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## OCRA survey Supports aims

Objectives of the Ontario College Retirees Association were supported "overwhelmingly" by responses to a questionnaire distributed last November.

The questionnaire, sent out to nearly 1000 OCRA members, evoked a 50 per cent response.

One of the principle findings of the survey was the need to recruit in colleges with under-represented membership in OCRA. It also identified the desirability of establishing retiree associations at those college where none exists.

The potential for membership is 8,000 college retirees, it was pointed out. To date membership represents only a fraction of that number. However, OCRA officers felt that the survey results were probably representative of the total.

According to the analysis of the responses members support the concept of a non-social organization, dealing with issues of concern to all.

Two issues were identified by respondents: the cost of benefits and the nature of the benefits themselves. Seventy percent indicated that they had kept some of Sun Life benefits.

Further information may be obtained from OCRA's website: [www.caatretirees.org](http://www.caatretirees.org)

## Humber status changes: From CAATS to ITAL

Humber College has left the ranks of the Colleges of Applied Arts and Technology. It is now an Institute of Technology and Advanced Learning (ITAL). This designation identifies Humber as a "senior" college offering degree-level education. It will now be known as Humber College Institute of Technology and Advanced Learning.

## BBQ, AGM set for Thursday, June 12

HCRA's fourth BBQ and its third Annual General Meeting will be held on Thursday, June 12.

Notices of these events are being mailed to member and potential members together with this newsletter.

As in past years, the BBQ, scheduled for 12:30, will be held at the Arboretum. Should adverse weather intervene, the event will be moved to the Student Services Centre. Signs will announce any change in venue.

The AGM will be held in the Seventh Semester from 11:00 to 11:45 a.m. At that time the Directors will report on the Association's activities; the Treasurer's report will be submitted.

Nominations for new association directors will be held.

Following the meeting a "Greet and Meet" hospitality session will be held in the Seventh Semester until 12:30.

A cash bar will be open!

The new classification enables Humber to develop and offer bachelor's degrees in response to changing economic needs of the market place.

For the fall of this year, the College is offering three new degree programs: **e-Business, Industrial Design, and Paralegal Studies**. One hundred and eighty students will be accepted into these programs. Next year, **Manufacturing Management** will be added to the list.

Another 20 degree programs are under active development including **New Media — Broadcast Production, Creative Advertising, Robotics and Automation, Software Engineering, Energy Management, Airport Management, and Health Care System**.

Humber has already demonstrated its strength in the development and provision of degree-level programming with its **Bachelor of Nursing** degree offered in collaboration with the University of New Brunswick, and the University of Guelph-Humber integrated degree-diploma program.

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### From CAATs to ITAL.....

In setting up the new designation, the Ontario Ministry of Training, Colleges and Universities directed that Institutes of Technology and Advanced Learning will:

- Have up to 15 per cent of programming in applied degrees
- Increase flexibility in programming to allow students to move more easily between programs, including allowing diploma graduates to complete applied degrees and apprentices to complete diploma programs
- Have an increased emphasis on industry and specialized sectoral support for new programs, and
- Have an increased involvement in applied research through partnerships.

"Our degrees will include applied knowledge and skills, as well as industry co-ops," said Humber President Dr. Robert "Squee" Gordon. "Humber's degrees will also offer a high-quality academic education that will prepare students for graduate studies at many Canadian and American universities. This combination will give graduates a head start in the job market."

The ITAL designation has also been assigned to Sheridan and Conestoga Colleges. Georgian College received approval to establish a special division within the college: the Georgian College Institute of University Partnerships and Advanced Studies. This division will partner with degree-granting institutions from Ontario and elsewhere to bring more opportunities for degree-level learning in the local community.

## Outstanding Alumni Sought by Humber

Humber College is seeking outstanding graduates to honor as nominees to the Premier's Awards competition.

The College is asking retirees to help identify graduates who have achieved significant career success while being involved in the community. The successful graduate will attend a reception in February hosted by the Premier, be recognized at Convocation and be inducted by plaque on the Alumni Wall of Distinction.

To add incentive to the search, the College is offering \$1000 to the retiree who identifies an alumnus who *actually qualifies* to receive one of the six Premier's awards offered each year. In addition, it is offering \$500 to the retiree whose identifies an alumnus who qualifies as a *nominee* for the Premier's award and the Alumni Wall of Distinction.

The financial incentive can go either directly to the retiree who identifies the alumnus or it can go to the Bursary Fund set up by Retirees Association.

Contact Maggie Hobbs, Director of Awards, Alumni, at 416-675-6622 ext.4321 or e-mail

### Final footsteps...

#### In Remembrance

It is with a deep sense of loss that we record the death of the following Humber retirees/faculty:

**Henry (Hank) Bedard**  
School of Business

**Cy Bulanda**  
Student Counselling

**Derek Massey**  
Liberal Arts & Science Div.

**John Wallace**  
School of Business

## Christmas Party!

One hundred and twenty retirees and guests attended the Association's third Christmas Dinner.



Retirees represented all areas of the College workplace and we're certain from the fun and laughter at each table that all enjoyed the evening.



In addition, through the many donations of gifts from the various sections of the College, many went away with door prizes. However, the most important part of the door prize program was the raising of \$420 dollars toward the Retirees' Bursary Fund. The fund now stands at \$853.



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