

Options open for the summer

We at OPTIONS would like to take this opportunity to thank all those who have assisted us throughout this past year. Thanks to the sponsorship of several of the Colleges and Faculties here at York we have managed to achieve some of the goals that we had set at the beginning of our existence.

The OPTIONS Volunteer Placement Service is now open on Mondays from 10:00 am until 3:00 pm, and with the assistance of a grant from the Experience 79 program, it should be open and operating throughout the summer.

It is our hope, and the hope of agencies in the Metro Toronto and North York area, that students will find the time to invest in any of a number of volunteer projects this summer. With the high rate of unemployment, it is an unfortunate fact that many students will be unable to find full time employment this summer. Rather than spending untold hours in front of the TV set, help yourself and many others by volunteering on a part time basis in an area of concern to you. The Volunteer

Service is located in Rm. 202B Vanier College, York.

We have also been successful in initiating some third year undergraduate courses, that should appear in the books this coming year. The courses will be designed to allow the student to undertake research in an area of immediate concern to our surrounding community with the efforts of his or her work being used by Community groups in attempts to convince the government to change or adjust its policies where necessary.

An example of the type of course we describe can be seen in the new course that is presently before the Science Curriculum Committee, on Environmental Issues. The course will be housed in the Liberal Science Dept., but will be open to all students of the campus, and will be taught in conjunction with the Federation of Ontario Naturalists. (FON)

The areas of study will include Development of the Niagara Peninsula, Preservation of Marshland in Ontario, Ontario's

Parkland Policy, etc. Students will be allowed an unspecified amount of financial backing for travel expenses etc. over the year, to assist them in their research efforts. At the end of the year they must submit a completed paper

researching one of the specified problems, which will be graded and the submitted to the FON and other environmental agencies for their use. Your efforts will go directly towards efforts to preserve endangered areas.

Imprint wins student support at Waterloo



WATERLOO (CUP) — The University of Waterloo again has an official student newspaper.

The *Imprint* easily won a referendum giving it official status and a per student levy Mar. 21. With an 18 per cent turnout, 2,424 students voted in favour, and only 594 were opposed.

Last November, students voted to disavow the former official student newspaper, the *Chevron*. The *Imprint* was formed last summer in reaction to charges of lack of staff democracy and the dominance of one political group on the *Chevron*.

The *Chevron* was expelled from Canadian University Press (CUP) in January because of the charges of lack of staff democracy. The *Imprint* is now a prospective member of CUP.

Nuclear program a bomb?

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Through the Harrisburg drama, it was a little disturbing to read as though it were of primary importance—that the cloud of radioactive particles was not going to pass over Toronto, that we could rest easy.

This suggests that the cloud was dangerous but since it was elsewhere it was not our problem. To say it couldn't happen here is to ignore the reality of Pickering, 30 miles up the coast of Lake Ontario. Alex Ahee, an Osgoode student who worked at Pickering for three years and was well acquainted with its elaborate safety systems, was not impressed: "...I used to have lunch with the plant controllers. They were ordinary guys, like Jack Lemmon in *The China Syndrome*, with all the angst of everyday citizens - marital problems and all the rest... As long as men are running reactors, they're bound to make mistakes; they wouldn't be human otherwise."

Sankaran's dismissal a 'loss to community'

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Second year music student John Dustan stated that as a teacher Sankaran is "personable, approachable, knowledgeable... very popular with his students."

Sankaran's dismissal will be a loss to not only the music students, but to the York community, Dustan maintained. "Sankaran is an outstanding musician who has been active in doing concerts around campus... he has made available to the university a type of performance which is rare in Toronto."

Both Dustan and fourth year music student Hedy Wong stated that the students feel the university should look beyond the finances and consider the high educational value of the music program.

Although the matter is shrouded with many of unanswered questions, Sankaran appears optimistic. He said he has not thought about what he will do if he must leave York, but added that one alternative is to seek a position in another university in North America, or else return to India and continue performing.



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