

University NEWSBEAT

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Women on Women

Atwood to inaugurate 1975 Gerstein Lectures

In honour of International Women's Year, the theme of the 1975 Gerstein Lecture Series will be Women on Women, featuring four distinguished women speaking about women in various fields.

Each lecture will be held at 4:30 p.m. in the Moot Court, Osgoode Hall Law School, and will be followed by a discussion period.

Margaret Atwood, poet and novelist, will deliver the first lecture on Tuesday, November 4. Her topic will be *The Curse of Eve, or, What I Learned in School*.

The second lecture, scheduled for November 11, will feature Rosemary Brown, NDP Member of

the Legislative Assembly of British Columbia, speaking on Women and Politics.

On November 18, Linda Nochlin, art historian, will speak on *The Changing Vision: Some Women Artists of the 19th and 20th Centuries*. Ms. Nochlin is Mary Conover Mellon Professor of Art at Vassar College, and is currently Visiting Professor at Columbia University and at the Graduate Center of the City University of New York.

Dr. Patricia A. Graham, Dean of the Radcliffe Institute for the education of mature women at Radcliffe College, Harvard

University, will deliver the final lecture in the series on November 25. Her topic will be *Women and Learning*.

Margaret Atwood was born in Ottawa in 1939 and received her B.A. at Victoria College, University of Toronto, in 1961 and her M.A. at Radcliffe College, Harvard University, in 1962.

Her poetry has been published in

many magazines and anthologies. In addition, she is well known for her novels, *The Edible Woman* and *Surfacing*, and for her non-fiction work, *Survival: A Thematic Guide to Canadian Literature*.

Her numerous awards include the Governor General's Award in 1966, and the Bess Hokin Prize for poetry in 1974.

Ms. Atwood has taught at the

University of British Columbia, Sir George Williams University, the University of Alberta, and York University, where she was a member of the Division of Humanities in 1971-72. She was Writer-in-Residence at the University of Toronto in 1971-72.

In addition, she has received honorary degrees from Trent University and Queen's University.

Public Land Ownership meeting will assess theory, practice, policy

A distinguished international roster of experts from universities and governments will be featured when York University presents the Public Land Ownership Conference from Thursday, November 13, to Saturday, November 15.

The conference will explore implications of public land ownership in terms of theory and ideology, political implications, and practical problems of implementation. Speakers have been selected to represent a cross-section of political perspectives and relevant academic disciplines.

The University is sponsoring the conference in cooperation with the Ontario government and the federal government's Ministry of State for Urban Affairs' Canadian Participation Secretariat for Habitat, the United Nations Conference on Human Settlements, which will be held in the summer of 1976 in Vancouver. One of ten provincial conferences to be held throughout Canada in preparation for Habitat, it is the only one not organized by a provincial government.

Professor Neal Roberts, property and land use lawyer at Osgoode Hall Law School, is Chairman of the conference, and has been a member of President Macdonald's interdisciplinary ad hoc committee that began planning it nearly a year ago.

The conference will begin with opening remarks by Barnett Danson, Minister of State for Urban Affairs. The first session, "The Arguments Pro and Con", will be introduced by Dean Gerald

Carrothers of York University's Faculty of Environmental Studies and will include major papers by Peter Hall, Professor of Geography from the University of Reading; Stanley Hamilton, a real estate economist from the University of British Columbia; and Jane Jacobs, Toronto urbanologist.

"The Canadian Political Response" will be discussed by John White, former Treasurer, Province of Ontario; Robert A. Williams, Minister of Lands, Forests, and Water Resources, Province of British Columbia; Michael Dennis, Housing Commissioner, City of Toronto; and Alex Campbell, Premier of the Province of Prince Edward Island.

The next session, "Problems of Implementation", will be moderated by Neal Roberts. The

speakers will include Edward Logue, former President of the New York State Urban Development Corporation; Meyer Brownstone, Professor of Political Science at the University of Toronto and Professor of Environmental Studies at York University; R.W.G. Bryant, Professor of Geography, Concordia University; and Fred P. Bosseiman, Associate Reporter, American Law Institute's Model Land Development Code, 1975.

On Friday afternoon, a series of small-group workshop sessions on specific topics will be held.

The registration fee for the Public Land Ownership Conference is \$50. Further information and registration details are available from the Conference Coordinator, Ann Montgomery, Osgoode Hall Law School, 667-3981.



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Children's Aid Society has special tasks for volunteers

The particular characteristics of Downsview as a community — notably the concentration of Ontario Housing around York University, the lack of sufficient recreation and mental health resources, and the relatively high concentration of single parent homes — create specific needs for the North York Children's Aid Society to deal with.

In North York, about 170 children per year come into the care of the Society: of these, about four or five per month require foster homes. This number, however, is expected to increase, since recent changes in Ontario law favour the foster home approach more than other alternatives. In the words of Children's Aid Society workers Sandra Rohit and Ron Naundorf, "We are expecting a deluge."

But the work of the Society does not stop at finding foster homes. There are a wide variety of other, volunteer services, in which students may take part:

- The number of single parent families, in which the parent is usually the mother, means that there are many boys in homes with no adult male to serve as a role model. There is a need for men (and couples) who are willing to get involved with one of these boys as a "special friend". Persons interested in undertaking such a relationship must make a commitment to see the boy at least once every two weeks for a minimum one-year period.

- Some children have not received sufficient stimulation and attention in their first two years to enable them to develop at a normal

pace. When they go to school, these children lag behind others. Volunteers are needed to test programmes designed to overcome this problem.

- Older students and mature women are needed to relate to one family at a time in which the mother is depressed and withdrawn. Volunteers are needed to help with child management, household budgeting, getting the woman out of the house to do shopping, and so on. This programme also requires a long-term (one year) commitment.

- Drivers are always needed, on weekends and at other times, for a variety of purposes. The Children's Aid Society will pay 18 cents per mile.

Any members of the York community wishing to volunteer their services for one of these programmes, or to act as foster parents, may contact the North York Children's Aid Society at 221-1161.

More "Woman"

The second section of the *Woman: An Introduction* lecture series, Theoretical and Historical Perspectives, will commence this Wednesday, October 29.

Cynthia Dent, Associate Professor in the Departments of History and Humanities will present a lecture on the Origins of the Modern Family.

The lectures, jointly sponsored by the Faculty of Arts and the colleges of York University, are held Wednesdays at 7:30 p.m. in the Bethune Junior Common Room. There is no admission charge.

Yearbook reveals Canadian theatre

The Canadian Theatre Review Yearbook will be published by York University on October 25. This is the first attempt to document a given year in the professional Canadian theatre.

On a province by province basis, the Yearbook features complete documentation on every play produced in Canada during 1974, including cast lists, basic production credits, playing dates and, where available photos.

As well, the Yearbook contains overview essays on the 1974 theatre year in Vancouver, Alberta, Manitoba, Ontario, Quebec and the Maritimes. Among the writers contributing are Chris Dafoe, Jamie Portman, George Melnyk, Fred Edell, Herbert Whittaker, Lawrence Sabbath and Brenda Large.

Researched by the staff of The Canadian Theatre Review and edited by Don Rubin, the Yearbook will be an invaluable archival record.



The York Winds

The York Winds, now firmly established as musicians in residence at this university, are one of only three woodwind quintets in existence in Toronto, according to John Kraglund, Globe and Mail music critic.

The members of the group — Douglas Stewart, flute, Lawrence Cherney, oboe, Paul Grice, clarinet, James Macdonald, horn, and James McKay, bassoon — are constantly striving for higher standards of musical excellence and practising a minimum of four hours a day with the long term objective of making the York Winds the top woodwind ensemble in all of Canada.

"It's a full time commitment," explained Douglas Buck, York theatre professor and manager of the York Winds. "The members of the group have severed all other professional relationships and are teaching only part time."

The five musicians, who became our artists in residence this summer with the assistance of the Canada Council, the Ontario Arts Council, and York University, will tour provincially and nationally, and will continue to perform in the Toronto area.

The first of four on-campus concerts is Thursday, November 6 at 8:30 p.m. in Curtis Lecture Hall F. A repertoire of works by Haydn, Weinzweig, Barrows, Fine and Danzi will be presented. Admission to this concert is free.