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Atkinson Weekend: a cultural, social, political mix

Part-time education grows in importance

Part-time education is developing as one of the most important and fastest growing parts of the schooling process in Canada. In Ontario, the best example is Atkinson College at York that is both unique in structure and the largest institution of its kind in the country.

Eleven years ago it opened its doors to a handful of students — fewer than 300. This year it has more than 10,000 registered in 16,400 courses and expects to reach its presently-accepted enrolment limit of 20,000 course registrants by 1973-74.

Says Atkinson dean Harry Crowe: "There's nothing like it . . . with a full-time faculty teaching part-time students . . . and an (almost completely) evening operation".

The students are drawn from all parts of society, from young professionals and housewives to blue-collar workers, and recently an increasing number of people out of high school who in past years have gone directly to full-time study at the university level.

And if the recently-released draft report of the Wright Commission on Post-Secondary Education in Ontario is listened to, part-time university education will receive a stronger emphasis than at any time in the past.

Among the recommendations of the report, which continually stress the value of adult and-or part-time education, are those calling for increased diversity of options for

people from all age groups to higher education, equality of financing to universities for full and part-time students, and equality of financial assistance to students attending post-secondary institutions on a full and part-time basis.

And while the Wright Report has so far been received with less than affection by the majority of academics and administrators at Ontario universities — including those at Atkinson — much of that part of the report dealing with part-time education finds a sympathetic ear at the College, particularly in terms of over-all emphasis.

This year, Atkinson turned away 500 to 1,000 students wanting to enrol in the program due to space limitations. There is every sign that this demand is growing, and not slowing down as is the demand for full-time places at universities across the country.

Hard decisions will have to be faced by all universities in the next few years, and one major factor in those decisions will be the emphasis to be placed on the development of programs for part-time students.

For that, Atkinson, the only institution of its kind with its own faculty, academic program, physical facilities and administration will have to be an important model.

This weekend, Atkinson students have organized a three-day series of events — cultural, social and political — designed to signify the



A standard scene at York during the academic year, which for Atkinson extends through the summer months, is the line-up of hundreds of cars carrying students arriving for evening classes. Growing demand means a future increase in the number of part-time students in Ontario.

maturity of part-time education in Ontario, and to bring together students of the College and members of the community-at-large.

Events range from a talk by U.S. consumer advocate Ralph Nader to panel discussions, poetry readings and dances. Free day care facilities

will be provided throughout the weekend.

A complete list of activities follows below left. All events, with the exception of the Nader address — costing \$2.00 to recover the cost of the honorarium — and the dances,

are free, and all are open to anyone wishing to attend.

Tickets, where needed, may be obtained from the information desk at Atkinson, or may be reserved by calling 635-3051, or 635-2489. Information on any of the events may be obtained from the same numbers.

Atkinson Weekend program

Friday (March 3) 7:00 - 11:00 pm — Canadian Feature Film Festival, to run all weekend with showing of "Isabel," "The Ernie Game," "Stereo," "Breathing Together," and "The Only Thing You Know", (Free caricature sketches) — S137, Ross Bldg.

8:30 - 1:00 — Pub-dance featuring the "Rock Revival," Atkinson Dining Hall.

Saturday (March 4) 12:00 - 6:00 pm — displays by Pollution Probe, North York Historical Society, Big Brothers and YMCA with Indian crafts and an Art-In — throughout Atkinson College.

1:00 - 2:30 — Panel discussion on urban-regional development in Ontario with emphasis on the Toronto region — "Where Will All The People Go?" Panelists include Arthur Vale, director of realty operations at Flemingdon-Wood Condominiums; Hans Blumenfeld, Department of Towns' Regional Planning Expansion; Richard Thoman, former director of Ontario's Regional Development Branch, Department of Treasury and Economics; Andre Saunier, Assistant Deputy Minister for Regional Economic Expansion and

R.J. Spaxman, Assistant Chief Planner, City of Toronto — Atkinson Hall.

2:00 - 4:00 — Student-faculty poetry reading with folk singer Bran Morrison — Atkinson Common Room.

2:30 - 4:00 — Panel discussion on French-English relations since the War Measures Act. Panelists include Claude Charron, MPP for Partie Quebecois; Quebec Chansonner Pauline Julien and Toronto writer-columnists Ron Haggart and Dennis Braithwaite — Atkinson Dining Hall.

4:00 - 5:30 — Panel of Committee for an Independent Canada. Panelists include Eddie Goodman, Jack Biddell, Barb Deprato and Harry McCandless, who will explore current themes in the cultural, economic and political growth of Canada — Atkinson Hall.

7:00 - 9:00 — Student-faculty basketball game — main gym, Tait McKenzie Building.

9:00 - 1:00 — Dance, featuring the "Boss Brass." Tickets, including buffet, are \$3.00 per person; \$3.50 at the door — Founders College Dining Hall.

Sunday - 12:00 - 5:00 — Demonstrations — see Saturday listing at 12 noon.

1:00 - 2:30 — Seminar — Hypnosis in Education — a demonstration by William Carson, director of the North American Institute of Hypnosis — Atkinson Hall.

1:00 - 4:00 — Fashion Show — Atkinson Common Room.

1:00 - 8:00 — Canadian Feature Films — see Friday listing at 7:00 pm.

1:00 - 2:00 — Yoga demonstration, under the direction of Rhonda Jackson of the House of Yoga — Calumet Common Room.

2:00 - 3:00 — Karate demonstration — with John Carnio, silver medalist in 1971 World Championships — Calumet Common Room.

2:00 - 3:30 — Panel on general education — a student-faculty discussion of the general education concept — Atkinson Dining Hall.

4:00 - 5:00 — Address and discussion with Ralph Nader, U.S. consumer advocate — Tait McKenzie Building.

Free day-care will be available Saturday and Sunday.

York Alumni College planned for early June

York graduates will have an opportunity to return to the folds of academe this summer for a long weekend of study in four major academic areas.

Billed as Alumni College, the program will be open to all graduates of the University and their spouses — including those who graduate this spring.

Participants will live in college residences, and in addition to academic pursuits, will have the time to use the recreational and cultural facilities of the campus.

The four areas of study will be:

1. Economics — National Economic Policy for the '70s, directed by Professor James Cutt, department of economics. These seminars will focus on policies designed to influence the relative roles of public and private sectors in the economic growth of Canada.

2. Fine Arts — The Prospects for Film, directed by Professor James Beveridge, director, Program in Film, Faculty of Fine Arts. In brief, this course will study and assess the many processes now at work within the film industry, and the new uses of film within society.

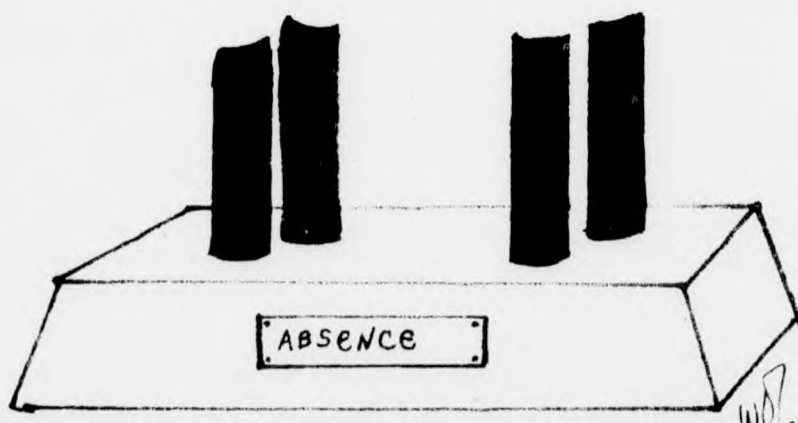
3. Environment — Urban

Development, under the direction of Professor H. Peter Homenuck, co-ordinator of Urban Studies, division of social science, Faculty of Arts. These sessions will explore the subject of the city in a Canadian context from a number of perspectives, including the city viewed as a cultural, economic and political place, a museum reflecting past ages, and as an environment for an increasing number of people.

4. Liberal Science — Analysis of problems through simulation, modelling, and computer processing. Professor S. Madras, who will conduct these seminars, is director of the liberal science program at York, plans that in studying some system analysis, students will choose their own model

— for example, population forecasting for Toronto or Ontario. The style will be interpretive, with only enough instruction to allow each member to work on his project.

All-inclusive fee for the June 8 through 11th term is \$50. A pamphlet describing the details of the College will be available through the Office of Alumni Affairs, in Room 228 Osgoode Hall Law School.



Interface Seminar

The chairman of the Senate Special Committee on Science Policy for Canada will speak at York next Wednesday on volume two of his committee's report entitled "Targets and Strategies for the Seventies."

The Honourable Maurice Lamontagne, P.C., will explain the report — recommending profound changes in the country's science policy — at the latest of the Interface Seminars sponsored by the Faculty of Science.

The seminar series, inaugurated in November by Minister of State for Science and Technology Alistair Gillespie, is designed to help bridge the gulf between the 'three solitudes' of the university, industry and government.

Senator Lamontagne, looking for reactions to and criticisms of this volume of the committee's report, will be speaking in the Moot Court, Osgoode Hall at 2:30 pm March 8.