

DIRECTIONS

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Coping with the invisible disability

They are the invisible disabilities. There's no wheelchair, leg brace or white cane to mark them. Yet their invisibility makes them easy for their sufferers to ignore. When this happens, they can be more devastating than the disabilities associated with the other tools.

Learning disabilities are disorders in the basic psychological processes that manifest themselves in an imperfect capacity for listening, doing mathematical calculations.

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They do not affect intelligence. "Many students with learning disabilities have high IQ's," says Patrick Cluskey, the coordinator for the Centre for Handicapped Students. "Einstein had a learning disability; he could only read at a grade two level. Virginia Woolf, Thomas Edison and Nelson Rockefeller had them. The list is endless.

"A lot of students with learning disabilities struggle on without identifying themselves. Yet without acknowledgement, they cannot identify the obstacles before them," Mr. Cluskey warns.

At York, learning disabled students are currently assisted on a case-by-case basis by the Centre for Handicapped Students. This is about

to change as meetings begin this week for an ad-hoc committee mandated to analyze tactics for streamlining York's treatment of its learning disabled students.

"Learning disabled students were previously treated on an individual basis, which takes a great deal of resources," says Mr. Cluskey. "We are looking to establish guidelines for treatment. There is currently no coordination in university activities in this area. We're going to be working towards policy formulation."

Committee members include Lucie Cantrell and Professor Harold Minden of the Centre for Counselling & Development, Mr. Cluskey and Ilanna Yuditsky of the Centre for Handicapped Students, Scott Pope, the Senior Counsellor for Atkinson College's Counselling Services, and Doreen Kronick of the Faculty of Education. The committee will release a position paper in January.

Members of the York Community, who wish to contribute to the committee's deliberations, are advised to contact Mr. Cluskey at the Centre for Handicapped Students in Room 101 of the Behavioural Sciences Building, 667-3312.

Services for Handicapped Students

When its services are required, the Centre for Handicapped Students is ready to provide assistance to handicapped students trying to cope with the York community.

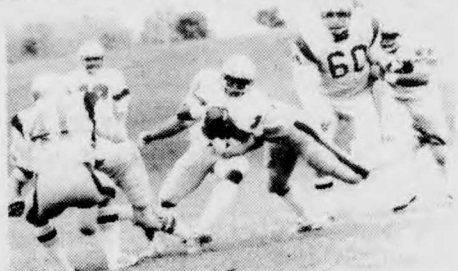
"Our role is to accommodate all students with requests for aid, assistance, mobility, tours or advice," says the coordinator Patrick Cluskey. "We work to assist students in getting through their programs so that they can get a good job, something with which we will assist them if possible."

To fulfill these objectives, the Centre offers several services and programs including:

- Counselling in academic, personal and mobility areas.
- Drop-in services to handicapped students who are either enrolled at York or considering post-secondary education.
- A complete resource file on issues facing handicapped persons.
- Hands-free phone equipment, including a TTY for hearing-impaired students.
- Information about employment opportunities for handicapped students. Interested students should contact the Centre early in the year.

Volunteers are always welcome to provide services in tutoring, aiding students in the library or bookstore, and helping visually impaired students with their exams for a few hours a week. Contact Ilanna Yuditsky at the Centre for Handicapped Students, Room 101, BSB, 667-3312.

SPORTSLOG



THE VANIER CUP
Varsity Stadium, 1:30 p.m., November 24.

The Vanier Cup attained national significance in 1967 when the Canadian College Bowl was declared the national competition for the Canadian Intercollegiate Athletic Union. Competing teams were drawn from a semi-final playoff in Atlantic and Western Canada.

You won't see the York Yeomen at this year's cup. They were defeated in semi-final play by the University of Western Ontario's Mustangs on November 3. Nevertheless, the November 24 game is worth attending to see Canada's top university teams in action.

Tickets costing \$4, \$6, \$8 are now available at Bass Ticket outlets. They will go on sale at the Varsity Stadium ticket office on November 21. Call 928-2990 for more information.

OTHER EVENTS

November 16: BASKETBALL—The York Yeowomen take on the Laurentian Lady V's. Tait McKenzie Gymnasium, 7 pm.

November 17: BASKETBALL—The Yeowomen in action again. This time they meet the G.G.'s from the University of Ottawa at 6 pm.

VOLLEYBALL—The Yeomen vs the Royal Military College Redmen. Tait McKenzie Gymnasium at 1 pm.

TICKETS FOR ALL EVENTS CAN BE OBTAINED BETWEEN 9 AM AND 4 PM IN ROOM 302 OF THE TAIT MCKENZIE BUILDING.

A Reminder to Campus Clubs and Organizations

The Office of Student Affairs is currently working with the Council of the York Student Federation to update records on clubs and organizations at York. Your group can enjoy a wide range of benefits including the use of tables and chairs for Central Square displays by simply visiting the Office of Student Affairs to have your organization accredited.

University of York (England) Exchange

Applications will now be accepted for this one-year undergraduate exchange programme with the University of York, England.

Up to two spaces may be made available to students with high academic standing in science or the liberal arts. Tuition scholarships will be paid by York University (Canada). All other expenses are to be borne by the student.

For further details, please contact the Office of Student Affairs.

Application deadline:
Friday, January 4, 1985

The Disability Association for York Students

This new Association is currently being developed as a support group for handicapped students at York.

For more information, contact Peter Erwood at the Centre for Handicapped Students or Cheryl Bristow, at Room 104 of the Behavioural Sciences Building.

Don't forget OFF-CAMPUS HOUSING

For students, this university-sponsored service provides information on local housing opportunities.

For landlords, this free service provides a convenient forum for advertising their housing units to the York community.

Faculty, students and staff with available housing units are encouraged to contact Off-Campus Housing at 667-3698 or visit the Office of Student Affairs and speak to Graham Caswell.