

Only feeling that system is good

# Olson says nothing proven yet about colleges

Terry Olson, York's newly appointed assistant on academic affairs, investigates educational technology and instruction formats. He says there is no evidence to support the expectations of the small college system.

"We only have an intuitive feeling that it's good," Olson stated, "but nothing has been proven."

The York structure was set up and

left to run without any data collected on educational technology or on the format and quality of instruction.

This, Olson asserted is "the same problem that plagues most developments in a run-away technological society."

In a pending report, Olson explained his findings of the collegiate system at the University of California. There, students com-

plained of a narrow one-college curriculum while the faculty felt shut off from their departments.

For the first time at York, a college has laid a proposal before the senate to set up an independent curriculum.

If granted, the move would make Stong college academically independent. York's colleges assert their identities only with separate

residence and social lives.

Many of the problems of the University of California would not be recreated here, Olson believes. Here, multi-disciplinary studies take an emphasis which might ward off the in-growth tendencies of a specialized curriculum college.

Olson, an American political-scientist and past chairman of the political-science department at

Glendon, began his data gathering April 1.

When chairman of the senate's Committee on Examinations and Academic Standards, he says he "kicked out loud and long against the institution" for their neglect in the area of institutional research.

York president David Slater suggested Olson take the job as a step towards a partial solution.

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space is now available at York. Glendon is accepting 15 student chiropractors in the men's residence.

A number of double rooms have been converted this year into singles in accordance with requests in previous years for increased private accommodation. However, it appears that these rooms will remain empty, as many students are moving into off-campus co-op apartments to beat the increasingly high cost of residence.



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## Off campus housing places 250 students

Bev Davis, off campus housing coordinator says over 250 placements have been found since August.

She said she disagreed with Excalibur's interpretation last week that the service was poor.

The service will continue during September.

### Eratum

We wish to correct an error in last week's story "Surkis claims colleges cause social hassles."

EXCALIBUR incorrectly reported that Grant Corbett resigned from his

post as McLaughlin's social affairs commissioner. It is the Council of York Student Federation temporary social and cultural affairs coordinator Herman Surkis who has decided to resign.

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