

University News Beat

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First contact with campus

York Enquiry Service aids applicants to York

Nestled away in the Steacie Science Library dwells the York Enquiry Service. Many people wonder what it's there for.

One hint: during the summer months the staff are usually besieged by crowds of people and the phones ring constantly.

The staff at YES have the task of explaining York's ever-evolving admission requirements to a wide variety of people. Anyone who

applies to one of the undergraduate day-time faculties usually has contact with YES at one point or another.

YES can tell you what the basic admission requirements are. They can arrange an interview for you if you don't think you meet those requirements or if you have special questions or interests.

Once a person is admitted YES even sets up the first advising ap-

pointment.

Considering that it's often the first direct contact a student has with the university, it's a fairly important office.

Information York (across from the Post Office in the Ross Building) tries to help people who are already at York.

The Enquiry Service provides a similar service for those who are not

yet at York or who are only just thinking about coming. If the people at YES can't answer a question, they at least usually know who can.

Well, most of the time, anyway. Last week somebody called up wanting to get in touch with Xavier Hollander. Ms. Hollander, they heard, was taking a course at York. Actually, she is taking one—one of the Centre for Continuing Education's creative writing courses—but the Enquiry Service was unable to help this particular caller.

Sometimes the people at YES have to be quite patient and rather diplomatic. One time a student called up wanting to know how his application was coming. He said he had applied to the Faculty of Arts. A quick check with Arts produced nothing.

The student was called back, but he again insisted he had applied to Arts. He wanted to major in history, he said. When his application was finally located it was discovered that he had written down biology instead.

Another time a girl called up. At first nothing could be found on her either. She had identified herself with her married name. She forgot to mention that she had just gotten married a few days before and had applied under her maiden name.

Of course, every year there's always one guy who calls up angrily to complain that although he applied a good two months ago, he still hasn't received so much as an acknowledgement.

He's only calling up now, he says, to let everybody know what he thinks of York and that he's going to

go to the University of Baffin Island instead.

But a day or two later he calls back to say a funny thing has just happened—while leafing through last month's Rolling Stone he came across his application form!

But most of these are isolated incidents. If a student calls with a legitimate complaint or if there has been an unnecessary delay in the processing of his application, YES does what it can to find out the source of the problem.

Often applicants are over-anxious and worried. Sometimes parents call. Occasionally somebody even calls hoping to find out what the admission regulations are like at some other institution.

YES works under the arms of both the Admissions Office and the School Liaison Office. Currently it has a permanent staff of four. During the summer students are hired to help out.

As well as keeping abreast of the various admission policies of the different faculties, the staff also have to keep informed on what's going on around the campus. Sometimes a high school student or an older person who's thinking of coming to York on a part-time basis will drop by to find out about sitting in on lectures.

So now you know what YES does. Next summer when you're walking through Steacie on your way to the tennis courts or the swimming pool, you won't have to ask.

If you have any friends or relatives who are thinking about coming to York give them the Enquiry Service's number. It's 667-2211.



Peter Hsu graphic

\$300,000 grant given to promote modern East Asian Studies at York and the U of T

The Donner Canadian Foundation has given a grant of \$300,000 to establish a Joint Programme in Modern East Asian Studies between the University of Toronto and York University.

The grant is designed to promote the study of modern East Asia at the two universities. Both already have programmes in the field.

The Council of the programme will include representatives from government, industry and other Ontario universities as well as from York and the University of Toronto. Director of the Joint Programme will be Professor William Saywell, Chairman of the University of Toronto's Department of East Asian Studies. The Associate Director will be Professor Daniel Tretiak, Coordinator of York's East Asian Studies Programme.

The grant is expected to finance the programme's activities for the first three or four years. The money will be used especially in areas relating to Canadian foreign policy in the Pacific.

Among the plans are the establishing of national summer

Graduate Awards

Application forms for the 1975/76 Ontario Graduate Scholarship programme are now available from the Faculty of Graduate Studies. Completed applications must be returned by December 2.

Application forms are also available for the National Research Council's scholarships and fellowships. The NRC Scholarship Committee at York will be meeting during the week of December 2 to rank students applying for next year's awards so these applications must be submitted with supporting documents by November 25.

schools for the study of Chinese and Japanese language and related studies. The grant will also help to sponsor conferences, special lectures and seminars, and even non-credit courses for the public.

The programme has already conducted one Toronto area modern Asian seminar. A second one will be held later in November. These monthly seminars will help to bring together faculty and students to read papers and discuss their research.

The research which is done will be made readily available to those in business and government who have an interest in that part of the world.

The Joint Programme wants to promote the study of modern East Asia at other universities as well, especially those in Southwestern Ontario.

The combined staffs of East Asian specialists at York and the University of Toronto represent the largest such academic community in Canada.

York's own East Asian Studies Programme has a number of experts in various fields, ranging from history and political science to the fine arts. There are also language training courses offered at both the advanced and elementary level in Chinese and Japanese.

York is involved in an exchange programme with the People's Republic of China. Right now there are four students from the People's Republic at York, and three York students are currently studying in Peking. This is the second year of the exchange.

Several members of the faculty have been invited to the People's Republic. Professor Tretiak has been inside China on four occasions.

In recent years there has been a

growing awareness in North America of the importance of East Asia. This is partly due to the increase in diplomatic activity between China and the West, and the realization that China has a rich and magnificent past. Japan's emergence as an economic power has also helped to foster interest in the area.

The establishing of the Joint Programme and the financial assistance the grant offers will help to develop the study of modern East Asia at both institutions, and promote further interest in Canada's relationship to the Pacific.

Committee set up to examine the role of all Health Services at the York main campus

Do you have any criticisms about Health at York? If so, write them down.

A Vice-Presidential advisory committee has been set up to examine the role of Health Services at the York Campus.

The committee intends to study the services currently being offered, reassess them, and report possible recommendations to Vice-Presidents Small and Farr.

As the campus changes so do needs, and in recent years there have been some striking changes at York. There is now a large number of married residents living in apartment-styled buildings on campus. An increasing number of people are using campus facilities well into the night.

In addition, there has been a growth of other health-related services. Harbinger is now offering counselling on birth control and the

use and mis-use of drugs. The Counselling and Development Centre is offering guidance and assistance in many cases similar to the help being given by Harbinger and the medical staff.

Back in the sixties York was an isolated community, but over the years a number of clinics and hospitals have been built within reach of the campus.

The committee wants to explore such questions as there: are the services now being offered sufficient? are some services being duplicated? should there be an integration of all the services? are the hours of operation adequate?

The needs of special interests will also be examined. These include such concerns as athletic injuries, workmen's compensation and emergency treatment for those living in the various residences.

There is also the realization that

Vacation pay for grad students

If you were a graduate student last year or the year before and worked on campus, you may be eligible for some more money.

Graduate students who worked as teaching assistants, markers, demonstrators or tutors and who did not have full-time jobs away from the campus may be entitled to vacation pay.

This applies to the sessions from September, 1972, through August,

1973 and from September, 1973 through August, 1974.

If you think you have a claim, you should get a claim form from the Administrative Officer for the Faculty of Graduate Studies, in Room N920 of the Ross Building. The completed form should then be returned to this office.

All claims which are valid will be processed as quickly as possible.

the University has an obligation to its employees, as well as to its students.

The membership of the committee covers a cross-section of the community. As well as representatives from the services involved, there are members from the Student Federation, the Residence Council, both the Faculty and Staff Associations, Atkinson, and the Department of Safety and Security.

All members of the community who have points of view are invited to submit written briefs to the Secretary of the Committee, Mrs. Denys Brown, in Room S815 of the Ross Building.

All documents submitted will be carefully tabled and will form a part of the basis for the study. People who submit briefs will be invited to join the committee at one or two of its sessions.