Sheridan uses TV for home study class

Sheridan College is moving its computer classroom into the living room. The College is starting a television computer course using the services of Halton Cable Systems.

The college has been exploring this new direction in long distance education for the past two years, according to Peter Mallett, the dean of Distance Learning.

A couple of years ago TV Optario offered a home study computer course called Bits and Bytes, expecting only about 5,000 people to register but well over 30,000 people signed up. No one had any idea of the kind of impact the course would have. Mailett said and new energy was put into studying telecourses.

The Sheridan course called "New Literacy-An Introduction to Computers" was purchased by TV Ontario on the behalf of Ontario Community College. Sheridan has access to it for three years, Mallett said.

Last winter the course was shown in Oakville, Brampton and Mississauga for the first time with 15 students but another 100 people ordered textbooks. The College was satisfied with the feedback and expects to show it several more times before more telecourses are bought. People must get used to learning hard information in their living room, Mallett said.

"I'm enthusiastic about the whole concept... There are numerous benefits to home study," he added. "You decide when and how much to do, minimize travel, and take responsibility. It allows students to become familiar with computers at home, through video productions that provide case studies of computer applications."

Students are kept in constant contact with their teacher Sandra Hodder who phones them every week to see how they are doing and to deal with any problems. In addition, all students must attend an orientation session when the course starts, on Oct. 10, from 7-9 p.m. at the Oakville Campus, There will also be three other session for review of the work and small tests to evaluate the students.

The course is worth a credit towards any of the 95 to 100 diploma programs at the College which require an introductory computer course, Mallett said.

Mallett emphasized that no 'hands on' computer time is required for this course since it deals with what the computer is and its various applications. It is a good foundation for people who wish to take advance computer courses later on, he said.

The telecourse series will be launched on Halton Cable Systems Thursday, October 4, 7.30-8.30 p.m. A 20 minute introductory program and the first unit of the course will be aired to give residents a taste of what is to come. It will be repeated again on October 8 at the same time. The units will be shown each Thursday and repeated again the following Monday.

The programming manager for Halton Cable Systems, John Ollivier said, "It is something we have been interested in for a while. It's a community service that should be implemented."

Ollivier said it has a lot of potential that could lead to a community education channel and if this course is successful they will certainly consider doing more.

As of Sept. 27, six people were already registered for the telecourse. Anyone interested in taking this credit must apply in person or by mail through the continuing Education Division at the Oakville or Brampton Campus. The textbook and materials cost is \$104. For more information call the Continuing Education Division at 842-8900 or 459-7533 or call Mariette Malone at 842-4733.

Charge lot levies on temporary farm homes

A second home for farm help on the same lot will be charged a lot levy, despite the fact no new lot is being created.

Both Halton region and the Town of Halton Hills argue the use of services is increased by the second home, whether or not a lot is created, and cite such costs as fire, arenas, police and administration.

If the house for farm help is a permanent one the full lot levies will be charged, but if it is temporary one, and approvals are given for three years, one third will be charged for the three years, and if extended another third, and if extended again the last third would be charged. Frequently the extensions are given by council according to the circumstances.

At present the Town's lot levy is \$2,029 for each single family home. In addition Halton Region charges \$1,035 for a lot with neither municipal water or sewer. If water is available the lot levy goes up to \$1,633 and if both municipal water and sewer are available the lot levy is \$2,460.

Councillor Dave Whiting praised the Town's method of paying a third every three years and pointed out the Region charges

the full amount right away. Asked if the one third charges would be based on the amount the lot levy is at when he permit is sought. Clerk Administrator Ken Richardson said it would be a third of whatever the levy was at the time.

Lot levies increase each year based on the

Southam Construction Index. Whiting pointed out the inequality in this

approach.

method, since the applicant would be paying more than the lot levy in the long run. Treasurer Ray King agreed saying one third of the original lot levy to be paid if extensions are granted would be the fair POPE & STARRET CHARTERED ACCOUNTANTS

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CORRECTION

"Key To Quality" - match 'n win & sweepstakes in our supplement included in this paper on Sept. 26/84. It was stated "Match the 'key to quality' lucky number printed below with the numbers printed on contest advertising materials found in the frozen food aisle of participating grocery stores." The store advertising material has been printed in error and is being withdrawn and replaced.

In light of this error, we regret that the contest will not commence until Oct. 4/84. Winning numbers will not be placed at participating grocery retailers until that date. We apologize for the inconvenience.

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