

New program offered in Health and Society

By DANIEL WOLGELERENTER

A new interdisciplinary programme in Health and Society is now open to Honours students in the Faculty of Arts majoring in Anthropology, Sociology, Political Science, Philosophy, Psychology, or Physical Education.

The new Double Major Programme, housed in the Division of Social Science, is co-ordinated by Associate Professor Harriet Rosenberg. Students enrolling in the programme will take two compulsory Social Science courses, one at the second year level and the other in fourth year. Students must also take one other Social Science course and three additional courses outside their departmental co-major. Courses taken toward the Health and Society major cannot be counted towards the other major field of study.

The concept of Health and Society refers to the body of knowledge that has emerged in the last 20 years in response to "perceived limitations in a strictly biomedical approach to health issues," said Rosenberg. She added that many departments at York, including the Social Science division, have offered a variety of health related courses in the last 10 years and that "the health field is one of the largest and fastest growing occupational categories in Canada."

Graduate studies in health-related issues are also offered at York,

through the Psychology, Sociology, Anthropology, Environmental Studies, and Social and Political Thought departments. Rosenberg noted that Vice-President Ken Davey's Task Force on Health Teaching and Research at York, appointed in 1987, recommended the creation of an organized research unit and a graduate programme in health. She added that other Canadian universities offer graduate programmes in the Health and Society field, including Waterloo, Manitoba, Toronto, McMaster, UBC, McGill.

Of the eight people who have inquired about the programme, four have enrolled. Rosenberg says she expects 20 to 30 students to co-major in Health and Society in the first two to three years. She added that the programme's capacities will be evaluated after three years to determine whether to expand it.

The programme is not expected to require any significant additional funding in its start-up phase, apart from some release time for the coordinator and some "minimal secretarial costs." As well, in an April 1987 memorandum to Rosenberg, Social Science bibliographer Judith Harvey stated that the "proposed programme in Health and Society should fall well within the range of library resources," and that the programme was one in which the York Libraries "have had an interest for many years."



York trivia wizard Jill Rabjohn.

Trivia game sweeps campus

By MARK WRIGHT

Is it true that York was built on one of Ontario's best jack-rabbit hunting sites?

If you answered "yes," then you are probably ready to play Knowledge Pursuit, a new trivia game put out by the Office of Student Affairs which is sweeping York campus.

Two teams are formed of up to six people per side. Questions are directly related to York with the exception of the Wellness category which stresses education on such subjects as drugs, alcohol, and AIDS. Other categories are Pot Pourri, Info York, Academia, Geography, and Sociability.

Creator Jill Rabjohn, a recent Fine Arts graduate who works in the Office of Student Affairs, said the idea came during a brainstorming session with Director of Student

Affairs Cora Dusk and some of the residence tutors.

"Originally, the game was created as part of an educational campaign for the residences which is part of the seminars the residence tutors give," Rabjohn said.

Rabjohn learned a lot about York while writing the 3,000 questions which make up the game. For example, she discovered, contrary to popular belief, that the plans for York Campus were not purchased from a California architectural firm, and that the ramp which used to be in front of the Ross Building was not used for riot control in the 1960s.

Her favourite question? "Is it true that the *Toronto Sun* write that York University is a notorious nest of pot-smoking academics?" If you want to know the answer, play the game.

Rabjohn was surprised at the number of people who knew at least

one fact—for example, that the Cock and Bull was once a debating hall.

Most of her summer was spent designing the game board and organizing questions. The game involved her so much that she found herself thinking up questions "even while sitting on the beach."

Feedback is important, Rabjohn said. The Office of Student Affairs would like to hear what people have to say about the game. At some point the Office hopes to update it.

Student Affairs will hold a tournament in the East Bear Pit in Central Square from October 3-6, and college matches will be organized in residences. Cameras and T-shirts will be awarded, and one commuter participant will win a Marriott meal plan for five all-you-can-eat lunches per week.

Registration forms can be picked up at 124 Central Square.



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