

# Engineers make pitch

## Students told engineering needs more people

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There is a desperate need for good people in the field of engineering says Kenneth C. Smith, chairman of the Department of Electrical Engineering, University

of Toronto.  
Mr. Smith was one of 20 professional engineers to address 350 people who jammed dialogue sessions at an Engineering Night hosted by Martingrove Collegiate last week.

The night was jointly sponsored by the Peel Board of Education, the Etobicoke Board of Education and the Association of Professional Engineers of Ontario.

"There is no real shortage of jobs for talented well educated people in electrical engineering," said Mr. Smith. He advised people who are considering a career in engineering to develop good study habits.

The University of Toronto has 10 requests for each available position, he said. A student requires above 80 per cent from Grade 13 to be considered for admission into electrical engineering.

The field can be lucrative said Miro Forest, an electrical engineer who designs microwave and satellite systems. Mr. Forest who graduated in 1970, makes \$40,000 per year.

Although an engineer must be strong in maths and sciences and its practical applications, he must also be able to communicate his ideas to others, University of Toronto professor Dave Hoepfner explained.

"It is necessary to work hard, be creative, persistent and intelligent," said Mr. Hoepfner. "It also requires the ability to withstand rejection from everyone who isn't creative."

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Diane Price at work

## Project pushes women

By Ruth Helgason

For Diane Price, a separated mother of three children, Project 1000 was the springboard to employment.

Mrs. Price is one of 70 women to complete the initial two weeks of the 12-week Peel Social Services program designed to prepare women supporting families and women on social assistance to return to the work force.

Project 1000 is the offspring of Project 90, which last spring saw 71 women complete the course. Fifty of these women have terminated social assistance due to job training or continued education.

The fall session encouraged the women, most of whom possess Grade 9 and 10 education to seek employment in non-traditional jobs. Most, like Mrs. Price are eager to surprise Mississauga with their new-found self-esteem and abilities.

Mrs. Price, who has a bookkeeping diploma from Humber College, found work placement at Canadian Everall Industries Ltd. It is one of 40 job placements available to women. Her parents and four of her five brothers are welders, so she feels comfortable there.

"Before, I was in the house 24 hours a day, addicted to soap operas and didn't have much self-confidence," she says.

The firm's owner, Ray Tibbits is pleased with her progress.

"Diane could be a fairly good welder in the lighter metals," he says. "She seems as if she really is enjoying her work."

Work placement accounts for four of the five days included in the final 10 week segment of the program. The fifth day is devoted to life skills and community resource sessions in which the women have a chance to broaden their knowledge.

The community resource sessions help women to deal with personal and family problems. 274-9038

Jean Worsley, 19, who hopes to pursue a career in marine and small power equipment repair, says the program helped her tremendously. 10:00 a.m. to 7:30 p.m.

"Before, I thought I was a failure," she says. "I found my own place of my own and I have a young son. I think he's proud of me."

Others say the project has helped them find jobs. Most commend Margie E. (Seventh Day) placement liaison, as the inspirational success.

It is terribly important for these women to find jobs in non-traditional jobs, says Ms. Price. They will fall off their bicycles, but they get themselves right back up.

# THE HOSPITAL FOR SICK CHILDREN

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This matter now has been resolved and we all hope that there will never be a recurrence.

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