

NEWS DIGEST

Service honors late professor

By DEBORAH DUNDAS

A memorial service will be held on Saturday, January 30th at 2:00 pm in the Scott Religious Centre to honour Professor John A. Price who died on January 24th after a short illness.

Professor Price was born in 1933, and has taught in the Anthropology Department at York since 1970. He was the author of many books and articles in his area of expertise, North American Native Studies and Applied Anthropology.

In lieu of flowers, the John A. Price Memorial Fund is being set up to further research in Native Studies. People wishing to contribute to the fund can do so at any branch of the Bank of Nova Scotia.

New principal for Glendon

By DAVID GERSHKOVITCH

Last Monday, Dr. Roseann Runte was named the future principal of Glendon College, York University's bilingual campus.

Runte is currently finishing her fifth year in the administration of Université Ste-Anne, a small, French-language liberal arts college, and the only French university in the Maritimes.

Speaking from Church Point, Nova Scotia, Runte said she thought Glendon had a marvelous campus with a special atmosphere, and was impressed with the quality of the students and faculty. "Bilingualism," noted Runte, "plays an important role in the quality of life on campus as well as to the larger Canadian context." Runte also praised Glendon's contact with York University, calling the association "the best of both worlds."

A past president of the Canadian Federation for the Humanities and a professor of French, Runte previously served as assistant Dean of Arts and Sciences and as Chair of the Department of French at Dalhousie University. She graduated from the State University of New York and took her MA, M.Ph. and PhD degrees at the University of Kansas. Her published works include articles and books on 18th century French Literature, the development of small cultural communities and higher education as well as two books of poetry.

In announcing her appointment, President Harry Arthurs said that Runte's commitment to bilingualism, her excellent scholarly reputation and her skill as an administrator make her an obvious and compelling choice as Principal of Glendon College. "I look forward to her leadership of the College and to her active advocacy of its vision in many public forums and in both official languages," said Arthurs.

Former PQ head teaches at York

By LIDIA CABRAL

Pierre Marc Johnson, former Quebec premier and former president of the Parti Quebecois, will be a guest lecturer at York University's Osgoode Hall for a three month appointment beginning February 15th.

James MacPherson, the new dean at Osgoode law school, said that Johnson will "be guest lecturer, particularly for the first year constitutional law course."

Holding degrees in both law and medicine, Johnson will "also guest lecture for History, Political Science and Public Administration," said MacPherson. Johnson, who was personally invited by MacPherson to

guest lecture at the law school, is also scheduled to spend a day at York's bilingual Glendon College.

The question as to whether or not Johnson will receive full professorship at Osgoode has not been officially considered according to MacPherson.

City accepting applications

By SUZANNE LYONS

The City of Toronto Parks and Recreation Department is now accepting applications from students to fill a variety of positions offered in this year's SummerWorks Employment Programme.

Now in its second year of development, the recruitment campaign will provide full or part-time employment opportunities to students who would prefer to work within the limits of the city during the summer.

The City of Toronto requires a large number of people to fill positions in the areas of aquatics, camp leadership and instruction, tourism and project management for seniors. The SummerWorks Programme will also make twenty-one part-time positions available to those students

who are interested in supervising and coordinating summer music festivals in the parks across the city.

Chris Glenn, spokesman for the campaign, urges people to inquire as quickly as possible because preference will be given to applications received before March 1, 1988. The selection process will begin early in the spring, "so that students aren't left wondering if they will be working this summer," Glenn explained. However, the Department will continue to accept applications until all of the available positions have been filled by suitable candidates.

Because the programme is geared toward providing valuable exposure to the workforce, most of the jobs do not require previous experience. Instead, SummerWorks plans to conduct training sessions for employees working in supervisory or organizational positions.

For additional information on specific job descriptions and salaries, look for the Toronto Parks and Recreation display booth at the Summer Job Fair in February. Job descriptions and applications may also be obtained by calling any one of the Toronto offices at 392-7838 or 392-7545.

Week focuses on suicide

By JAMES FLAGAL

In response to the growing number of suicides among university stu-

dents, the Jewish Students Federation has organized Death Awareness Week, from February 1-4. In Ontario in 1984 alone, approximately 200 persons aged 20-24 killed themselves, an average of four every week.

Darcie Sherman, one of the organizers of the programme, says, "Suicide itself is a scary trend that's increasing. It's exceptionally scary around this time of year, because students are locked into their pro-

grammes. You either make it or break it.

Sherman added that there will also be booths staffed by professional counsellors in Central Square to offer students free counselling. The week will feature seminars on various topics, ranging from suicide prevention to different religious rituals of death, burial and mourning. For details on times and locations, see the advertisement on page two of this week's *Excalibur*.

Argument "groundless"

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no decline in the job performance or productivity of elderly employees. Seriously debilitated elderly faculty will almost certainly retire rather than subject themselves to an embarrassing means test. The argument that the performance of elderly faculty necessitates their dismissal is obviously groundless.

It seems that universities cling to a policy of mandatory retirement, in one form or another, for reasons of administrative and financial convenience. Longer service faculty members command significantly larger salaries than younger staff. Mandatory retirement does give the university the ability to make reasonably accurate administrative decisions. Yet, the Charter stipulates that the infringement on a right cannot be justified on the grounds of

administrative convenience. The charter was established to protect certain basic individual rights against the caprice of the state. Discrimination against persons above the age of 65, in the realm of protecting equal rights of employment, can only be justified if it is a "pressing and substantial" issue for the university. Evidence contradicts the argument that mandatory retirement is justified on the basis of faculty renewal and job performance. The university thus is denied the ability to argue that the issue is of "pressing importance." Administrative convenience should not stop, the few who choose to continue working past the age of 65, from doing so. To ensure that even flexible retirement plans cannot discriminate against capable elderly faculty, all forms of mandatory retirement should be abolished.

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