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Association acts as safety value

By SHELLEY RABINOVITCH
 What holds dances, prints a newsletter, answers questions, and operates on an initial budget of only \$50? If you guessed York's Science Students' Association, then you're right.

Cloistered away in room 102-H of the Steacie Science Library, is the headquarters of the Association. Equipped with two desks, five chairs, filing cabinets, coffee supplies and a lot of energy, the office is large enough to hold a maximum of 10 people before asphyxiation. The room is the best the Faculty of Science could muster this year, but members concede it is better than nothing.

"When we started up this year," says vice-president Mike Cadesky, "we had a few problems in front of us - money, no constitution, and little initial support from the faculty. Now we can boast of being the most active association on campus."

The association has held five dances and have printed seven issues of their newsletter, "The Black Hole", to date.

The group was founded last year when the largely fourth-year students began planning over summer get-togethers. "Science is a high pressure faculty," stated Cadesky, "and students are hyper - they want to get involved. We are the safety valve."

The Faculty of Science has only 1,000 members as compared to the Faculty of Arts, so there is a feeling of camaraderie that permeates the halls of Steacie.

"Where else will you find people showing up to dances just so the dance will be a success?" asked Cadesky. "We've announced that we are looking for new members to work here next year, and in one day we received over 25 new applications."

WORD POWER

By BILL SHERK

Are you an invertographer?

This is a brand new word you can add to your dictionary. It refers to a person who can write upside-down (the accent falls on the third syllable).

An impractical word, you say? Not at all. My insurance agent dropped over to see me a few days ago and during our conversation he mentioned that his boss can write upside-down. This unusual ability impresses his clients a great deal - especially when a desk is separating client from salesman and the salesman writes facts and figures upside-down so the client can see them right-side up!

I suddenly realized that no word existed (to my knowledge) to describe a person who writes upside-down. I went to bed that night thinking about the problem and when I awakened in the morning, I had the word.

If you're fond of neologisms (new words to add to our language) and wish to become a neologist (a person who coins new words), it's easy. You simply find a gap in our language (English has less than a million words) and fill it with a new word made up of old parts arranged in a fresh order. Since last December I've churned out *sesquilingual*, *invertographer*, *ambipedetrous*, *Canuckophile*, and *sexophilist*.

If you want to see your neologisms in print along with your name, send them to me at the Centre for Continuing Education. We'll use as many as we can in future columns.

In this week's test, underline the choice that comes closest in meaning to the key word. Answers below.

- 1) perfunctory - a) punctilious; b) objectionable; c) superficial; d) concentrated; e) slow
- 2) salutary - a) beneficial; b) safe; c) opening; d) respectful; e) introductory
- 3) epicurean - a) medicinal; b) reforming; c) optimistic; d) ubiquitous; e) fond of good food
- 4) anomalous - a) peculiar; b) comparable; c) sporadic; d) awkward; e) unreasonable
- 5) analogous - a) identical; b) recorded; c) inconsistent; d) similar; e) irregular
- 6) pristine - a) prudish; b) pure; c) requisite; d) peremptory; e) incomplete
- 7) sybaritic - a) of mutual benefit; b) decadent; c) sarcastic; d) reproachful; e) luxurious
- 8) scathing - a) wretched; b) blunt; c) unexpected; d) blistering; e) unfair
- 9) impecunious - a) above reproach; b) penurious; c) diseased; d) imperturbable; e) inscrutable
- 10) ashen - a) combustible; b) weak; c) pale; d) hot; e) flushed

ANSWERS: 1c), 2a), 3e), 4a), 5d), 6b), 7e), 8d), 9b), 10c).



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