

University NEWSBEAT

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Some worries about 'creeping obsolescence'

Survey of MBA grads shows high satisfaction

An alumni survey carried out by the Faculty of Administrative Studies reveals a rough profile of the 'average' Master of Business Administration grad as "a person in middle to upper-middle management earning a salary of

from \$20,000 to \$30,000 per year, having been promoted once in the last three years, with high job satisfaction and an optimistic view of the value of the MBA degree".

The survey was sent to all MBA grads from 1966, the inception of the

program, to 1975. The results are based on 440 usable returned surveys.

The survey form was designed and pre-tested by three of the Faculty's students in a behavioural science course.

One surprising datum uncovered by the survey, according to Professor William Read, is the percentage of grads employed in the public sector.

"One thinks of the MBA degree as 'strictly business'," he said, "yet one fifth of the grads hold positions in government.

"It would seem, too, that the number in government might expand, since 25 percent of graduates in the last three years now hold government jobs".

SALARY RANGE

Approximately one quarter of the grads are now earning in excess of \$30,000 per year; more than half are between \$25,000 and \$35,000, and only 30 of the 440 surveyed make less than \$15,000.

Those who earned their MBAs part time are considerably higher in the salary distribution, because they tend to have had greater work experience at the time of graduation.

The study of "Mobility and Progress" is naturally affected by the length of time since graduation.

The program's early graduates report an average of three or more promotions over the last nine years, while a large majority of the 1972-75 grads report at least one promotion.

THEY'RE HAPPY

About 60 percent of the grads report a high level of satisfaction with their present jobs, while only a tenth report low satisfaction.

In a section of the survey dealing with attitudes and reactions to the York MBA program, an overwhelming majority of grads felt the program provided them with good-to-excellent short-term benefits.

In a rating of teaching by subject, the areas of Policy and Marketing received the largest percentage of

"excellent" ratings; Finance and Management Science were lowest.

Overall, satisfaction with the quality of teaching was high.

Respondents made many suggestions when asked what needed areas of training were missed by the program. Corporate law was the most significant of these, mentioned by 21 percent of the grads.

It was also felt that greater attention should be given to communication and report writing.

Almost 80 percent of the grads felt the need for further training to upgrade present skills — "some indication", said Professor Read, "of perceived 'creeping obsolescence'."

Canada Council praises journal, guarantees funds

After six years of publication, the Philosophy of the Social Sciences, founded to commemorate York's tenth anniversary, has been given a Canada Council grant of almost \$7,500 for 1977, and guaranteed further grants for 1978 and 1979.

In recommending support, a Canada Council appraiser wrote, "This is a journal of which Canada can well afford to be proud. It is one of a small number of periodicals in this important philosophical area, and it represents an excellent repository of thought and scholarship concerning the interface of philosophy and the social sciences.

"It is well edited, the articles are apparently well-refereed, and it succeeds in bringing together good writing on a range of topics within its appointed domain."

Initial funds for publication were provided by Murray Ross, then president of York University, with the hope that outside financing could be found.

The journal, published on a quarterly basis, is printed at the Wilfrid Laurier University Press, Waterloo.

Four members of the Faculty of Arts currently serve as editors: J. O. Wisdom, university professor of social sciences and philosophy; John O'Neill, professor and former chairman in the department of sociology; J. N. Hattiangadi, associate professor of philosophy and natural science, and I. C. Jarvie, professor and chairman of the department of philosophy.

Several other York people also serve on the Journal's editorial board.

Former research assistant

Women's Centre gets staff person

Charlotte Sykes, a former research assistant to Toronto alderman John Sewell, has been appointed coordinator of the York Women's Centre.

The Centre, located in room 257, Atkinson College, opened in mid-October, 1975, and has been staffed by volunteers since.

The organization functions as a

centre for women's activities, including films, lectures, poetry readings, book fairs, panel discussions, debates, conversations, and social occasions, and provides information on Women's Studies, research, women's groups, and resources.

Sykes was a founding member of the Woman's Place, a feminist

centre in Toronto. In a recent talk at York she said that the women's movement was as vital now as ever.

"The issues we are dealing with are the same: we have had only token progress since 1920.

"However, the attitudes of young women in 1977 are almost totally different from those held in 1967. The greatest success of the recent women's movement has been a psychological or cultural turn-about".

Sykes will staff the Women's Centre from noon to 8 p.m., Thursdays; volunteers will continue to staff the office at other times.

Panel examines new family laws

Do the changes in the family law proposals address themselves to the reality of a marriage breakdown?

Does the new Ontario family property bill propose fair financial laws for women?

The York University Women's Centre will present a panel discussion on the controversial family law proposals, Wednesday, March 23 at 12 noon in the Moot Court room of Osgoode Hall Law School.

Panelists include: Simon Fodden, Professor of Law, Osgoode Hall Law School; Dr. Esther Greenglass, Associate Professor, Department of Psychology, York University; Honourable Larry Grossman, MPP, St. Andrew-St. Patrick, Parliamentary Assistant, Ministry of Attorney General; Harriet Sachs, Toronto Lawyer.

Moderator will be Lynn Gordon, Chairman of the Ontario Commission on the Status of Women.

The panel discussion is open to the public. There is no admission charge. Further information may be obtained by calling the York Women's Centre at 667-3484.



U of T President will receive honorary PhD at spring convocation

John Evans, president of the University of Toronto since July 1972, will be awarded the degree of Doctor of Laws (honoris causa) at the June 9 convocation of Stong College, and the Faculties of Science, Education, and Fine Arts.

He is expected to deliver the convocation address.

"John Evans has mastered the complexities of medical science, university administration, and superb scholarship, and made a successful enterprise of each," York President H. Ian Macdonald said. "Under his leadership the 150-year tradition of diversity and multiplicity of the University of Toronto has been magnificently maintained."

(The University of Toronto celebrated its one hundred and fiftieth anniversary on Tuesday.)

After receiving his MD degree from the University of Toronto in 1952, Dr. Evans was a Rhodes Scholar at Oxford University, where he served an internship at Radcliffe Infirmary. He also has been associated with Toronto General Hospital, National Heart Hospital (London, England), Sunnybrook Hospital, Hospital for Sick Children, and Baker Clinic Research Laboratory, Harvard Medical School.

Dr. Evans received a doctor of philosophy degree from Oxford University in 1955.

From 1960 to 1965 he was a Markle Scholar in Academic Medicine at the University of Toronto, and from 1967 to 1972, dean of the Faculty of Medicine at McMaster University.

Dr. Evans was appointed to the Medical Research Council in 1969.

Footnotes

A quintet's quintet

Canada's foremost wind quintet, York Winds, will perform at Burton Auditorium on Thursday, March 24, at 8:30 p.m.

The program includes Quintet in G Minor, Franz Danzi; Fantasie in F Minor, Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart; Chole, Michael Parker; Kleine Kammermusik für fünf Bläser, Paul Hindemith; and Quintet, Elliot Carter.

Admission is free and no tickets are required.

Learning the environment

The next Gerstein Lecture on the theme, The Learning Environment, will be presented next Wednesday afternoon at 4:30 p.m. in Moot Court, Osgoode Hall Law School.

J. Tuzo Wilson, director general of the Ontario Science Centre, will speak. Wilson is a graduate of the University of Toronto, University of Cambridge, and Princeton University, where he earned his PhD in 1936.

Wilson holds memberships in the Royal Society of Canada, Royal Society of London, National Academy of Sciences, and served as president of the International Union of Geodesy and Geophysics from 1957 to 1960.

He has been director general of the Science Centre since 1974.

Priscilla was a Quaker

Woman: The Past, a weekly lecture series sponsored jointly by the Faculty of Arts and the colleges of York University, continues on Wednesday, March 23.

Professor Ann B. Shteir (Humanities, Atkinson College), will speak on Priscilla Wakefield (1751-1832): Quaker Botanist and Educator. The lecture is of general interest and will be followed by a discussion period. A brochure about the Woman: The Past series will be available.