### A warm, secluded atmosphere

# Inglenook — a new high-school for Toronto

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Inglenook is not an Eskimo house, but the name of a new, socially oriented haigh-school currently being formed in Toronto.

The term 'inglenook' implies a warm, peaceful corner, and one of the aims of the school is to provide just this: a warm, secluded environment where students can reflect on society with the purpose of making warmth universal

Though small and liberal, it will not be a 'free' school. In the words of its founder, Mr. Richard Haney, "Response-ability has to be hinged to

freedom"

Classes will be small with maximum enrolment at 200. The school will be housed in an old theosophical church and a converted coach-house.

This atmosphere, it is hoped, will foster a pleasant learning environment where personal relationships among teachers, parents and students can be emphasized.

The school will have a few more unique features. Teachers will be highly qualified and all paid equal salaries. Ontario cooperative bylaws will be adhered to and school businesses (like a natural food store) will be started.

Like the school, these will be nonprofit and their function will be to employ students in the various dimensions taught in the classes.

Attempts will be made to break down social, racial and religious barriers, and students from other countries will be invited to attend. Bettering the lot of lower income groups will also be of primary importance. This may be done through grants to pay tuition fees and through community involvement. Every student will be responsible for some outreach project concerning the community.

Indeed, Haney has said, "if the school is not in some way improving the condition of lower income groups, it will be closed down"

All of these features play their role in creating the socialized man - the primary purpose of the school. Such a person, aware of the whole and of his purpose in the whole, would need no governing body to rule him. The directors of the school would be able to go on vacation and, in Marxian terms, the state would just wither away.

Teaching methods will be directed to such a goal. An attempt will be made to keep the school in the present

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so that teachers and students will progress, all learning together. Disciplines will be applicatio-oriented, and a relativistic rather than absolute approach will be stressed

Along with regular high-school subjects, courses offered will include Man, science and technology, media arts, social studies, philosophy, and psychology. Testing and marking will be minimized, with no grades since the school will be using the approved Department of Education credit

The task of focussing on the goals of the group will be delegated to a "strong, highly accountable board, whose members are democratically elected, can be inspected and have a limited length of office". The board will consist of seven directors who will rotate chairmanship. Students will be expected to participate to a degree.

For this new concept in education to proceed according to schedule - a September, 1974 opening is planned a few needs must be filled. The school needs volunteers to serve as resource people, classroom equipment, science materials and a library.

Perhaps most important of all, the school needs funds. Tuition is set at \$1,250 and money is needed to provide grants for capable students who cannot afford the fee.

Further information concerning Inglenook School can be obtained by contacting Richard Haney at 925-9982.

There will be a general meeting to discuss the proposed Inglenook School on Tuesday, October 16, 7.30 p.m. at the Toronto Theosophical Society, 12 Macpherson Ave. (2 blocks south of Summerhill Ave., West of Yonge St.) All are welcome.

### Meet Chilean students

York students, faculty and support staff will have the opportunity to meet with Chilean students in Toronto at Chile Day, sponsored by Bethune and

Calumet colleges.

Chile Day begins at 2:30 in Bethune Junior Common Room today (Thursday October 11) with a reading of Pablo Neruda's poetry. Nobel-prize winning poet Neruda died of cancer shortly after the military junta in Chile. He was reportedly arrested and beaten shortly before his death.

Feature speaker will be Ioan Davies, master of Bethune College, giving a talk on "Chile and the future of Latin America"

Alfonso Grau, Chilean student at the University of Toronto, will speak on "The Coup and its Aftermath"

From 4:30-6:00 there will be a reception for the Chileans at store senior common room and all members of the York community are invited to meet and talk with tehm.

### **Transportation** technique discussions

"Up the Transportation System", first of a series of free public forums co-sponsored by the Toronto Arts Foundation and the National Film Board, will explore alternatives to present Canadian transportation system on Thursday, October 11 at 8 p.m. at

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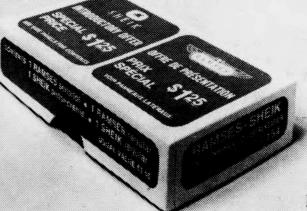
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