

University NEWSBEAT

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Volumes will spur Ukrainian Studies programme

York receives Ukrainian library donation

Approximately \$7,000 dollars worth of Ukrainian books have been donated to York University.

The books, totalling approximately 1,500 volumes, were the private collection of Mr. Walter Fedyk, a Ukrainian who immigrated to Canada in 1955.

Like many others, Mr. Fedyk left his country during the second world war, when clashes between the German and Russian armies threatened his safety.

He fled to Austria, where for four years he taught in the high schools established in the Ukrainian refugee camps there.

In the years between 1950 and 1954, he taught Eastern European History in an Austrian high school.

A scholar in the field of linguistics, Mr. Fedyk speaks fluent German and Polish, in addition to his native Ukrainian. He has also taught Latin and, though he preferred to have a translator present during his interview, his English is very good.

While in Austria, Mr. Fedyk

heard that Ukrainians in Canada had a good life, with the freedom to form their own societies and newspapers. He decided to emigrate, planning to teach in Ukrainian schools here.

But the only Ukrainian schools were part-time night schools, at which he found it impossible to make enough money to support himself.

He had completed a course in technology before leaving Austria, but was unable to find a job because, he says, he was too old.

Instead, in 1958, he secured a manual job at a Toronto hospital, a position he has held ever since.

A year earlier, he had begun his collection of Ukrainian books, to maintain contact with his discipline.

He strove, through reading, to keep in touch with the profession he was no longer able to practice.

The collection is primarily composed of works on linguistics and Ukrainian literature, but also contains many scholarly works on Ukrainian history, culture and fine arts.

Of particular interest and value is a collection of the works of Taras Shevchenko, considered to be the father of Ukrainian literature.

Mr. Fedyk has acquired his books slowly, over the past 20



Mr. Walter Fedyk (left) chats with Dean Eisen following donation of his private Ukrainian library to York.

years, spending, he estimates, about \$40 per month.

As he grew older, he realized that he would have to pass his books on to someone. (He can not send them back to relatives in the Ukraine, since many are prohibited.) He decided to donate them to a university library where, he felt, they would be useful and well cared for.

Mr. Fedyk learned that York

had a Ukrainian Studies programme but that Ukrainian books were few. Also, he heard that lack of finances had curtailed library acquisitions, and decided to help out.

Currently, York offers only language training in Ukrainian. According to Ramona Pikulyk, an instructor in the Ukrainian Studies programme, however, Mr. Fedyk's donation will now make it

possible to offer courses on Ukrainian literature, as well. In addition, many of the books will constitute valuable reference material for graduate students.

Currently, a dictionary of the Ukrainian language and an encyclopaedia are in the process of being published.

Mr. Fedyk hopes he will be able to add these to the York donation when they are available.

OCUFA announces Teaching Awards

The fourth annual OCUFA Teaching Awards Program was announced today in Toronto by Dr. S. F. Gallagher, Chairman of the OCUFA Committee on Teaching Awards.

The OCUFA Teaching Awards Program is designed to provide more extensive recognition to established excellence in teaching and thereby to supply additional incentives towards improving the general quality of university teaching.

Under the terms of the Program nominations are invited from interested groups or individuals within Ontario universities. Sponsors should provide sufficient evidence, from as many sources as possible (students, colleagues, chairmen, deans, administrators, faculty committees, etc.) to make it clear that outstanding work deserving of recognition has been done.

Submissions are not restricted to nominations for excellence in classroom or laboratory work by an individual faculty member. Course preparation, team teaching, audio-visual work, etc., are all matters of importance to instruction and outstanding work in any of these areas would render nominees eligible for an award.

Nominations for the 1976 awards should be forwarded to: OCUFA Committee on Teaching Awards, 40 Sussex Avenue, Toronto M5S 1J7.

The deadline for receipt of nominations is March 15, 1976.

Previous award winners from York include Professor E. Haltrecht of the Department of Psychology in 1973; Professor D. Kehoe, Social Sciences; Professor J. Ridpath, Economics; Professor F. A. Barrett of the Geography Department at Atkinson, and Professor J. Jewson of the Sociology Department at Glendon in 1974. In 1975 there were four winners from York: William Coleman, Humanities; Lucille Herbert, English; Shirley Katz, French Literature; and Elaine Newton, Humanities as well as one from Glendon, Helje Porré of the French Department.

Transportation centre offers research grants

The Toronto-York Joint Program in Transportation invites proposals from graduate or undergraduate students enrolled at the University of Toronto or York University in the 1975-76 and/or 1976-77 academic years. The grants will provide funds to assist students in work on research which is directly related to a degree program or which is an independent project of the student's choice. The research coordinator will consider proposals received by March 12, 1976. All submissions must be on the Joint Program Student Grant Form.

The Joint Program has allocated a minimum of \$15,000 for student grants. The funds may be used for out of pocket expenses and living support. The maximum grant to any one student will be \$2,000.

AREAS OF ACTIVITY

The executive committee of the Joint Program has outlined nine areas of concentration for research activity as a guide for researchers within the Joint Program. Students are encouraged to use

these statements as a guide in formulating their proposals, however, this does not preclude favorable consideration of projects in other areas of interest. Some areas of concentration are as follows:

- A Comprehensive Urban Planning System

There is a critical need in the urban transportation planning process for a policy oriented evaluation system. While analysts have analytical techniques available to study specific issues in the planning process, the senior planners or decision makers do not have such tools for the evaluation of alternative system configurations. The objective of this research program is the development of an interactive planning model which concentrates on the evaluation of alternative transportation policy issues.

- A Regional Impact Model

The evaluation of the impact of a large capital investment, whether it is endogenous or exogenous to a particular planning

unit, is of extreme importance to all urban communities. While the degree of the impact may vary for alternative projects the basic nature remains relatively constant. That is, an impact is felt on the transportation system, the regional economy and all other services provided by the community.

This project involves the design and development of a general methodology or model to study impacts of this nature. While the transportation impact is of great importance, the project should consider all potential impacts within the urban environment.

- Environmental Effects of Urban Transportation Technology

Numerous technological innovations for the movement of people and goods in an urban region have been proposed recently. In most cases, the potential benefits with regard to operating characteristics i.e. speed, flexibility, cost, etc., are well documented. Unfortunately, very little effort has been expended on the evaluation of the environmental impact of such systems. The objective of this project is the study of the environmental benefits and disbenefits (both physical and social) of transportation systems. Methods of incorporating these benefits and disbenefits in the decision-making process should be considered.

- A Case Study of the Intercity Road Transport Firm

The Intercity Road Transport Firm plays a significant role in the distribution of goods in Canada. Unfortunately very little documented information exists on the function of such a firm. One cannot talk intelligently about the regulation and control of the firm without understanding the environment it operates in and the

management style and operating procedures it uses. This project involves the study of the Road Transport Firm with respect to its information needs, management style, capital acquisition and investment, operating procedures and general logic of the enterprise.

The study would initially be descriptive but once the state of the art is known, a number of legal, economic and decision-making models of behavior can be formulated.

- Information Systems Development in Intermodal Flows

The costs of documentation and processing of data in intermodal shipments frequently exceeds the actual line haul costs for the shipment. If Canada is to develop an efficient point to point distribution system, simplifications must be made in documentation procedures. This project involves the evaluation of legal, political, financial and decision-making information requirements in intermodal systems. Once the basic needs are defined a systematic evaluation of alternative regulatory policies relating to intermodal shipments may be made.

- Other areas include Energy Utilization in Intercity Travel, Future Technological Planning in Intercity Movements, and Transportation Information Systems for Research and Development.

GRANT LIMITATIONS

Students may not receive support from a TDA Fellowship and a Joint Program Grant for the same period. Grants may be used to supplement support from other agencies but the Joint Program reserves the right to limit funding in these instances.

Grant applications may be obtained from the Communications Department, S802 Ross.



Construction proceeds on new religious centre atop Central Square.