

Monday gives students the chance

Theories must be balanced with practice

By ROSEMARY McCracken
 Several York students are practicing their belief that a meaningful education necessitates a balance between theory and practice.
 Monday is a student run charitable organization, co-ordinated by George Leibner and Irv Kleiner, both of Stong College. For the past two years, the group has operated a variety of winter youth programs and summer work-camps in the Edgeley low-rental area.
 In the autumn of 1970, a number of York students began meeting informally every Monday evening to discuss their dissatisfaction with academic life at York.
 They felt most students had only limited practical experience with which to round out their theoretical knowledge. It was hoped that Monday would give York students a chance to temper the theory with some concrete experience.
 Monday's programmes have been received enthusiastically by the youth

in the Edgeley area. They have also been commended by the Edgeley tenant's association, senior officials of the Ontario Housing Corporation, the two school principals in Edgeley, and members of all three levels of government.

The group's greatest handicap is that it must solely on volunteers, most of whom are full-time students with a heavy academic load. In addition, there is a great deal of paper work. To date, the administration has been looked after by the founders. However, since all but two have recently left Toronto, it is quite possible that, within a year or two, Monday may cease to exist.

This year's programme, which begins in two weeks, will include activities for two age groups. The 9-12 year olds will meet in the late afternoon at Shoreham Public School for workshops in arts and crafts, drama, guitar puppetry and sports.

The staff lounge at Jane Junior High will be available to 13-18 year olds for a drop-in centre Thursday nights from 7:30-10:30. A sports night will take place each Monday from 7:30-10:30. Friday, Nov. 9, "Grease and Nostalgia Night" will feature a half-hour concert followed by a dance.

Co-ordinator Leibner stresses that Monday is not a counselling group. "We're not trying to change the kid's lives; our purpose is to offer a programme of activity and get them interested in a hobby or an art. It's important first to run a good programme and then, perhaps, to talk to the kids".

Leibner and Kleiner are trying to create an informal and creative atmosphere within the staff. Programmes are left up to the volunteers. All staff members will, ideally, have a say in the organization. Leibner and Kleiner see themselves as guides, making the administrative details easier for the volunteers.

Monday's bills come from the

purchase of materials for the programmes and the monthly trips and excursions. It has a balance of \$300 from last year and hopes the proceeds from the Casino Night on Nov. 16 will provide enough for the year.

The Casino, to be held in Winter's Dining Hall, will feature real gamb-

ing, Las Vegas Style. Single bets will range from 50¢ to \$5. A dance-pub will be held in the adjoining room with the Grease band, "Big Bopper and the Boy's". Thirty per cent of the proceeds will go to Monday and the seventy per cent will be given to Inner City Angels, a downtown group which helps underprivileged children.

Handicapped students have undue pressures

"Many physically handicapped students leave university because of subtle pressure and prejudice from fellow students."

Judith Snow, a York graduate student in clinical and counselling psychology, is determined to do her best to ease such pressure by forming an informal group of handicapped students which will meet weekly to discuss their specific problems.

A 1972 York honours graduate and winner of the Murray G. Ross award, Snow is a victim of spinal muscular atrophy and her left arm is paralysed as a result of an operation.

"It's important for each of us to get to know how the others feel, for two reasons: We need to learn from each other how to deal with university situations; and it's necessary to feel you have support to combat prejudices," she said.

Snow feels fellow students display a subtle attitude that handicapped people don't belong in school, that they shouldn't function as individuals.

"In past years people thought I was retarded because I am in wheelchair, she said, "that is until I proved otherwise." Snow stresses the importance of giving handicapped persons a sense of their own importance a sense

that they are individuals.

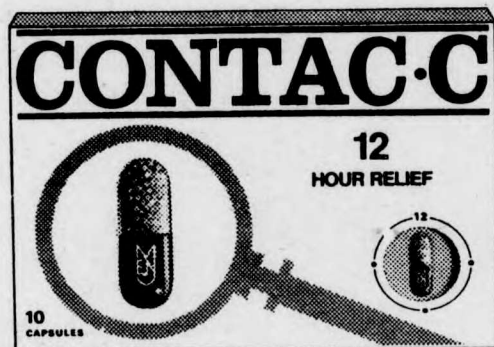
The group she plans to lead in co-ordination with a staff member from the psychology department will focus on such practical matters as use of the library and the physical difficulties of residence life, and on emotional adjustment to university.

York and Carleton are the only Ontario universities architecturally equipped to accommodate handicapped students. Snow said there are about twenty handicapped persons on the York campus, including several blind students.

"We must be careful not to work at cross purposes to each other," she said "The experiences and needs of a blind person differ completely from those of a person confined to a wheelchair."

Interested students are asked to contact Judith Snow at 661-1281 or Nancy Steinberg at 667-2305.

**MAKES A COLED
 EASIER TO LIVE WITH**



Each capsule gives 12 hours of relief from the symptoms of a cold.

Heidelberg

Brewed from pure spring water.



And that's the truth!

**Excalibur
 is looking for
 new staffers**

**Come to room 111
 Central square
 at 2 p.m. Today**



CRESTED POPLIN JACKETS \$8.95

Canadian Novelty Shirt & Sportswear Co.
 2462 Yonge Street Telephone 486-0997 486-0999

RENTAL LOCATORS

Looking for a
 place to live?

We can find you a
 house, apartment,
 duplex, townhouse
 and country homes,
 that meet to your
 requirement, area,
 and price range,

open 7 days

Rental Locators
 4854 Yonge Street
 222-5491