

# Mature student test to meet educational needs

## The Mature Student Test- A service of your college

The Confederation College of Applied Arts and Technology has, as part of its mandate, a desire to meet the educational needs of adults and out-of-school youth whether or not they are secondary school graduates.

It is therefore an important aspect of this mandate to ensure, as much as possible, the potential for success of the student.

In many cases, then, the mature student who has been out of school for an extended time and/or has not completed Gr. 12 will be asked to complete a Mature Student Test.

This test is currently administered free of charge to potential students by college staff.

When completed, the results of your test are compared to a large group of Gr. 12 students. If you score in the average range or

higher, and if it is felt that you have the academic skills for the program you have applied for, acceptance to the Associate Registrar for Post-secondary Programs will be recommended.

It is important to realize that if there are specific subjects required for your program, you will have to have those subjects even if you pass the Mature Student Test.

For example, Gr. 12 Math is required in Technology and 2 senior level sciences are required in Nursing.

For some programs an inter-

view is also required, i.e., Dental Assistant.

For other programs, successful completion of the Mature Student Test is sufficient, i.e., General Business, Hotel Management, General Arts and Science.

If you do not do well on the test, it is usually recommended that you upgrade your academic skills and then apply again.

However, the potential students should not be deterred by the Mature Student Test.

In many cases, the mature students has absorbed a wealth of

experience which will favourably contribute to their aptitude for successfully completing the Mature Student Test.

The mature student is defined as one that is 19 years-of-age or older and who does not possess a Secondary School Graduation Diploma.

In the North Shore areas, mature student testing can be accessed after application to the college and notification from the Registrars Office, by contacting David Zub at 229-2464 or toll-free at 1-800-465-3364.

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### Out in full force

Shown above is the local R.C.S.C.C. Endurance Corps, Sea Cadets, out for the Canada Day Parade. This was the first time the corps went out in public in uniform. In fact, the corps just received the uniforms a few days before the parade. The uniforms came from the regular force supplier. The corp's sponsoring base is out of Winnipeg, Manitoba. Two of the cadets, Don Clark and Angela Ziegler, are presently

in Quadra, B.C., for a junior leadership course. Also, four of the cadets are in Gimley, Manitoba, for sailing courses. Dave Schinbein, commanding officer, can be seen front row, right, Bernie Chasse, training officer, is not in the photo, Mary Cashmore, supply officer, is seen back row, far right, and Cathy Papineau, administration officer, is also not in the photograph. (Photo by Ken Lusk).

## Prescribed fire procedures

### Prescribed fire

In society that has in the past viewed fire as an enemy, the deliberate use of fire may seem strange.

Prescribed fire, as the name implies, is the use of fire in a manner prescribed by fire managers.

This prescription must meet two requirements. First the fire must be set in weather that is appropriate for its confinement and control. Secondly, it must achieve the objective of the burn.

Reasons for the use of the prescribed fire vary depending on the use of land concerned. Prescribed fire is used to reduce the fire hazard on forested areas which have been harvested.

These areas contain logging slash as a result of cutting. If this slash is left untreated it poses a real fire threat for a number of years. In such a situation fire is used to stop fire by burning off unwanted slash material.

Prescribed fire is a viable and economical site preparation tool in forest management.

Logging operations leave debris covering potential seed

ground.

Even if the debris is minimal, the best seed beds are usually desirable to remove most of the organic matter found above the mineral soil.

This procedure helps to ensure seedling survival since roots cannot be established in moist mineral soil before drought sets in.

Prescribed fire, as a site preparation tool, can remove slash and sub-surface organic matter thereby creating a suitable surface for forest fuels.

Since large areas may be covered with minimal burning time, this technique is very economical in comparison with other methods of site preparation.

Wildfire managers may use the prescribed fire to increase the amount and quality of browse for wildlife such as deer.

In such cases, minimal amounts of the organic layer are removed without trying to kill the surface vegetation.

This usually causes suckering or sprouting of many plants, especially hardwoods, which are a source of wildfire managers are seeking to create.

With proper planning and ded-

ication on the part of the land manager, prescribed fire can be a valuable management tool.

A burn of this type is scheduled for the Pinegrove area, 20 kilometres south of Manitowadge, off Highway 614 during this week.

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Northern remote communities. The Ministry of Energy, in conjunction with other ministries is currently examining ways in which Ontario Hydro could further contribute to Northern Ontario economic development.

A wide variety of possible initiatives are being examined including further development of Northern hydro-electric sites, support for co-generation at greater rate flexibility.

Once again, thank-you for writing to me concerning this important issue.

yours sincerely,  
Vincent G. Kerrio,  
minister of energy.