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FES takes new approach

As anyone involved in new and innovative fields is well aware, you spend a disproportionate amount of time explaining what it is you do and what it is you don't do. Such is the case for York's Faculty of Environmental Studies.

Praised for its innovative and interdisciplinary approach to studies of urban problems, the Faculty of Environmental Studies combines the expertise of professors from many disciplines. It is the only environmental studies program in Canada to focus on social science, humanities, and organizational and policy-orientated approaches and the only one that takes the environment as the central organizing principle for its academic program. Its emphasis on practical training and individually tailored programs prepares students to approach problems practically. The emphasis on theory is supplemented by the requirement that student work outside the University in jobs related to their field, thus preparing themselves to integrate theory and practice in their work.

Some of the areas in which the FES is involved include regional/rural planning and northern development, conservation and rehabilitation of natural environments, energy and resource management, health and quality of working

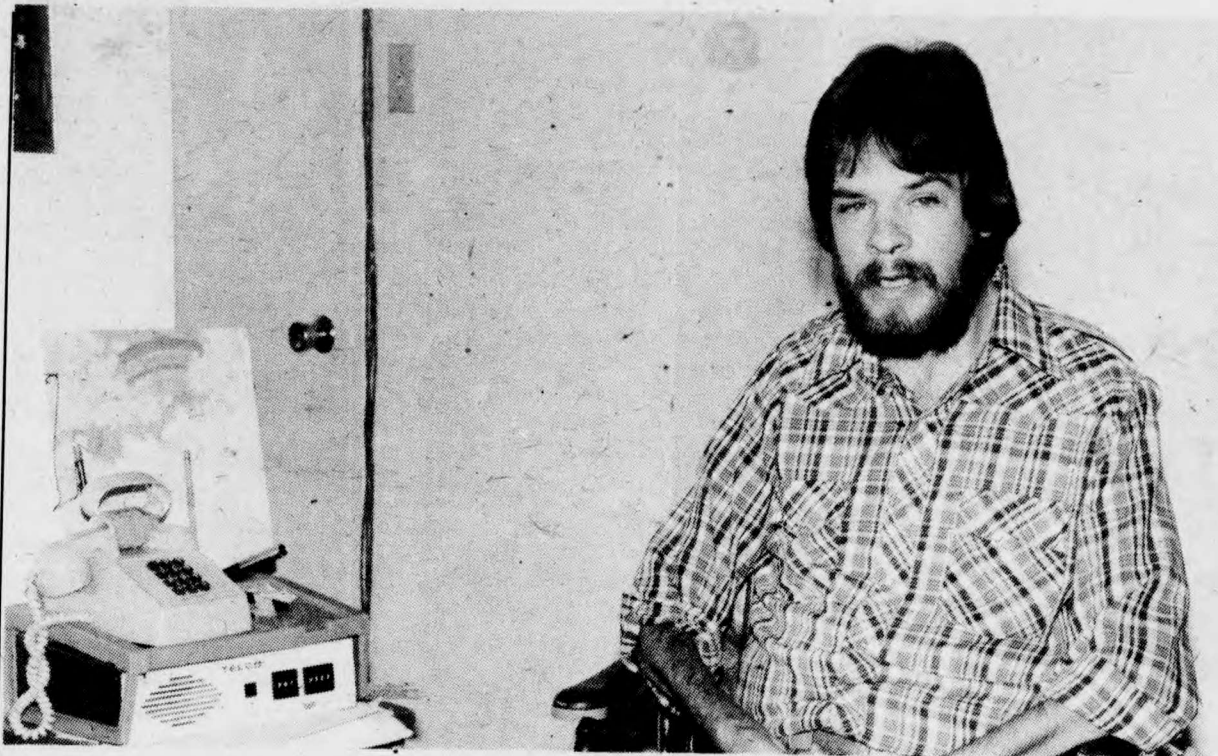
life, international development, recreation, environmental education and mass media.

The variety of undergraduate degrees that FES students possess gives testimony to the interdisciplinary emphasis of the program. For example, a graduate with a political science background is now a lobbyist in Washington for the Canadian Coalition on Acid Rain, and a former fine arts student is involved in the production of films on environmental issues.

"The range of possible jobs is incredible," says geography professor Paul Wilkinson noting that most graduates have gone on to become planners, teachers, consultants, and lobbyists.

Eric Winter, Master of Calumet College, says many people are under the impression that the Faculty is made up of "retired botanists". To shatter this image he organized a series of information sessions in January that demonstrated to liberal arts students how their educational background could be applied in this professional capacity. He feels that the Environmental Studies program is a natural stepping stone for many arts graduates. "It provides a transitional process from liberal arts to livelihood," he says.

For more information about the Faculty of Environmental Studies drop by their offices on the 5th floor Scott Library



Peter Guimond with telephone equipment.

Unique sonic detector aids handicapped student

When third-year psychology student, Peter Guimond, fell from his wheelchair last year while alone in his apartment in Atkinson residence, he had virtually no recourse for assistance.

For Guimond, a quadriplegic, the resulting feeling of helplessness and the hindrance to his independence prompted him to take some positive action. Guimond approached the Rehabilitation Technical Unit, a division of the National Research Council, who responded by designing a unique and ingenious electronic alarm system that is now installed in his apartment.

In an emergency he merely has to whistle or shout three times to activate a sonic detector triggering the automatic dialling device in the telephone. The phone is preset to call York's emergency switchboard and within minutes help is on the way. A fourth burst of sound will automatically shut off the system.

"I'm gaining independence," says Guimond. "The equipment eliminates a lot of frustration and makes you feel much more secure. For severely handicapped people it's a must." He believes that this type of hardware could be a boon to the independence of the handicap-

ped and the elderly. "People are reluctant to move out of institutions. If they do move they are facing danger constantly," he explains.

There are now a limited number of these devices being manufactured, yet the cost, at three to four thousand dollars, is sure to be a drawback for most people.

A field placement at the Ontario Crippled Children's Centre heightened Guimond's interest in rehabilitation and he plans on continuing his work in this area.

Handicapped Student Centre

For the past five years York's Handicapped Student Centre has served as a focal point for a variety of activities that facilitate life on campus for the handicapped.

The first of its kind in Canada, the Handicapped Student Centre was founded in 1977 by Judy Snow who saw how handicapped students like herself could improve their situation by sharing resources and information.

The Centre now offers a gamut of services ranging from pre-university counselling for high school students, to mobility tours for the blind and those in wheelchairs, and assistance in choosing courses from the perspective of accessibility of class location.

Gail Kenyon, Coordinator of the Centre, points out that the most heavily used service is the volunteer network, which was established to help handicapped students with their everyday needs.

The work of the Centre also extends to the drop-in facility and resource centre located in the Behavioural Science Building, Rm. 135.

Inter-University Hockey Tournament

Yeoman Oldtimers battle to close finish



President Ian Macdonald tips in a goal from the corner of the net in the 6-4 win over McMaster.

undefeated record, stretching back to the beginning of last season; in the past, Trent has won the tournament trophy three times, York twice and Queen's once.

In the opening round of the tournament, York was pressed to the limit before defeating McMaster University 6-4. Goals by Stuart Proudfoot, Paul Stager, Ian Macdonald, Ron Okada, and Michael Creal, gave York a narrow 5-4 lead until York's Chris Kostka put it out of reach for McMaster, scoring on an empty net in the closing seconds of the game.

Meanwhile, Trent University overpowered Queen's University by a 10-3 score. Following a convivial luncheon, the losers met in a consolation game which Queen's won 5-2. That set the stage for the tournament championship game which has become a traditional rivalry between York and Trent; York became defending champions on the strength of a close victory last year after 18 minutes of sudden death overtime. However, the tables were

reversed this year as York faced some hot goalkeeping, and although the Yeoman Oldtimers applied tremendous pressure throughout the game, only Steve Fleming managed to flash the red light and York was defeated 3-1.

York undefeated this season

The York team entered the 1982 tournament undefeated in 1981-1982 season play, defeating the MPP's, 20-5, at Maple Leaf Gardens in early December 1981 and tying the University of Waterloo 7-7 just before Christmas. York demonstrated its scoring power in those two games with the following players scoring goals in the game against the Mpps: Chris Kosta 5, Ian Macdonald 4, Michael Creal 4, Stuart Proudfoot 3, Jim Laxer 3, and Paul Stager 1; and against Waterloo, the scoring was distributed among Ralph Barbeito 2, Ian Macdonald 2, and Michael Creal 1, Eric Hamilton 1, and Bruce Cappon 1.

During the 1982 tournament,

McGill University, repaying a visit that York made to Montreal last year, and Waterloo University, repaying a visit that York made to Montreal last year, and Waterloo also joined the festivities to take part in discussions about expanding the 1983 tournament format to six teams. This was agreed to by all parties; therefore, the 1983 tournament will be two full days, allowing at least four games for each team.

On the eve of the tournament this year, McGill faced off with York in a warm-up game which York won 11-4, paced by 3 goals from Stuart Proudfoot, 2 from Micheal Creal, and 1 each from Ralph Barbeito, Bruce Cappon, Chris Holmes, Chris Kostka, Ian Macdonald, and Paul Stager. McGill also played an exhibition game against Waterloo and came out on the short end of a 10-2 score. However, the spirit of the McGill team was not diminished by defeat and they forward to their first tournament next year. Meanwhile, York will pay a return visit to Waterloo at the end of March.