

UNIVERSITY NEWSBEAT

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Unique Program

Education grads are in high demand

Students in York's Faculty of Education have a high chance of being employed in their chosen field, statistics show. A survey of last year's graduating class indicates that 88.5 percent of the respondents were successful in obtaining positions in education. Particular demand is in the areas of French, math, science and special education.

Instead of the traditional one-year program offered by other institutions, York education students are enrolled in a unique program that allows them to pursue their academic and professional studies simultaneously. They coregister in an academic faculty and the Faculty of Education after the first or second year of full-time studies and graduate with two degrees, (B.Ed plus BA, BSc, BFA). The faculty, too, is cross-appointed from other disciplines and adjunct professors are drawn from school boards to provide the vital link between the university and the schools.

'Essay Writing'

HOW-TO MANUAL REPRINTED

The innovative manual on how to write a university essay, introduced by York's Writing Workshop last year, was so well received by faculty and students that it is being reprinted.

The book is available at the Information Desk in the York Bookstore as well as in the appropriate section of the bookstore for individual courses that require it.

OCUFA seeks nominations for teaching awards

York professors won four of last year's 10 Ontario teaching awards and have collected a total of 20 awards over the last eight years.

The Ontario Confederation of University Faculty Associations is once again soliciting nominations for their annual teaching awards. The objective is to provide more recognition to outstanding teachers in Ontario universities. Successful nominees will be selected by the OCUFA Committee on Teaching Awards.

The category of teaching embraces all levels of instruction such as graduate and undergraduate teaching, continuing education and faculty development. Activities such as course design, curriculum development, organization of teaching programs and other significant forms of leadership are also important contributions to the instructional process. Anyone who excels in any of these areas is eligible for the OCUFA teaching awards.

Nominations are invited from individuals, informal groups of faculty, students and organizations such as local faculty associations, faculty or college councils, university committees concerned with teaching and learning, local student councils,

departments, and alumni.

The deadline date is December 1 and no standard form of submission is required. However, sponsors should provide sufficient evidence from as many sources as possible to ensure that the nominee's work is deserving of recognition.

A guideline to assist in organizing a nomination submission is available from the Faculty Association office or the provincial office of OCUFA. The name, address and telephone number of the nominator should also be included in case further information is needed.

Letters of nomination with supporting documentation may be sent to: OCUFA Committee on Teaching Awards, 40 Sussex Ave., Toronto, M5S 1J7. Tel: 979-2117.

TD installs 2 green machines

The York University Campus Branch of the Toronto-Dominion Bank has recently installed two Green Machines to provide extended banking hours to the York community.

A Bank spokesman explains that the Green Machine Card is "not a credit card, but an

excellent service for providing access to accounts." Cardholders may make deposits, withdrawals, pay bills, and transfer funds 24 hours a day. The service is entirely free, does not require a credit enquiry, and is available to anyone who has an account at any Toronto-

Dominion Bank branch.

A newsletter with further information will soon be available in the Bank, and copies will also be posted in College offices and University residences.



Students and teachers learning at the Faculty of Education.

The advantages of the concurrent degree program are many but most important is the emphasis upon practice teaching. The three-year program gives a student the equivalent of six months or more in the classroom. "Students have three years in a school placement and therefore have time to polish their skills. That is the big trade-off," says Janet Lewis, Associate

Dean of the Faculty of Education. "The student is in the same school all year and can see how the children profit from that kind of arrangement."

In addition, stress is placed upon special education, which includes courses ranging from the identification of learning problems to teaching gifted students or those with physical and emotional handicaps. "We

have a very detailed program in our faculty. An enormous proportion of our students take it as an option," explains Prof. Lewis. Students may specialize in this area or in other options that lead to additional teaching qualifications such as English as a Second Language, French as a Second Language, Physical and Health Education, Visual Arts, Roman Catholic Religious



From left to right: Peter Prieto, sales representative with BWIA; Shirley Moss; President Macdonald; and Doreen Wilson.

Lottery boosts day camp

On October 1 President Macdonald drew the winning tickets in the York Youth Connection Day Camp Lottery, which raised \$2,453.

First prize, a two-week trip for two to Trinidad and Tobago donated by BWIA International, was won by Shirley Moss of North York. One week's accommodation in Trinidad was contributed by Holiday Inn Inc. while another week in Tobago was donated by C.A.I.R.S. (Canadian and International Reservation

Service).

Doreen Wilson, also of North York won second prize, a trip for two to Jamaica.

All proceeds from the lottery go to the York Youth Connection summer-day camp, which operates on the York campus for young people between the ages of 10 and 16 from the neighbouring Jane-Finch area. The camp offers a varied program in visual and performing arts, as well as sports and social activities.

Education and Judaic Studies.

For students considering a teaching career the Faculty of Education offers a pre-education program that functions as an introduction to the profession. Run on a volunteer and non-credit basis, students act as teacher's aides at the school of their choice for 20 days either during or at the end of the academic year. Applications are still being accepted for this year's pre-education program. For more information contact George Chase at 667-6304, Rm. N820 Ross Building.

The Faculty of Education Student Association (FESA) also schedules events open to the community. Adrian Wharton, vice-president of FESA, has initiated a weekly lunchtime film program that concentrates on special education, professional development and films for the classroom. For dates and times of showings drop by the FESA office at N808 Ross Building.

For information regarding the B.Ed degree program contact the Office of Student Programmes at 667-6305, Rm. N802 Ross.

Career seminars start in Nov.

The first in a series of career seminars sponsored by the Faculty of Education will be held on Tuesday, Nov. 3 at 6:30 p.m. in the faculty lounge. Henry Johnson and Ann Walsh from the North York Board of Education will conduct a workshop on Resume Writing. Although geared towards students pursuing careers in education, the workshop is open to anyone interested in improving these skills.

Other career orientation sessions to be presented during the academic year include Interview Techniques, How to Survive your First Year in the Classroom, Alternatives to Teaching (careers in insurance, banking and personnel), Continuing Education for Teachers, and an information seminar with school board representatives.

Goalies sought for faculty team

The York University Faculty Members Hockey Team urgently requires goalkeepers. Anyone aspiring to such a position (for the purpose, the term "faculty" is sufficiently elastic to include staff or students) should call Professor Ian Macdonald, 667-2454. The team practices regularly each week and plays several games, including tournaments, during the year.