

PAPER PULLING A DISAPPEARING ACT

SENECA COLLEGE GOING PAPERLESS

The Faculty of Continuing Education and Training at Seneca College is going paperless.

With the proliferation of hundreds of new mobile and handheld electronic devices on the market today, conventional paper books and documents are going online.

The move to paperless media has been accelerated by such enabling technologies as optical scanners, digital cameras and software like Adobe's Acrobat, which creates the now ubiquitous PDF files. Smaller and cheaper hard disk drives and flash memory devices mean whole libraries can be stored online, available for immediate retrieval. Highly mobile devices like Amazon's Kindle and Apple's iPad allow you to take an entire bookcase with you in your backpack. And, of course, the World Wide Web with its graphical browser interface has revolutionized the way we use human knowledge.

Since the doors opened at Seneca College in 1967, a part-time studies calendar has been produced and distributed throughout the GTA. The last calendar



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IT'S GREEN, AVAILABLE AND RELIABLE

The advantages of going paperless:
IT'S GREEN. Less paper means less trees to be harvested.
IT'S SMALLER. Lots of data can be stored in a small space.

IT'S AVAILABLE. Digital documents can be electronically delivered to many places immediately.

IT'S RELIABLE. Documents in digital format are easier to back up.

was 112 pages and delivered to 250,000 homes, libraries and businesses.

The Internet has changed the way we all do business. Many people bank, pay bills, look up phone numbers, and find

everything from recipes to airline schedules online.

"Seventy per cent of our current students find information on our website and register online for classes" says Su-

san Savoie, dean of Seneca's Faculty of Education and Training.

"In keeping with the times, Seneca is moving ahead and beginning the process of going paperless. Rather than distributing printed copies of course information, we are directing current and prospective students to our website: senecacollege.ca/ce. This move is just in time for our registration opening on Nov. 14."

Seneca is planning to replace the mailed out calendar with a postcard directing students to its online website.