

Cafeteria cashiers learned to slow the pace down to allow people time to count out their money. One cashier even ran a tab to accommodate a favourite student who loved the fish and chips platter but did not always have enough money to pay for it. How that till was balanced every night is still a mystery!

### ***Parent Advocacy***

Parents have been involved since the founding of the Humber program and they now play a pivotal role on the Advisory Committee. Some people question the appropriateness of involving parents, knowing how most college students are fairly independent of their families. Despite these doubts, parent support is essential, and communication between parents and faculty has become an accepted part of the daily routine.

Many parents, well on their way to burn-out after twenty or more years of advocacy and struggle, now watch their sons and daughters thrive in college. It brings them new energy and fresh resolve for facing the impending question of work. Somehow the possibilities for their children seem greater than before. They see improved self-confidence and motivation in their children. Several said this was the first time their son or daughter saw him or herself as someone who could make a contribution and have a place in society. One father, commenting on his son's daily telephone conversation with a long-standing friend, said he could not get over the growth of his son's vocabulary and how much more worldly he was in his conversation.

### ***Student Involvement***

Students supported by CICE certainly benefitted, and so did their peers, as is obvious in the testimonial of a human services student:

*When I first learned I was going to do a placement with CICE I was not exactly excited. I'm not patient enough,*