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Fresh Tracks...

By Barbara McIntosh

No one can deny the need for more opportunity at the post-secondary level. As our economy grows and the business world becomes more complex, the demand for trained management and highly skilled manpower increases.

Everyday more and more students are learning they can not obtain a decent job without specialized training beyond the high school level.

Yet, not everyone has the ability, the desire, or the finances to enter university. Here, the Community College with its courses in applied arts and technology provides an alternative. But what is the Community College?

For most, it is a rather hazy institution lying somewhere between high school and university. In fact, not even its founder Education Minister Davis, appears totally sure of where the college fits into the educational hierarchy and where it is eventually going.

On the basis of ten regions created by the Departments of Economics and Development, 18 colleges have been established by an Order-in-Council on March 16, 1966. Many are still in temporary quarters while new buildings are being constructed. Centennial College of Applied Arts and Technology in Scarborough was the first to open its doors, in Oct. 1966 with about 500 students. Last fall the figure had almost doubled.

The community college is neither a university nor a lyceum. The tuition is lower, the entrance requirements are lower, and the length of the courses is much shorter.

It is, in fact, floating somewhere in between high school and university, and only after several years of operation will its position become stabilized. It is intended as an alternative to university, but hopefully some system of transferability up the ladder will be arranged for those who wish to go on.

The colleges offer a variety of courses ranging from journalism and home economics to engineering and business. Requirements vary with the course.

Reports indicate that this year's first crop of community college graduates have had no difficulty in finding places in the working world. Because the courses are practical rather

than theoretical, graduates often find it easier to get work than a university graduate with a general B.A.

Students in Grades 11, 12, and 13, who have second thoughts about returning to high school next fall should investigate the community college.

Higher education has become a right for those who can profit from it and not merely for the elite.

WHERE THEY ARE
Algonquin College, Ottawa; St. Lawrence College, Kingston; Loyola College, Belleville; Durham College, Oshawa; Centennial College, Scarborough; Humber College, Etobicoke; Seneca College, North York; Sheridan College, Brampton; Mohawk College, Hamilton; Niagara College, Welland; Fanshawe College, London; St. Clair College, Windsor; Lambton College, Sarnia; Conestoga College, Kitchener; Georgian College, Barrie; Cambrian College, North Bay; Northern College, Timmins; Confederation College, Fort William.

Bruce Coles gets O.A.C. diploma



Bruce Coles, son of Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Coles, R.R. 2, Acton, has received his Associate Diploma in Agriculture from the Ontario Agricultural College in Guelph.

His parents, Mr. M.M. Coles, and Mrs. C.M. Hanson attended the graduation ceremonies in the War Memorial Hall at the University of Guelph on Wed. May 22nd.



MAKING THE BEST OF AVAILABLE RESOURCES spring formal at the Acton High School. In are Judy Connell (left), Barb McEachern, Trudy Morris, Nancy Morris and Marianne Coles, to turn on the sophistication for the annual

spring formal at the Acton High School. In fact, the results were so dazzling that they put this picture out of focus. (Staff Photo)



Minimum wage act protects students

The only other exceptions to the hourly minimum of 80 cents are students employed as supervisors or counsellors of children under 18 years of age, students employed at a camp for children, and students employed in a recreational program operated by a municipality, school board or charitable organization. Most students working in Ontario during the summer vacation

period are protected by the Minimum Wage Act administered by the Labour Standards Branch of the Ontario Department of Labour.

This legislation specifies that students, including those working at summer resorts, may be employed during the period May 15-September 15 at the regular weekly hours established by their employer at a minimum rate of 80 cents an hour.

A student working more than 28 hours per week during this period may be classed as a learner for the first month only, and paid 70 cents per hour for that time.

Young people under 18 employed as messengers, delivery boys, news vendors, shoe-shine boys, golf caddies and other golf workers, municipal library assistants, and minors employed in refreshment booths at amusement parks or agricultural fairs may be paid 60 cents an hour.

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A SUMMER PLACE IN A COLD WET SPRING. Just over 100 students and parents danced to music by "The Country Store", and dined on tiny sandwiches and fruit punch at the annual spring formal in Acton District High School, last Saturday night. (Staff Photo)

Political debate in Acton church

The Acton United Church will turn over its pulpit to politics on June 20. The general public is invited to listen to speeches by the three candidates for federal representative in the coming election, M. Kerrigan (NDP), P. McWilliams (P.C.), R. Whiting (Lib). The meeting will begin at 8 p.m.

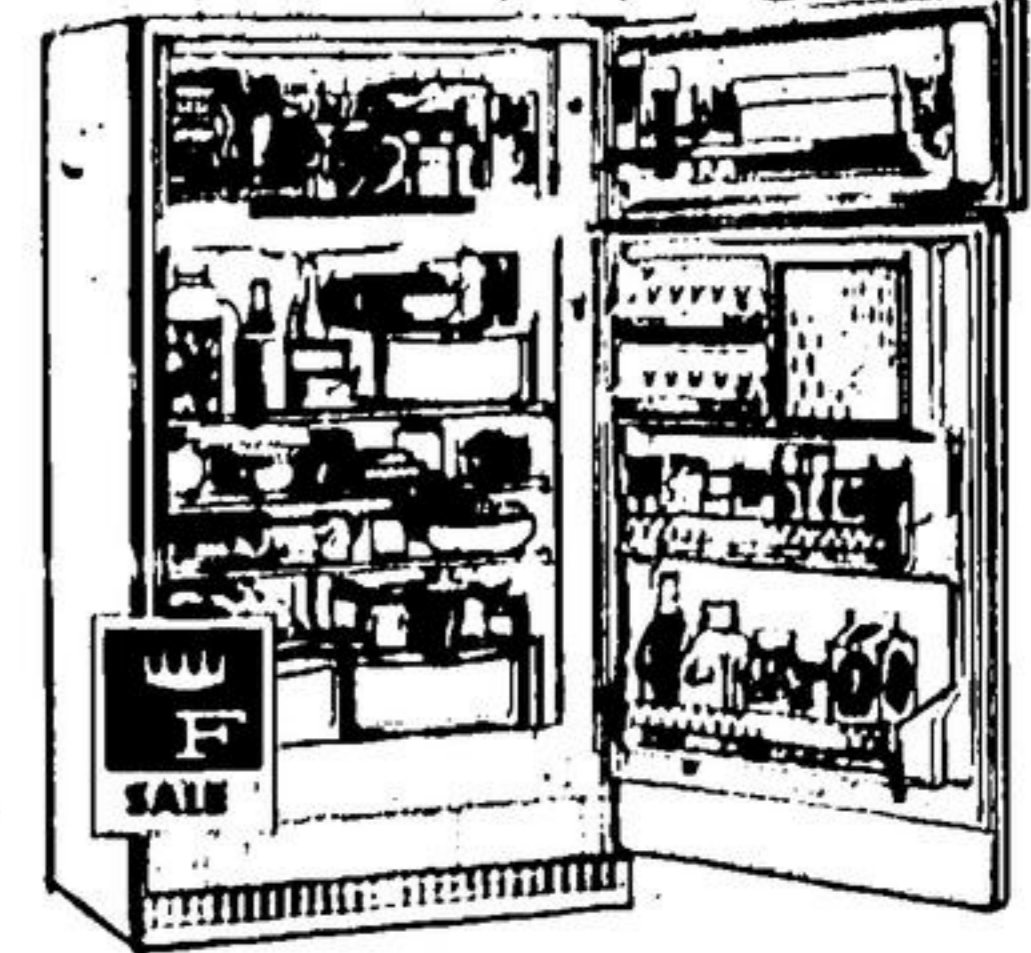
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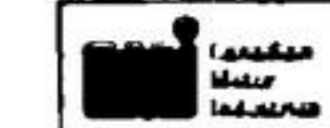
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