listen to the other's

point of view and will be given a chance to rebut the other's comments. The arbitrator will then sort out the key issues that were not resolved and make a reasonable decision, adequate to both sides.

The 18-day strike ended after the bargaining teams agreed to resolve ongoing contract issues through voluntary binding arbitration.

Montgomery said, "We hope that the arbitrator will help both parties come closer together."

The arbitrator will meet with both sides in a few months, though a date has not yet been confirmed. For updates see www.opseu.org, or www.humber.ca

Teacher killed on the line

by nicole blake
NEWS REPORTER

Former Humber College professor John Stammers died Saturday from injuries he received after he was struck by a car crossing the picket line at Centennial College.

"John was a wonderful colleague," said Eileen Burrows, president of the local OPSEU committee. "He was very popular with students. He was always patient. He always gave them all his time and attention. And he always took an interest in making the college work better for students."

The 62-year-old accounting teacher from Centennial suffered head injuries after an altercation with a driver in front of the school's Progress Avenue campus in Scarborough.

"All of us at Centennial College

are devastated by this news," said Burrows.

A memorial service was held yesterday morning and was attended by friends and family. Stammers leaves his wife of 34 years, Janet Stammers and two sons, Ryan and David.

The fatal exchange took place on March 20 when a man driving a Toyota tried to cross the picket line. Stammers came in contact with the right side of the car's hood and hit his head on the pavement.

"This is a very unfortunate and very unusual situation," said Centennial college spokesperson Rosanna Cavallaro. "This is an incredibly rare incident. At the college we have a strict protocol and we remind staff, faculty and students to act safely and respectfully during a strike."

"We've set up a scholarship in his honour," said Cavallaro. Students and colleagues attended a memorial service held at Centennial's campus Monday.

After reviewing a college surveillance video, police determined the driver did not commit a criminal offence. The 22-year-old is not a student at Centennial. He was dropping his daughter off at daycare.

Humber's flags have been lowered to half-mast this week to honour Stammers who has worked in the business department's continuing education program at Humber in previous years.

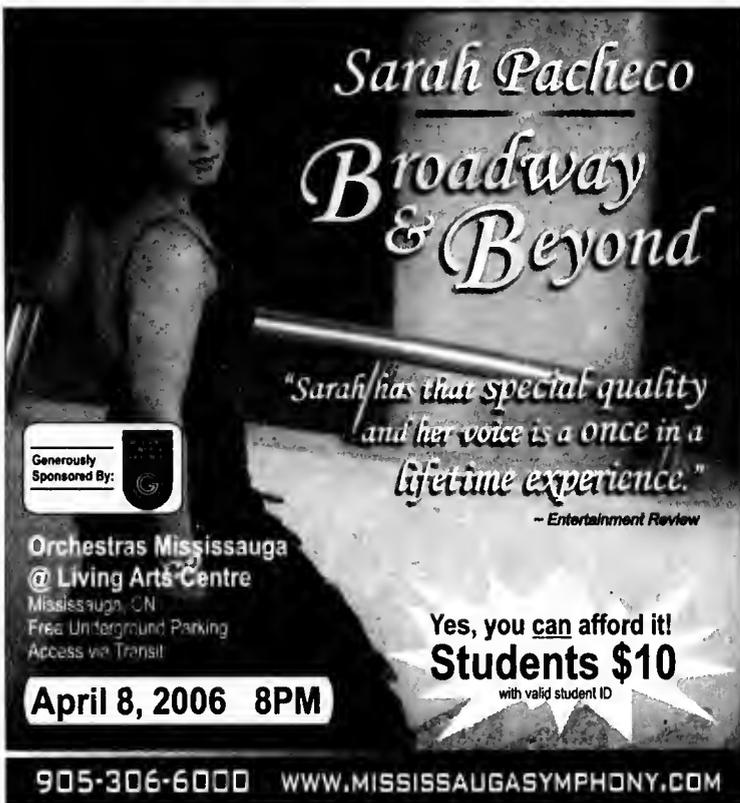
Anyone wishing to honour Mr. Stammers is being asked to make a donation to the Canadian Cancer Society or the Heart & Stroke Foundation.



Flags are flown at half-mast to remember John Stammers.

nicole blake

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Provincial budget woes

Students face end of tuition freeze and guaranteed fee hike

by andrea damiani
NEWS REPORTER

Students took another hit during the strike when the McGuinty government announced the tuition increase of five per cent for next fall.

This translates into about \$100 tacked onto tuition for most college students, according to the province.

The freeze that prevented tuition costs from being raised ends in fall 2006, so colleges and universities have been expecting the announcement for the past few months.

The Minister of Colleges and Universities Chris Bentley announced a network of new initiatives to improve quality and access to post-secondary education. He made clear the tuition raise was needed to do this.

He said the rise in tuition will be regulated to help sustain the "student access guarantee" program that would provide assistance, an to students from low income and working class families.



robina kumar

The Provincial government says it will improve school access.

"Ontario students will have access to post-secondary education based on their ability to learn, not their ability to pay," said Bentley in a press release.

In last week's provincial budget announcement the government provided an extra \$300 million to colleges and universities for updating equipment and technology, improving student services and decreasing class sizes.

The Canadian Federation of Students (CFS) said the changes

to the financial aid system will mean only 10 per cent of families, will qualify and it still does not balance out with the rise in tuition.

"For every dollar supposed to go to students, more than \$1.30 will be clawed back through tuition," said Pam Frache, the CFS's campaign and government relations co-ordinator. She added it breaks down to students funding their own student aid programs and this means student debt will rise.

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julia strojnik

Students only have a few days left for cheaper transit rides.

TTC fares going up

by julia strojnik
NEWS REPORTER

Expect to pay more to ride the TTC this Saturday.

Cash fares are going up 25 cents to \$2.75, tickets and tokens are increasing by 10 cents to \$2.10 and the price of a monthly metro pass will rise from \$98.75 to \$99.75.

The decision to raise fares came last February after the city's budget left the TTC short by \$16.5 million. The fare hike will mean an extra \$10 million for the TTC.

The TTC has more than 400 million riders annually and that number is expected to increase by about four per cent this year. TTC Chairman Howard Moscoe was unavailable for comment at

press time but told *The Toronto Star* he was not prepared to make cuts to marginal routes.

The TTC is going ahead with the fare hike despite last week's provincial budget announcement that had lots of breaks for the Toronto transit system including a \$200 million one-time investment and more than \$600 million to extend the Spadina subway line into Vaughn.

But the York University subway extension into Vaughn will not be completed for another ten years and has critics asking why the money isn't being spent on the current transit system.

Last year tickets and tokens increased by 10 cents from \$1.90 to \$2.00 and cash fares were raised by 25 cents to \$2.50.

Price breakdown

Current fares to rise April 1.

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Tokens/Tickets
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10/\$20.00-10/\$21.00

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"When authorities warn you of the sinfulness of sex, there is an important lesson to be learned. Do not have sex with the authorities" — Matt Groening

Reaching the big O

by beth macdonell
IN FOCUS REPORTER

Young women who think they're abnormal because they don't have orgasms during intercourse should understand it's a learning process.

"Once they get older and start having sex with more partners, and start learning more about their bodies, they realize that those beliefs were wrong and they start having great sex — it's as simple as that," said Chanelle Gallant, sex columnist for *Chatelaine* magazine and manager of the downtown store Good For Her.

The society of obstetricians and gynecology of Canada calls the inability to climax anorgasmia.

It says the condition occurs in about 10 per cent of women.

Gallant on the other hand says it occurs in over 40 per cent of women.

While one-third experience orgasms regularly during intercourse, another third need extra stimulation and the rest only climax from manual or oral stimulation.

Gallant says women, have to do a bit of homework to succeed at sex.

"If you only think having sex is having intercourse, that is not a female-centric view of sexuality."

To start, she advocates women take a workshop or read books on sexuality.

She cites four facts they should know to improve their sex lives:

The clitoris — not the vagina — is the female sexual organ.

Do not expect orgasm through intercourse alone.

It takes women three times as

"Find out how you like to be touched and what makes you orgasm and then you can start communicating that with your partner."

—Chanelle Gallant
manager of Good For Her

long to get aroused to the point of orgasm than men.

Women need more foreplay.

"If you got those, you're fine," she said, adding that women have to know their bodies.

"Get a mirror out and look at your vulva. Get a vibrator, masturbate,

find out how you like to be touched and what makes you orgasm and then you can start communicating that with your partner."

She attributes part of the problem to society's views about female sexuality.

"People still don't care about female sexual pleasure," said Gallant. "They care about sexiness, not sexual pleasure. So, what is expected of women is sexiness, looking like the Paris Hilton model," she said.

"What's still not important is the female orgasm."

Carlyle Jansen, founder of Good For Her, says she opened the store nine years ago because of the evolution of women in society.

"Things were definitely shifting," she said.

"I always believe that as women gain economic, social and political power, they also gain sexual power and they start being able to make choices for themselves."

Still, a lot of younger women are still not taking ownership over their sexuality, said Gallant.

Sadly, she said, "we're still not in a society where women feel entitled to their own sexuality."



Chanelle Gallant, manager of Good For Her, shows off some of the store's many sex toys and products.

beth macdonell

Life in Rez dull during strike

by marsha casselman
BUSINESS REPORTER

Three weeks was a lot of time for those living in residence during the strike.

"Of the people that were here, a larger majority were drinking, out of boredom more than anything," said Blair Lawton, an image arts student at Guelph Humber.

Chad Nuttall, a residence life coordinator, said extra activities like trips downtown were planned.

"People were definitely bored, but most who stayed were here for a reason, because they had job or placement commitments," said Nuttall.

Other students, like Andreea Redinschi, a second year photography student from Romania, could not go home because it was too far to come back on short notice.

Candice Lowes, a student working at the front desk, guessed that less than half the residents stuck around. She said

although students were lingering, there weren't any big security problems.

Some tried to keep occupied with homework, but with the possibility of losing the semester, motivation lessened over time.

"We did do homework the first days because we thought we'd be going back soon, but after a while we just stopped doing it," said Magda Olszewski, a second year photography student from Mississauga.

"We were pissed off because we didn't know if we should be doing this work or not."

Staying on campus also meant dealing with it operating at low capacity. Some students were upset the cafeteria shortened its hours.

"We filled out a sheet at the front desk about what hours we want the caf open. They obviously didn't look at that, because everyone said just keep normal hours," said Elizabeth Armstrong, in third semester of general arts and sciences.



Despite student boredom, there were few problems in rez.

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Making a difference with letters

by maria papadopoulos
LIFE REPORTER

There is a new club at the Lakeshore campus that aims to inform students about human rights one letter at a time.

The Amnesty club has eight members, all in the post-grad

international project management program, a course that deals with development and relief work in the area of human rights.

Alie Warnes, 28, is the unofficial founder of the club, created at the beginning of the semester.

"The purpose of our club is to make people aware, and exposed

to this sort of information," Warnes said.

The first activity organized was a letter writing campaign before the teacher strike.

Together they wrote a letter about issues like the exploitation of child soldiers. They then collected signatures and sent it to the Minister of Defense in Cote d'Ivoire, Africa. In light of the Omar Khadr situation, the Canadian accused of terrorism for the apparent killing of a U.S. serviceman, members also sent a letter to the U.S. Attorney General Alberto Gonzales.

They collected 100 signatures during the first campaign.

The members all believe that they can make a difference, even if it is a small one.

"Maybe a few letters don't make a difference but if pockets of clubs like this across Canada ... like us do it we'll still get 100 letters and that makes a difference," Warnes said.

"We thought having these letter writing campaigns at Lakeshore specifically where we go to school would open people's eyes."

The next campaign will focus on women's rights, specifically violence against women.

"We were trying to come up with ideas pertinent to Canada as well, the violence against women issue is alive and happening," Warnes said.

"Unfortunately, this campaign doesn't impact a lot of people but it is just a matter of one person getting on top of it and it builds and builds."

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How to deal with problematic roommates

by **jen mcLeod**
LIFE REPORTER

Like many students in residence, Jay Irving found himself living with an undesirable roommate. "He basically never left the room," said Irving, 23, a documentary production student. "He failed halfway through the year. He never told anyone and he just continued living there for no reason. It was tough because I had

no privacy." It may be the roommate who forgets to pay the utility bills, the one who keeps borrowing clothes without asking, or worst of all, the one who has noisy sex all night in the room next door. Any of these can make people dread sharing to a dorm room. "When you're experiencing a living hell, it can affect your emotional well-being, mental concentration, academic performance, and relationships," American

school counsellor Susan Fee wrote in her book *My Roommate is Driving Me Crazy!* Precautions can be taken to avoid roommates from hell, and there are ways to deal with problems. Experts say that before making the commitment to live with someone, it is important to ask them questions about their lifestyle and daily routine. Do they stay up late watching television or playing music? Do they plan to have

friends visiting at all hours or expect overnight guests? Do they plan to go home on weekends? And although it may seem like a safe choice to live with a close friend, it could actually be a big gamble.

"Even the greatest of relationships have conflict," wrote Fee. "Expecting to have disagreements is a lot different than assuming you'll never have a fight. The bigger the gap is between what you expected and the unpleasant reality of the situation, the higher your stress level."

According to counsellors, compatibility is important to consider. A common problem occurs when one person is an early riser and the other is a night hawk.

"My roommate never slept. A lot of the time when I was trying to sleep he'd be up watching TV until like 4 or 5 o'clock in the morning," said Mark Beaton, 22, a radio broadcast student. "So in the end I wouldn't go to bed until he went to bed. I think one day I just flipped out on him."

Finances can also be a problem if ground rules are not set early on and if a roommate decides to shirk his responsibility. Your name may be going on the utility accounts

and could affect your future credit rating. Another student said his friend's experience was quite costly.

"His roommate quit (school) because he wanted to come home," said Andy Wismer, 23, a professional golf management student. "So he ended up finding some dude who had a huge criminal record. He didn't want to live with this guy so he ended up having to pay all the rent by himself. He was out like \$10,000 U.S."

Counsellors warn it is inevitable that there will be conflict with a roommate, but knowing how to deal with it will prevent permanent scarring to the relationship.

Carol Cowan-Levine, a Toronto based relationship therapist, said the worst thing a person can do during conflict is walk out or withdraw from the conversation.

"It is not uncommon," said Cowan-Levine. "I think this tendency is a result of frustration."

By not addressing the issue at hand, it will fester over time.

"I think the biggest mistake is throwing in history if people have not resolved issues for a lengthy period of time," said Cowan-Levine. "So the pattern remains the same instead of addressing one item."

"When you're experiencing a living hell, it can affect your emotional well-being, mental concentration, academic performance, and relationships"

- Susan Fee, counsellor and author



Making a commitment to live with someone can be difficult and damaging to the relationship.

Susan Fee's top seven roommate complaints

1. Sex in the room

Oh, the joy of walking in on the scene! Some people are considerate enough to give you a warning; others hook up while you're in the room.

2. Borrowing.

They eat your food, wear your clothes and use everything you own.

3. Total slob.

The slob lives amongst piles of dirty laundry, dishes stacked in the sink, decaying fast food containers and a few maggots.

4. Hygiene issues.

Either this person can't detect his own special aroma, or they just want the place to themselves.

5. Poor communicator.

This person insists you are the problem and let's you know by telling everyone else but you.

6. Personal space invader.

This roomie stands way too close, he's loud, obnoxious, and assumes everyone loves him.

7. Always right.

You wouldn't have any problem getting along with this roommate if you'd just agree with everything he said.

Congratulations Graduates!

Humber's Convocation Ceremonies will be held during the week of June 19th, 2006.

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editorial

"It is not giving children more that spoils them; it is giving them more to avoid confrontation." — former president of the United States, Harry S. Truman

Nightclubs the new playground

When parents are too permissive, children suffer – this time literally

The debate over a city wide curfew has made headlines again after a Sunday morning attack.

A 12-year-old girl was stabbed in the head and back and slashed on the face by another girl at 2:20 a.m. after an all ages dance at Steam, a downtown Toronto nightclub.

Two Toronto city councillors are calling for a citywide curfew for children under the age 16 because of the incident.

Frances Nunziata was the first to speak up about a curfew.

"A 12- and 13-year-old should be home in bed sleeping at that hour," Nunziata told Global News on Monday.

The well-being and safety children is always a contentious issue. A number of questions about this recent incident have to be asked. Why was a 12-year-old girl out at 2:30 in the morning? Where were her parents?

Most parents would have been scouring the neighborhood for their child at that time of the night.

Sure, some may argue the blame will be placed on the parents because they are an easy scapegoat, but in this case maybe they should be held responsible.

Under the provincial Child and Family Services Act, children under the age of 16 are to be supervised by a parent when out between midnight and 6 a.m. So the parents of the victim could be legally charged. Charging the parents is exactly what Toronto city councillor Giorgio Mammoliti, who supports Nunziata's bid for a curfew, wants.

Many children grow up with

parental figures not in the picture for a variety of reasons.

There are also more single parent families where children do not get constant supervision. These two factors alone mean more children are left alone in the city searching for things to do.

The parents have a lot of legal issues to deal with now.

The police have said the child did have her parent's permission to be at the nightclub which makes this issue even more explosive.

Ultimately it is the parents who are to deal with this problem, a curfew is not the answer.

If a curfew was placed who would make sure it is followed?

Our police force should not be roaming the streets picking up 12-or 13-year-olds who are breaking the curfew, they should be dealing with other important crimes.

This is an issue the parents should be in charge of, not the city.

We have seen other violent crimes involving children in the past but this one seems so much different than the rest. Why?

First off, this is a terrible incident.

Secondly, this is different than other incidents involving children because it has happened when Toronto is reeling from previous violent crimes. Toronto is vulnerable and its residents are tired of the lack of gains being made in these cases.

Thirdly, at the age of 12 life should still be innocent and filled with fun times.

Most of us remember when we were 12 playing Super Nintendo or going on bike rides, not going to nightclubs and playing with knives.

A number of questions ... have to be asked. Why was a 12-year-old girl out at 2:30 in the morning?



PROPS & BURNS

To the men's and women's indoor soccer teams for respectively bringing home gold and bronze at the OCAA championships.



To the TTC for yet another fare hike when students already pay too much for transit.

With the OPSEU strike over, and the main North Campus cafeteria open again, students can once again get their fix of Pizza Pizza.



To the Ontario government for increasing students post-secondary tuition by 20 increase over four years.

To the students who attended the HSF meeting and got involved in student politics.



To Reebok for its charm bracelets which are being recalled because of lead contamination.

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Pamela Anderson, a PETA activist, has asked to meet with Prime Minister Stephen Harper following the Junos this weekend to discuss the seal hunt. — ctv.ca

Don't give me seal puppy eyes

Let's cut through the propaganda



by emina gamulin
IN FOCUS EDITOR

Bob Geldoff and third world debt relief, okay. Brangelina and the UN, great. But can someone please tell these has-been rock stars and actresses way past their prime to find something better to protest than the seal hunt? The arguments are simplistic, misguided and emotion-based at best; sexist, culturally imperialistic, and misanthropic at worst.

We've all seen the photos — those adorable little pups on a backdrop of pristine white snow. A beautiful image, were it not for the dramatic red pools of blood, delivered by the big bad seal hunters. It's a brilliant piece of propaganda.

The first time I saw it I assumed the seals were endangered, but they're not. Not even close. The Canadian government estimates current seal herd populations at around 5.2 million, almost double the number there was twenty years ago. The World Wildlife Federation (WWF) looked into the Canadian seal hunt and has no objections, finding that the seals are harvested at sustainable levels.

Also it turns out seals have a prime even shorter than that of our celebrities. The white seal pups you see in the protestors literature are nursing, and haven't been hunted in Canada since 1987.

Unfortunately, the market demand for seal meat is much lower than that of their furs but that doesn't make hunting them inherently bad. People don't have a problem with leather because they think the whole animal is used. Not true. Judith Watt, who wrote a book on the history of fur, says most of the leather we wear is

farmed from horse, goat and kid, none of which are exactly diet staples in the west.

In an article for the *Utne Reader*, Richard Ryan wrote that attacks on fur play on "cheap populism and cheaper sexism."

"You can scream at women in mink coats and be fairly certain that they're not going to physically retaliate... It would be more interesting to watch zoophiles gather in front of a biker bar, hollering slogans at the leather-sporting clientele as they swagger up to their Harleys."

In India, many people consider cows to be sacred, but you don't see them protesting the cattle industry over here. Similarly, having grown up with cats, I would never eat one, but I recognize that as my own personal and cultural bias. I'm not flying to Korea and the Philippines screaming murder.

As final thought for these animal rights activists let me say this: Animals have no rights. Rights are a human construct derived from our ability to reason. Animals have no such ability, ergo, no rights. If they did, then it would be reasonable to call pet ownership slavery.

Of course many activists think animals should have the same rights as us. Just ask People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals (PETA) founder Ingrid Newark, who said, "Six million Jews died in concentration camps, but six billion broiler chickens will die this year in slaughterhouses."

And that's the most dangerous part of these campaigns. The seal hunt protest is just an example of this type of thinking. Comparing Jews to chickens trivializes their lives and deaths. Saying animals have rights cheapens the meaning of human rights. Protesting seal "massacres" takes away from the real massacres taking place in the world right now.

Hunt jeopardizes Canadian image



by lauren wasley
LIFE EDITOR

There is a blood stain on the cuffs of Canada's wilderness image because of its annual seal hunt. The government-subsidized hunt is allowing more than 300,000 seals to be killed this year.

At a press conference last December, Green Party Leader Jim Harris said it was time to end the seal hunt.

"Killing seals is an off-season activity for fishers, and profits make up only a tiny fraction of their incomes... Canada markets itself on wilderness and wildlife. This government-subsidized seal hunt is a chapter in our history that needs to come to a close," said Harris.

There are quotas set for how many seals can be killed each year, but are these quotas followed? According to the Sea Shepherd

Conservation Society in 2002 the quota was set at 275,000 but the count that came in was 312,000. There were no legal consequences for this action, instead the quota was increased, so what message does that give the hunters?

There are hunt guidelines now that ask for most seals to be shot and not clubbed, in an effort to make the killing more humane. Yet, the Humane Society of the United States (HSUS) have said the primary seal skin processing plant in Canada takes \$2 off for every bullet hole found in the pelts — poor incentive to change old ways.

In 2001 two veterinary reports — one commissioned by the Canadian government — showed many instances of animal cruelty. Seventy-nine per cent of sealers did not check if the animal was dead before skinning it; 40 per cent of the kills took more than one blow; 42 per cent of dead seals had minimal or no fractures, suggesting some animals were con-

scious when skinned.

Supporters of the hunt say seals are overpopulated. Numbers are currently triple what they were in the '70s, estimated now at 5 million. Keep in mind during that time the population was in jeopardy from over hunting, which is why the quota was introduced.

While the hunting of "whitecoat" seals is banned (a "whitecoat" is a baby seal 12 days old or younger) older seals are fair game. In 2005 98.5 per cent of the seals killed were two months old or younger. These baby seals were completely defenseless, some of them had not even eaten a solid meal yet.

Canada prides itself on being a land full of beautiful wildlife and landscapes, a harmonious place for humans and animals to coexist. Keeping the seal hunt will jeopardize this.

However, if we want to give up our reputation and keep pelt-loving fashionistas happy, by all means keep on clubbing.

Hostages give thanks, but not to their saviours



by adam pochwalowski
MANAGING EDITOR

Last Sunday afternoon James Loney stood triumphant amid family and friends in Pearson Airport, safe and sound after 118 days of captivity in Iraq.

He wouldn't have been standing there at all if it weren't for the very people he was in Iraq to protest.

Loney and three other members of the Christian Peacemakers Teams (CPT) were taken hostage in late November 2005 by a group calling themselves the Swords of Righteousness Brigade, and remained captive until a multinational task force lead by British special forces rescued them on March 23.

The task force had an estimated strength of more than 350 men from Britain, the United States, Australia and Canada and took months of careful planning before

the mission was executed, at the risk of the soldiers involved.

You would think the now free captives would be thankful to their saviours, but you'd be wrong on that count.

Reports in the *London Daily Telegraph* indicate the freed hostages have refused to co-operate with intelligence officers in their hunt for any of the other hostages still held in Iraq. Any information Loney and his colleagues possess would greatly aid coalition forces in helping to find and rescue others. Their silence doesn't make sense, since it puts others at risk.

The CPT's mandate of non-violence and pacifism further angered people when it released its initial statement and completely forgot to thank the rescuers, and instead condemned the coalition's presence in the region.

"They knew that their only protection was in the power of the love of God and of their Iraqi and international co-workers. We believe that the illegal occupation of Iraq by

Multinational Forces is the root cause of the insecurity which led to this kidnapping and so much pain and suffering in Iraq. The occupation must end."

To the forces that spent so much time and effort to save a group of people they had warned to leave Iraq, it must have been a slap in the face. The head of the British Army, General Sir Mike Jackson, expressed his feelings when he was quoted as saying he was "saddened that there doesn't seem to have been a note of gratitude for the soldiers who risked their lives to save those lives."

Realizing the mistake, the CPT released an update to its initial release and included a thank you that seemed to focus more on the fact the task force managed to save the hostages without having to fire a shot than with the fact they were saved at all.

The CPT members' adherence to its non-violent ways are certainly laudable, but not when they refuse to help or thank the same people who secured their freedom.

Says You!

How do you feel about the school year not being extended?



"It should be extended. I'm just scared about the workload. I lost a lot of hours. I needed them to get my credits."

— Michelle Garay
ECE,
second year



"I don't care. I have to go on vacation anyhow."

— Zulfi Ali
Business Administration,
first year



"Not disappointed. If it was extended it would cut into my co-op."

— Lorena Diaz
Interior Design,
second year



"I'm fine. I'd be more bothered if they did extend the school year. I would've lost my job opportunity this summer."

— Steven Resedes
Business Administration,
second year



"I'm fine with it. I don't mind them keeping it. We're still learning and doing everything we have to do."

— Natasha Ricci
Business Administration,
second year

arts & entertainment

Jack White has said contrary to all the rumours, The White Stripes is not breaking up. White is currently touring with his new band The Raconteurs — Muchmusic.com

Turning off your lights is for the birds

by karen mackenzie
IN FOCUS REPORTER

A strange and macabre spread was briefly added to the roster of wonders at the Royal Ontario Museum (ROM) earlier this month. As school break visitors streamed into the museum on March 8, volunteers of the Fatal Light Awareness Program (FLAP) arranged 2,000 dead birds on the floor of the ROM Rotunda.

The demonstration was designed to bring attention to the issue of bird collisions — the leading cause of death to birds in Canada, according to Michael Mesure, executive director of FLAP, a registered non-profit organization since 1993.

All the birds in the temporary exhibit — which included 89 species — died after flying into downtown Toronto buildings during their 2005 migration.

"Most are night migrants," said FLAP volunteer Irene Fedun.

"They use the constellations — they use the moon and the stars, various cues to move. Lights left on high up in the sky would tend to confuse them."

Reflective surfaces and windows are also confusing during the day because birds mistakenly fly into the reflection of trees.

As a result, FLAP volunteers collected over 4,700 dead and injured birds from around buildings in the downtown financial district last year, mainly in the pre-dawn hours. Birds which were still living were brought to the Toronto Wild Centre for release or rehabilitation, while the tiny corpses were sorted, bagged, and transferred in freezer storage.

"Some mornings they'll find nothing, others one or two, and others over a hundred," said Mesure.

The bulk of the dead are later delivered to the ROM, which acts as both a repository and a distribution centre for their bodies.

"No bird goes to waste that we find," Mesure said.

The ROM uses the dead birds to shore up its own specimen collection — as study skins and taxidermic gallery mounts, and for their skeletons, tissue and feather samples, said Mark Peck, an ornithologist with the ROM's department of natural history.

The dead birds can also be used to study the spread of diseases such as the West Nile virus, or avian flu, and to educate kids about the nature and its value, Peck said.

"In the city, kids can grow up without any contact with nature, and unless they develop an appetite for the world around them, they don't care."

FLAP has also partnered recently with the City of Toronto and Toronto Hydro to kick off Lights Out Toronto, a pilot project to bring further awareness to the issue and encourage building owners and tenants to turn out their lights after 11 p.m.

The campaign, which will officially launch April 6 by Mayor David Miller, will put ads in subways, streetcars, and buses asking



karen mackenzie

FLAP volunteers collected over 4,700 dead and injured birds.

people to extinguish their lights.

"These environmental issues seem so mind-boggling because they're so broad, but something like simply turning out your lights, you are actually doing

something very positive," said Kelly Snow, an environmental policy planner with the city of Toronto.

For more information, visit www.flap.org.

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Inside Spike Lee's newest blockbuster

by kelly anderson
ENTERTAINMENT REPORTER

Is Denzel Washington so satisfied in his comfy spot in Hollywood that he insists on playing the same role time and time again?

It almost seemed that way at the beginning of *Inside Man*, his latest film where he plays a hostage negotiator at a bank robbery.

Washington is known for his roles of men in authority, which include detectives and military men in at least six of his films. He eventually won an Oscar for playing bad as a seedy cop in *Training Day*.

This time out, Washington turns the tables on his previous role in *John Q* as a man who holds a hospital emergency room hostage, by being the negotiator.

Frequent Washington collaborator Spike Lee directs *Inside Man*, which is a return to form of good movie making.

The movie sets out immediately with the bank hold-up. A number of people, led by Clive Owen (*Closer*), walk into the bank in painter's outfits and hold everyone, the customers, tellers and manager captive. They're stripped down, removed of cell phones and keys, and all given painter's outfits of their own, along with blindfolds and gags.

The perpetrators call themselves Steve, or forms of Steve, and proceed to lock their hostages

away in bank offices while they set about an elaborate plan, of which the viewer only gets bits and pieces.

Washington plays Det. Keith Frazier, who comes to save the hostages and coerce the very clever Steve to give up. Frazier predictably has a different way of negotiating, but it is captivating to watch the battle of wits between Frazier and Steve.

Time is running out for the ringleader Steve, who continues to demand a bus for all the hostages and a jet for himself and his cohorts.

The bank's owner, Arthur Case, played by Christopher Plummer, muddies the situation by assigning a power broker, Madeline White, played by Jodie Foster, to get certain items out of his safety deposit box.

Dirty secrets, agendas and money are major plot points in the movie.

Plummer and Foster are great at being sleazy while not being detestable.

The acting and the plot could have been mundane or predictable. But the right cast pulled off a heist caper that managed to surprise and entertain for the entire 129 minutes.

Although *Inside Man* will not make any social impact like some of Spike Lee's past films, such as *Do the Right Thing* or *Malcolm X*, Lee still manages to make a good movie with humour, cultural awareness, and intelligence.

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"Well, either side could win it, or it could be a draw" — Soccer analyst Ron Atkinson runs out of options describing how he thinks a game will end.



courtesy athletics

Both the men and women's indoor soccer teams showed grit, winning gold and bronze.

Indoor soccer teams kick up a storm

by adam pochwalowski
MANAGING EDITOR

There may not have been any classes during the strike but the men and women's indoor soccer teams took their opponents to school, winning gold and bronze respectfully.

The men's team won its sixth consecutive gold medal, and ninth in the past ten years, with a 2-1 win over the George Brown Huskies that came down to penalty kicks.

Humber forward Mike Aigbokie scored four goals in five games to earn tournament MVP honours and was also named the OCAA male athlete of the week for his efforts.

The expectations for the men's team to win were high, with team co-captain Mike Marchese saying, "There was a lot of pressure on our shoulders, thinking we've already won five times in a row. Everybody wanted us to win again."

Humber wouldn't have made it to the gold medal game though if it weren't for a timely comeback during the dying minutes of their semi-final contest against rival Sheridan.

"There was a lot of pressure on our shoulders, thinking we've already won five times in a row."

- Mike Marchese, player

With around two minutes left in the game, Marchese scored to tie the game, and defender Brandon Patterson put the team ahead.

Coach Germain Sanchez noted he didn't have to do much to fire up his squad, and just had to remind them to stay disciplined. "I don't have to motivate the players, but I do have to remind them

to play their positions, to do what they are supposed to do, to do what we have practiced."

The men's victory gave the women's team the push to succeed at well

"I guess it's a kind of motivation to do well with them, to also get something out of it, like a medal," said mid-fielder Jessica Cordeiro.

The bronze medal win against the Seneca Sting was sweet revenge for the women, having lost 3-0 to them in the first game of the tournament.

"I think our mentality was we have to win this no matter what, even though we had already lost to them," said Christy Hazley, one of the team's defenders.

With the season now over, women's coach Vince Pileggi has another reason for enjoying their bronze finish. "You want to be successful for the senior players who are graduating and this is their last chance to compete in an OCAA event."

Sports This Week

Thurs Mar. 23
The Montreal Canadiens pounded the Toronto Maple Leafs 5-1.

Fri Mar. 24
The Cleveland Indians played the Toronto Blue Jays and trounced them 16-3.

The Toronto Raptors had their largest win against the Minnesota Timberwolves ever, winning 97-77.

Sat Mar. 25
Montreal got revenge on the Maple Leafs, with a 6-2 win.

Sun Mar. 26
Rookie Indy driver Paul Dana died after crashing on the Homestead-Miami Speedway in a practice session.

Mon Mar. 27
Minnesota faced off against Toronto again, this time in baseball. The Twins won 3-2.

Tues Mar. 28
The Leafs won again, beating the Philadelphia Flyers 3-2.

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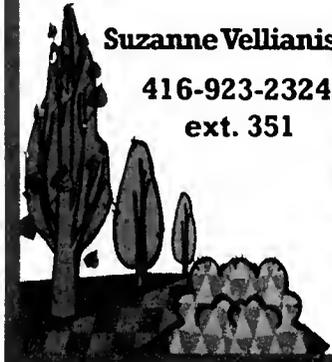
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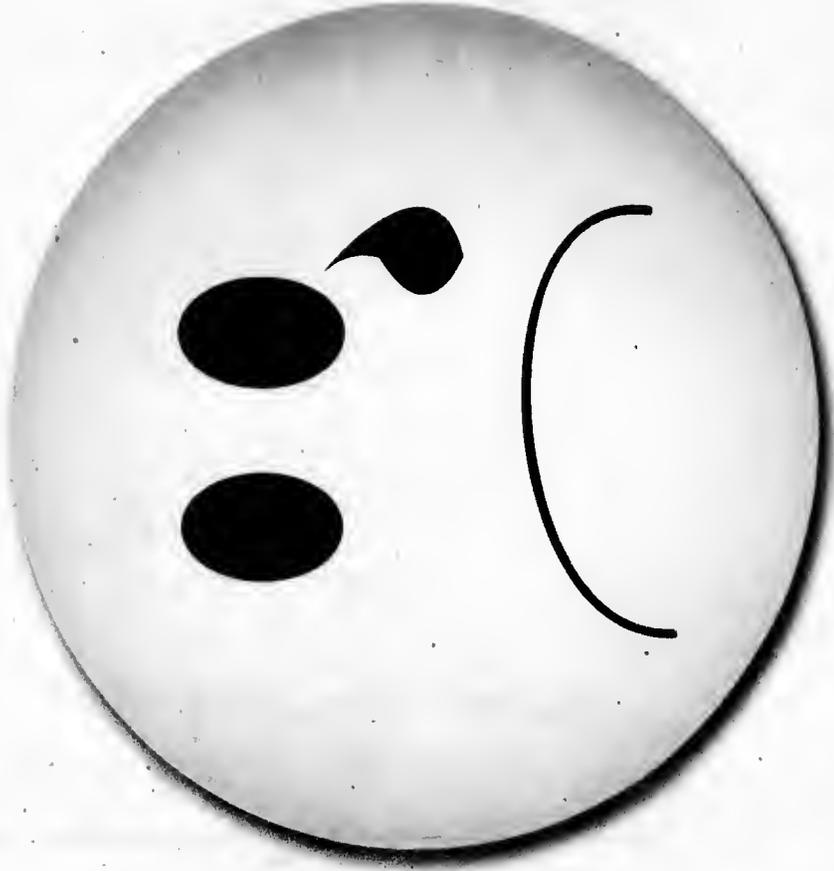
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