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# York prof edits special education publication

By **NORMA J. YEOMANSON**  
Education is an essential component of a child's life, believes Eric Haughton, a York's Faculty of Education, and he has done something to ensure that it is available to every child. The magazine he edits, *Special Education in Canada*, is concerned with the teaching processes of special education, which covers a spectrum from the exceptionally bright child to one with any sort of learning or physical disability. The magazine is funded by the Canadian Committee of The Council

for Exceptional Children (CEC), an international organization with approximately 8,000 members. Providing coverage from coast to coast, with representatives in each province, the magazine is geared to the needs of the classroom teacher, to provide new ideas and a place to share them, Haughton says. Involvement is the keynote of the publication. Students are encouraged to submit ideas and articles. In the November issue, for example, students were asked: "What would you do if you were principal of your

school for one day?" with the responses published. "The magazine is intended to be crisp and easily read," says editor Haughton, for individuals who lack the time to dwell into heavy theoretical journals. Despite the fact most publications are concerned with copyrights, *Special Education in Canada* encourages the reproduction of materials. It provides graphs and learning materials that can be used directly in the classroom situation. Broader communication is sought.

"Our November issue carried an article in French," said Haughton "and the next issue will have one in Italian." The magazine appears four times a year, and a one-year subscription costs \$4. CEC members receive the magazine as part of their \$15 annual membership fee, along with two American journals on special education.

Special Education in Canada needs people with new ideas, people to interview, edit and write articles. Writing is voluntary, with some honorariums for certain positions. So if you are interested contact Eric Haughton, Faculty of Education, York (667-6301). A student chapter of CEC is currently in the planning stages.

## Students incompetent evaluators U of Saskatchewan report says

SASKATOON (CUP) — University of Saskatchewan faculty members feel students are not competent to evaluate them. The faculty's recommendation that student questionnaires be prohibited in arts and science was recently passed in a faculty meeting, 44 to 33. Evaluation decisions, according to a faculty decree, will now be based on a combination of student evaluation es-

says, course material, classroom visitation, guest lecturers and instructors' self-evaluation essays. A faculty report prepared by R. W. Krutzen to survey and assess student questionnaires as a measure of teaching effectiveness called students' opinions "hearsay evidence" and "nothing more than unconfirmed gossip. "There is much more to teaching

than making students happy. A balanced combination of knowledge and personality are needed for effective teaching even if the student does not require the former to sustain the illusion that he has learned. In short, consumer satisfaction is not a sufficient condition for effective teaching," the report said.

The Students Arts and Science Society has unanimously decided to go ahead with course evaluation regardless. The U of Saskatchewan Students Union has agreed to fund the project.

## Westinghouse Strike

ST. JEAN, P.Q. (CUPI) — Four hundred workers and students demonstrated outside the strike-bound Westinghouse Canada plant here in the first action of a newly formed regional common front. Militants from 20 union locals joined the students and teachers from the St. Jean CEGEP (community college) for a peaceful rally at the factory where 275 workers have been on strike since Nov. 26.

Some classes were cancelled at CEGEP and several small plants were hit by the brief walkouts.

The front was formed two weeks ago by local officials of the Quebec Federation of Labour, the Confederation of National Trade Unions and the Quebec Teachers.

About 5,000 union members in the region are affiliated with the three associations.

Last fall the Westinghouse workers in Hamilton were earning \$4.19 an hour," said Jean Pare, "compared to \$3.19 here, and since then the Hamilton employees have had a cost of living increase."

The company has offered an 86 cent hourly wage increase over a three-year period plus a cost of living increase," he said.

In addition to parity, the strikers want to upgrade salaries of the women in the plan who earn an average of 25 cents an hour less than the men.

TODAY'S RADIO YORK BEARPIT SESSION features York Fine Arts Professor Claudio Duran. Professor Duran has been teaching at York since his arrival from Chile last fall. He will speak on recent events in Chile, and will answer questions from the floor.

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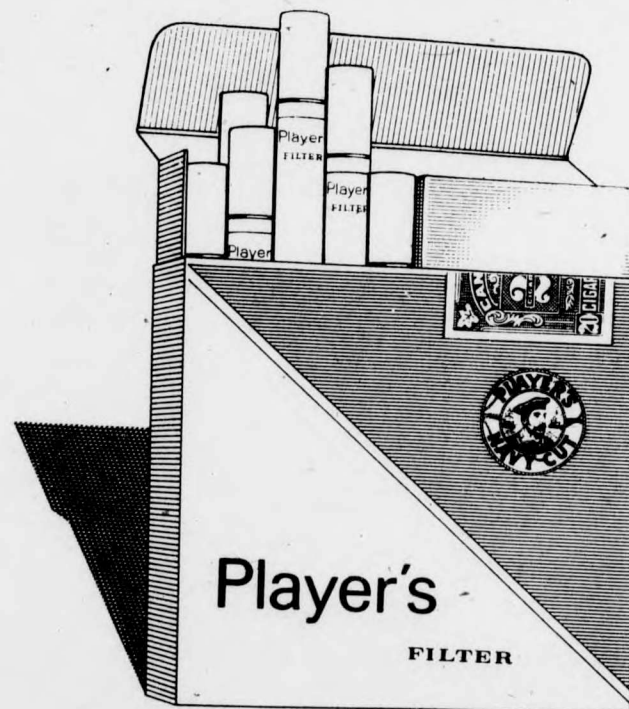
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