

# University News Beat

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## Summer Language Programme

# 'Apply early to avoid disappointment'

For students and teachers... begins the brochure on the Summer Language Programme being offered by the Centre for Continuing Education at York. Inside you find out how to apply but you may be in for a bigger experience than it tells you. Here are a few more facts.

The Summer Language Programme is an intensive six week course in learning a second language, French or English, being conducted at Glendon College. The Programme is funded through a Federal-Provincial Bursary Program with accepted applicants having their tuition and part of their room and board paid for.

The Governments initiated the programmes, there are several throughout Canada, in 1970. "There are many purposes involved and many reasons why the program was required to exist" explained Gail Swen, Director of the programme at York. "The government decided they wanted to encourage bilingualism and intercultural relations. There was a great deal of polarization going on around 1971-72. This was an opportunity to get people from different provinces together and getting them to know one another as well as learn a simple language."

Since its outset in 1970 the programme has been hosting students from across Canada. "It's a duo programme where students from Quebec are coming to learn English and students from all over Canada come to learn French" stated Ms. Swen. Once the students, teachers and other interested per-

sons arrive on campus they are immersed into a live-in program that calls for intensive work on structure, experimental learning, reading and vocabulary building, language labs plus a variety of activities on and off campus. It is not all hard work however, even in the classroom. A duo system has been incorporated into the learning structure. "The students work in the classroom on a duo basis from the beginning. They teach each other one to one under the guidance of a teacher. This enables the students to get to know one another" said Ms. Swen. "Often this ends up in debates that last till the late afternoon".

The participants of the programme are also taking part in numerous social activities as part of their cultural immersion i.e. theatrical productions, sports, and visiting private homes.

So far it has had great success. A questionnaire answered by the participants at the end of last year's course stated that 90 per cent of the students were well satisfied with the course.

The Summer Language Programme is set up to include a wide range of people. The bursaries are awarded only to person who were full time students the previous year. The other requirements are Grade 12, you must be 16 years of age and a Canadian citizen or a landed immigrant. The latter also apply to the non-bursary applicants. Though the majority of the applicants are high school and university students, there is a program for teachers and outside persons are welcome to participate. The cost to

outside persons is approximately \$325.00 for tuition. Students and teachers are expected to alleviate some of the rising costs of the programme by supplying themselves with spending money and lunches, the rest is covered by the bursaries.

Ms. Swen finds that the people taking the course are doing so for very practical reasons. "For many it is a compliment to their education, some are expecting to become translators. Teachers want to become more versed while others feel bilingualism is very important if

they expect to climb the business ladder".

The Programme started with 80 French Canadian students, learning English; five years later they have about 240 students, 70-80 teachers and a program designed for interaction.

"I am very happy with the progress" said Ms. Swen, who has been the co-ordinator since it started, "Every year seems to improve. In 1971 when feelings of separatism were very strong there was tension but it isn't so outwardly

visible now. The hostility has died down and there is a more relaxed atmosphere one of mutual support and understanding."

According to the brochure the York programme is "popular" so you should "apply early to avoid disappointment". The programme runs from July 2 to August 8, 1975. Applications should be forwarded to your Provincial Co-ordinator to obtain placement in the course.

Information and application forms are available through the Centre for Continuing Education.

## Spring convocation schedule

EVENT #	FACULTY/COLLEGE	TIME	DATE
1	Atkinson College	10:30 a.m.	Saturday, May 31st
2	Bethune College Stong College Faculty of Science	10:00 a.m.	Thursday, June 5th
3	Calumet College Lakeshore Teachers' College Faculty of Education Faculty of Fine Arts	2:30 p.m.	Thursday, June 5th
4	McLaughlin College Winters College Founders College Vanier College	10:00 a.m.	Friday, June 6th
5	Graduate Students and Honours Business	2:30 p.m.	Friday, June 6th
6	Glendon College	2:30 p.m.	Saturday, June 7th
7	Osgoode Hall	2:30 p.m.	Monday, June 9th

## Summer sports seminar

The Department of Physical Education will be offering a series of sports seminars for coaches and athletes this summer. A regular event since 1967, York is the only university in North America with such an extensive programme.

The seminars will be held throughout the summer, beginning in the second week in June, and those participating will stay in residence.

The purpose of the seminars is to improve skills and overall performance through use of video tape replay and to cover such topics as the prevention and care of injuries, conditioning methods and the physiology of training.

As well as the seminars there will also be training camps in rugby, figure skating and gymnastics. These are by invitation only and are designed to bring together potentially outstanding athletes for intensive training and guidance.

This year there will be seminars in synchronized swimming, volleyball, contemporary dance, track and field, basketball, badminton and gymnastics. Some of the seminars are exclusively for coaches to improve coaching techniques and others are for players and students.

There is also going to be an Outdoor Education Seminar for teachers, designed to improve knowledge in camping, hiking and backpacking, wilderness, first aid and safety and conservation.

There will be a separate seminar on the Art and Science of Coaching, which will cover both the philosophy and psychology of coaching,

biomechanics and various coaching techniques.

During the month of August there will be a Canadian Gymnastic Seminar which will offer courses for male and female gymnasts and three different levels for coaches.

Last year over 1400 people attended the seminars. John Dobbie, the co-ordinator for the programme, is hoping to attract 1800 this year. To promote the seminars York set up a booth down at this year's Sportsman's Show.

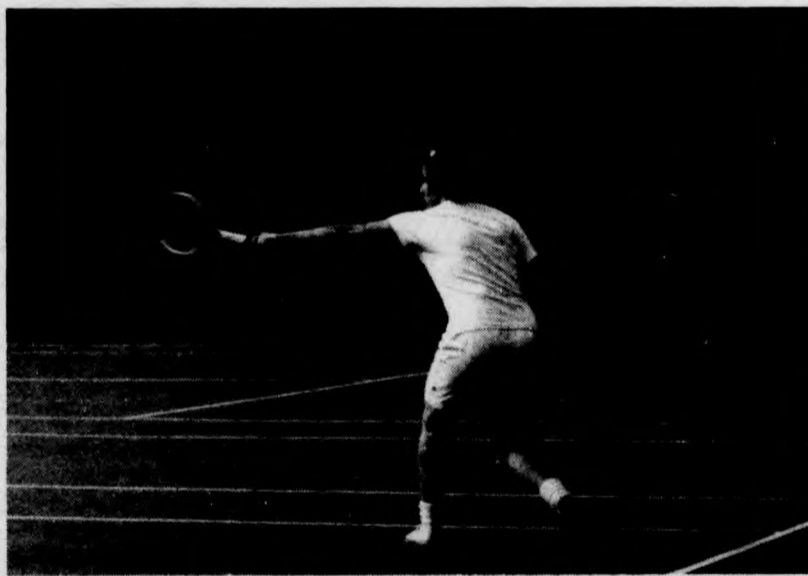
The seminars attract people from across the country and from the States and are run with the help of various amateur sport governing bodies.

## Is anyone here a single?

Marked progress has been made in the fight for equal rights over the last decade by many groups once subjected to discrimination and defamation.

Black liberation and the women's movement seem to be the two most visible today. However, there is another very large population that has had to wear the hat of 'second class citizen' and the first stirrings of resentment and dissatisfaction are beginning to emerge. "Singles" they're called — divorced, widowed, separated and never married.

The awareness of this problem has accumulated and the result is a workshop sponsored by the Centre for Continuing Education's E.G.O.



Tennis, squash and swimming classes are being offered this summer by the Department of Physical Education. Check Bulletin for registration times and events.

Programme on the Challenge of Being Single.

The session is designed to bring together both men and women who are not a part of a couple to discuss problems and deploy myths that exist about single persons.

Guest lecturer Marie Edwards, is a psychologist from the University of Southern California and the author of "The Challenge of Being Single". Ms. Edwards has had many years experience in conducting workshops for both singles and marrieds.

Topics such as: differences in dealing with dating and sex, expanding your self appreciation as a single, where are all the singles, and how to be a happy single will be dis-

cussed during the weekend workshop.

The E.G.O. Programme begins Friday May 9, with an evening lecture by Ms. Edwards at 8:30 p.m. at 252 Bloor St. W. (opposite Varsity Stadium). Admission is \$4.00 for adults and \$3.00 for students.

The weekend workshop will have a minimum of lecturing and maximum of participation and involvement. The workshop will be held at York on Saturday and Sunday May 10 and 11. The fee is \$50.00 which includes admission to the Friday evening lecture.

For further information and to register, contact the Centre for Continuing Education, E.G.O. Programme at 667-3276.

## First grad class in Education

The Faculty of Education will see its first graduating class this year.

The three year program which began in 1972-73 has sixteen students accepting the Faculty's first diplomas. Because of its unique structure, students of the course will receive not only a BA but their BEd and possibly a teaching certificate in accordance with the Ministry of Education.

Students involved in Education courses work towards their teaching certificates while continuing studies for a university degree.

Apart from taking a variety of courses dealing with various aspects of educational theory and practice, each student spends one day a week in a school during the academic year and a block of time at the end of the year.

Though the work load is heavy, the course is being well accepted by many as an opportunity to achieve two goals at once. The graduating class for 75-76 is going to be about ninety students.

So far all of the Education graduates who applied for positions in elementary schools have obtained jobs. The hiring for secondary schools has not yet taken place.

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