

Fingertips on a world of stats

# Research institute has free key to data

Everything you always wanted to know about child abuse, right at your fingertips.

Well, perhaps the prospect doesn't raise goose-bumps on one's skin, but a horde of students and faculty in political science, psychology and sociology frequently pay \$15 a shot to feed 10 such "search words" into

York's information retrieval system and learn the latest on each untidy subject.

The Social Science Information System (SSIS) can cough up everything from treatises on "the effects of birth order, socio-economic class and national origins on voting behaviour of first-time

voters" to children's reactions to computer assisted learning.

The system is part of York's Institute for Behavioural Research, an interdisciplinary research agency created in 1965 with a mile-long mandate: "to study behaviour and behavioural change in individuals and society, using the techniques of

objective scientific research with a view to advancing knowledge, and providing constructive solutions to individual and social problems."

One of the techniques is the data bank, which handles the archives listing results of questionnaires and the like.

"The archives are the bread and butter of social scientists," said former IBR information services manager Wendy Thompson. "Few of them are doing work that isn't quantitative."

"Economists and psychologists have been using statistics for years, collected mainly through surveys and questionnaires designed to figure out, say, the employment aspirations of high school students."

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"They use a computer to compare the answers with the questions; then the data bank takes it and advertises

its availability to interested academics."

Use of the bank, which includes such delights as all Canadian Gallup polls since 1947, is free to the York community, since the Institute operates on a university subsidy, with a French counterpart at l'Universite de Montreal.

As well, the Survey Research Centre branch of the Institute will conduct nation-wide academic surveys, while the Method Analysis Centre has programming analysts on staff who will teach anyone how to use the programmes in the centre's computer programming library.

If this all seems unbelievably complicated but sparks a thin vein of interest, visit Room 242, Administrative Studies or the Scott library's reference department for news of the information retrieval system. Or phone 667-3026.

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The test was taken last year by over 130,000 candidates whose scores

were sent to over 200 Canadian and American law schools.

Candidates are advised to make separate application to each law school of their choice and to ascertain from each whether it requires the Law School Admission Test. Osgoode does. Law schools select their first year students in the spring preceding the fall term, so candidates for admission to next year's classes are advised to take either the October or the December tests.

This half-day objective test, given in the morning is designed to measure certain mental abilities deemed important in the study of law.

The Law School Admission Bulletin, which includes sample questions, registration information, a list of test centres and a registration form, should be obtained at least eight weeks in advance of the desired testing date.

The registration form and fees must be sent air mail and post-marked 48 days before the test date to guarantee the test. Registration materials may be obtained at most law schools and universities or by writing Law School Admission Services, Box 944, Princeton, New Jersey, 08540.

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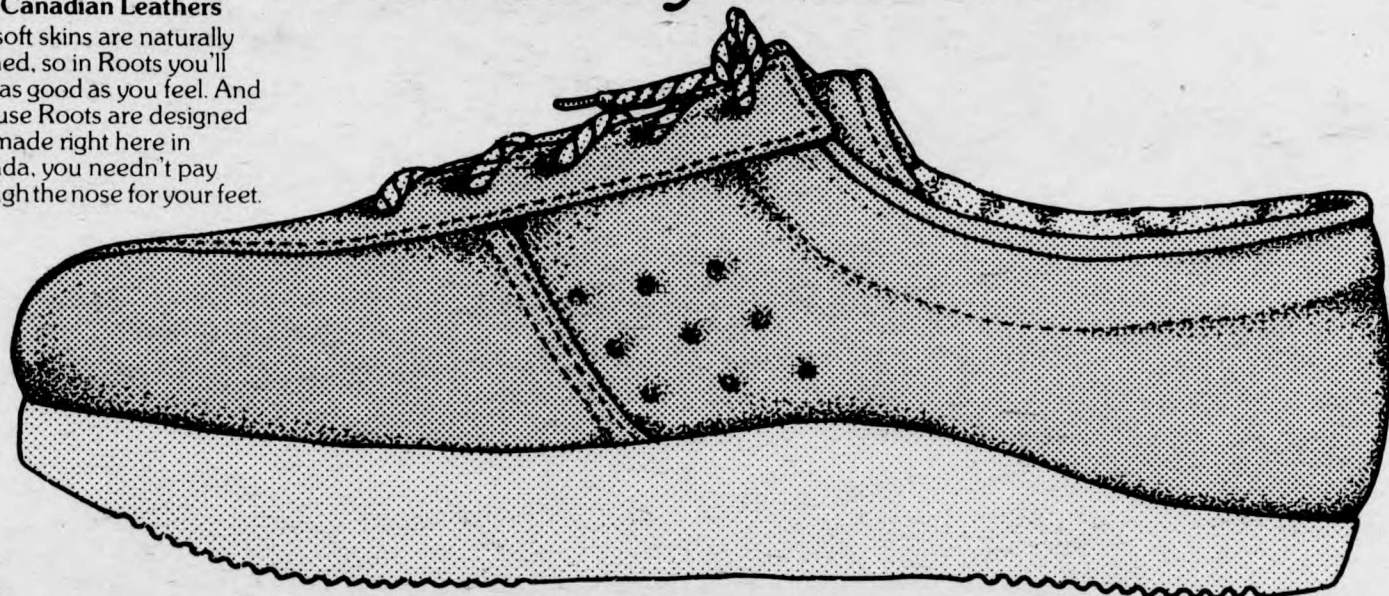
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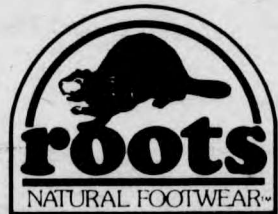
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## This is the law

Individuals interested in weaving their way through the tangled web of the Canadian legal system and learning about its effect on their daily life can take an explanatory course from York's Centre for Continuing Education.

The Law and You, a layman's guide to such items as what to do when the landlord shuts off the heat, has its first phase from October 9 to November 27. These eight weeks, Wednesdays from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m., will include four different instructors lecturing on family, consumer, criminal and civil liberties law. The cost is \$40.

For further information, and details on the second and third phase, call 667-2525. The course, open to the general public and held in cooperation with the Canadian Civil Liberties Association, will be conducted in Osgoode Hall.