

**Seneca programme**

# MILE lets you travel outside the classroom

By JULIE BUCK  
If getting out of the classroom and into a real learning experience appeals to you, the Seneca is where you should be.

M. I. L. E. (Mobile Intensive Learning Experience), which opened in

1970, has developed a new concept in learning which offers the opportunity to spend five weeks travelling and experiencing the things you would otherwise be learning in a classroom.

A student of the development of natural resources, for example, could

speak to sources in Ottawa, and possibly miners in Northern Ontario.

You might spend a week in a small mining town and gain a first hand opportunity to see for yourself what is really happening.

The basic theory in Mobile Education is that subjects can be learned, and taught, more extensively through involvement in the community than they can in a classroom environment.

Although there have been other attempts to provide the same type of course both at community colleges and universities, these have almost always been tourist trips or direct classroom exchanges.

Frank Longstaff, project officer for the MILE Program said "We plug our students into the community, where they can gain a good sense of the situa-

tion and see the problems from different points of view."

Students travel in small groups of 40. They meet with their teachers seven or eight times before leaving and perform research duties.

Some courses have prerequisites which range from good physical condition to enrolment in Seneca's library techniques programme. Although the courses are open to anyone, students have to have a special understanding of the subject matter involved to be eligible.

University students enrolled in this course cannot use it as a credit; however, credits are transferable between community colleges.

**NO FORMAL TESTING**

No formal testing procedures exist,

but students are observed during the trip and are marked accordingly.

Most classes have about 18 students. Because most students take two subjects, two teachers are also attached to the group. Two groups travel in one bus.

Longstaff said they would rather billet in peoples homes or sleep on the floor of a basement because they don't learn anything in "The Holiday Inn".

Often, the minister of the local church will give a talk on the history of the area or the problems the community faces.

MILE is a popular course at Seneca. Not only does it give students a chance to experience what they are learning, but it also gives them a different outlook on both Canadian and overseas studies.

## Costs up — again!

The Committee on University Affairs and the Council of Ontario Universities report a 12 per cent rise for non-salary items between 1972 and 1973. Libraries will face a likely increase of 15 per cent in the cost of books and periodicals.

Due to increasing costs over two

years universities have been forced to reduce non-salary and maintenance expenditures even as unit prices go up. Universities can no longer reduce maintenance or non-salary expenditures COU reports. If income is insufficient to meet essential costs, great damage may be done to the universities, the council says.

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## Worldwide ban bomb petition circulates here

By HONEY FISHER

A petition is being circulated among the faculty at York to ban all nuclear weapons.

The international appeal entitled the "Nagasaki Appeal for the Complete Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons" was drawn up in Nagasaki, Japan, last August, during the annual atomic bomb disaster commemoration. The statement has been endorsed by a group of thirteen prominent faculty members at York University and the University of Toronto, including York professors Ellen Greengross, Istvan Meszaros and Andreas Papandreu. So far, approximately sixty signatures have been received from both universities, even though publicity is still small, said Janet Salaff, head of the group of U of T.

The organization initiating the appeal, the Japan Council Against A and H Bombs, is attempting to coordinate the campaign on a worldwide scale. The appeal calls on the govern-

ments of all nations, including the five nuclear powers — USA, USSR, Britain, France, and China, to meet at one place and time to reach an international agreement completely prohibiting the use, testing, manufacture, and stockpiling of nuclear weapons, and thus putting an immediate end to the nuclear arms race.

Although this does not appear to be an immediate issue, Salaff feels that it should not be passed off as being unimportant. Salaff said that she considers it unnatural to stop protesting the use of nuclear weapons. She feels that the public must be reminded of the seriousness of the situation, and that the problem will not go away if it is simply forgotten. The "nuclear umbrella" still lingers over Japan, as long as the possibility still remains of the US using nuclear force. The US is still polluting the Pacific waters testing their nuclear arms in spite of strong protests by many governments.

Salaff noted that the general feeling in Canada is that the problem is not ours, but exists south of the border. She views this as an inaccurate judgement and says there are ways that Canada can influence its closest neighbour in the area of foreign policy, which the US has not yet learned to conduct peacefully.

The petition states the definite need for keeping the issue alive and maintaining continual pressures on the Canadian government to declare its strong and active opposition to nuclear weapons testing, and to support international agreements on complete nuclear disarmament. The appeal is being circulated as an act of solidarity with the Nagasaki movement in the hope of forcing the international governments to take concrete steps to effectuate their moral statements against nuclear armaments.

## Mindtripping

The Centre for Continuing Education E. G. O. Programme is offering a series of seven lecture-demonstrations entitled Parapsychology and Frontiers of the Mind. The lectures, conducted by Dr. H. Eisenberg, are held every Tuesday night from 8 p.m. to 10 p.m., room 107 in Stedman Lecture Hall, until March 12. Cost is \$5 per seminar; \$3.50 for students. For more information contact Centre for Continuing Education at 667-3276.

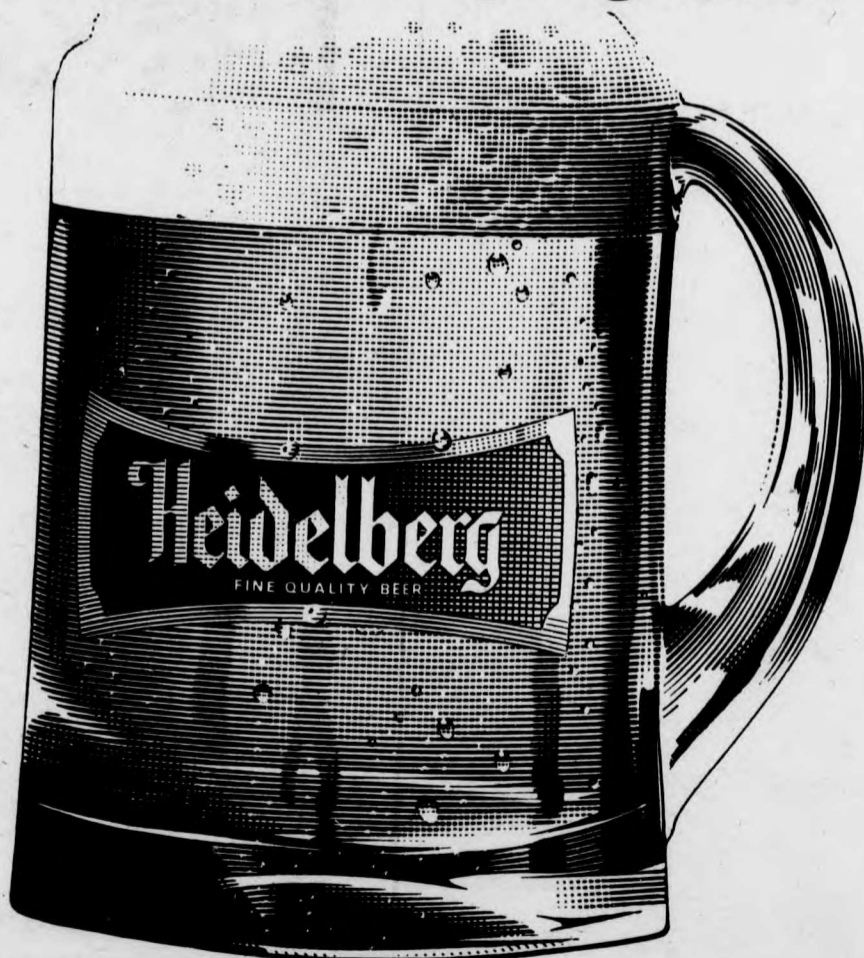
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The Scrip Office (37 Temporary Office Building) has new hours. Scrip will be issued from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Mondays and Fridays only.

It is hoped that this wider selection of hours will be of benefit to residence students in their personal timetabling, a notice says.

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