

Poll shows students unsure

Connection, what are you?

Last fall, many of you were kind enough to fill out a questionnaire for the Campus Connection Peer Counselling Service. What follows is a summary of the results. Complete survey results can be obtained from our office. Roughly seventy per cent of the two hundred and twenty seven respondents were in their first through third years of study, and the remaining were either fourth year, graduate or part-time students. Ten staff members responded as well.

Despite a heavy advertising campaign at the beginning of the term and articles in *Excalibur*, forty per cent of those surveyed had not heard of our service. Of those surveyed, two-thirds were in their first or second year of studies. One bright spot was the fact that eighty per cent of the fourth year students

surveyed had heard of the Campus Connection or its predecessor, Harbinger. Of those who had heard of the Campus Connection, most had heard of the service through posters and/or *Excalibur* advertisements, and friends.

Also encouraging was the fact that seventy-five per cent of all respondents replied positively to the question—'could you envision yourself taking advantage of this service?'

Another significant result was the fact that less than four per cent felt that peer counsellors (rather than professionals) were insufficient for the services provided.

Of special interest to the administration was the question regarding our location. The Campus Connection is located on the ground floor of McLaughlin



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College, rooms 026/027. This is rather out-of-the-way with regard to the central hub of the campus. While this is beneficial in providing confidentiality, it is also

difficult to find. This latter point is reflected in the high number of respondents who did not know where the service was located.

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student Councils was the positive response we received toward the use of student funds to support our service. Well over eighty per cent of the respondents replied affirmatively to the use of student government funds to support the Campus Connection Peer Counselling Service.

Overall, the survey indicated a positive perception toward the Campus Connection. As well, it showed the need for more support and promotion of the service by the staff at the Campus Connection from Student Councils.

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