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Country club for the bilingual and public affairs minded

by Greg Physick

In 1961, 220 students started classes at Glendon, York's country club. There the tone of the university was set and the first of York's libraries, classrooms, residences, and fieldhouses were opened.

Glendon held its first classes in Falconer Hall on the University of Toronto campus. There were 76 students in that first year and the U. of T. general arts curriculum was followed:

In 1961, Dr. Murray Ross was officially installed as President and Vice Chancellor of the uni-

versity at a ceremony held in Convocation Hall, U. of T. The ceremony was highlighted by the appearance of a live chicken, released by students onto the stage during the ceremony.

York's motto, *tentanda via*, was chosen from over 200 entries. The winning one was sub-

mitted by first year student, John Court. It means, roughly, let the way be tried.

York moved from U. of T. to Glendon Campus in Sep. of 1961. Glendon Hall was formerly the Faculty of Law of the U. of T.; the Glendon campus being given over as a gift to York from U. of T.

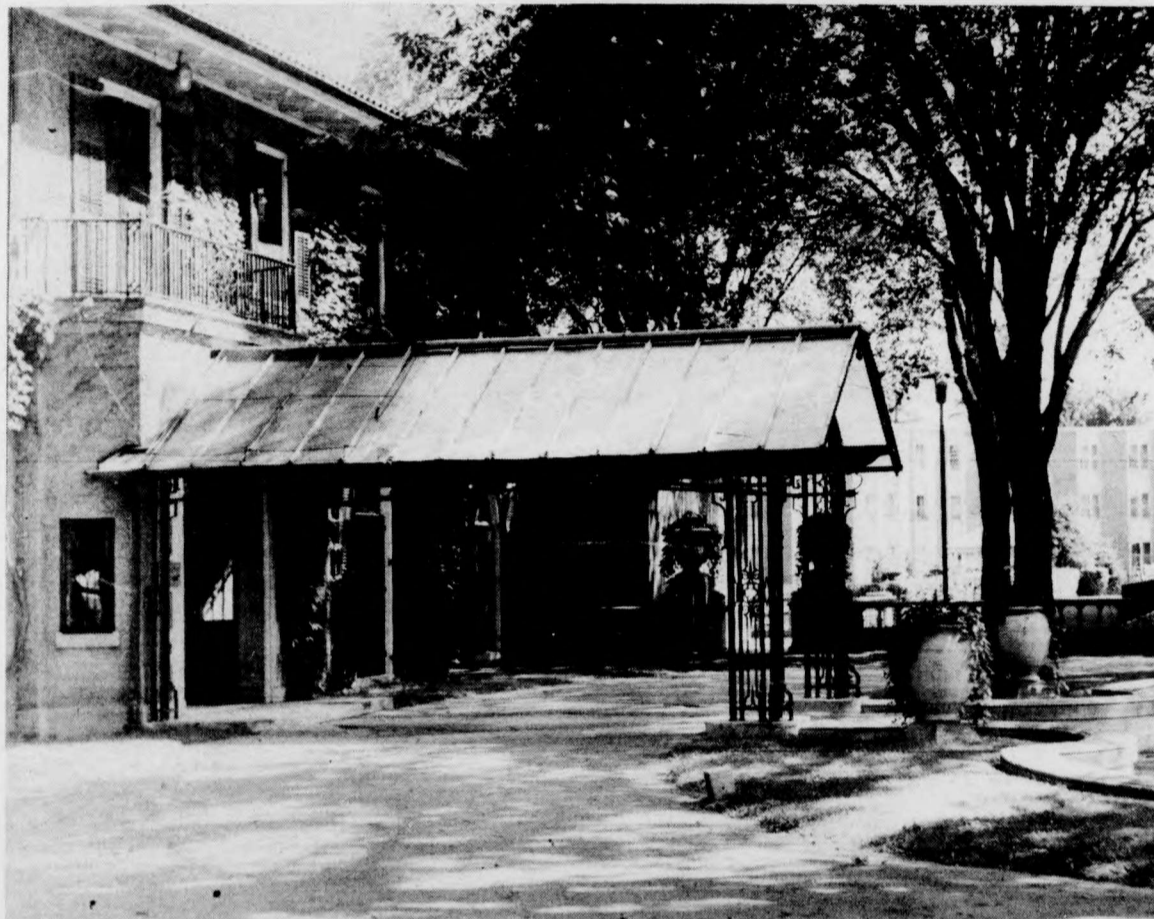
York Hall was officially opened by Premier Frost of Ontario in 1961. At the ceremony a pail of water was dumped on to the Premier by students on the roof of York Hall.

Air Marshall Curtis was officially installed as Chancellor of the university. He was afterwards carried through York Hall on a rickshaw.

By 1965, Glendon slowed down, for the York campus was opened. Escott Reid, the principal of Glendon stressed the idea that the college would be "orientated towards the development of an interest in and an understanding of public affairs" and would place "a special emphasis on the acquisition of skill in the use and appreciation of the English and French languages.

The College is designed to hold no more than 1000 students, the same as the number in the other colleges of York.

The country club has come a long way since the early 60's. Glendon has initiated much of what is going on at York at this time. She has since been joined by four more colleges — each with its own 1000 students with their own ideas, wishes and troubles.



Entrance to the country club . . .

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College for housewife and husband

Squatting on the extreme south end of the campus is Atkinson College, York's part-time college for adults.

Atkinson opened in 1962 with about 200 students. The college, primarily financed by a \$782,000 grant from the Atkinson Charitable Foundation, was named after the first publisher of the Toronto Daily Star.

Since then Atkinson has grown to about 5,000 students, who attend lectures and seminars twice a week in the evenings. In the summer, they use the Atkinson building and the other university buildings.

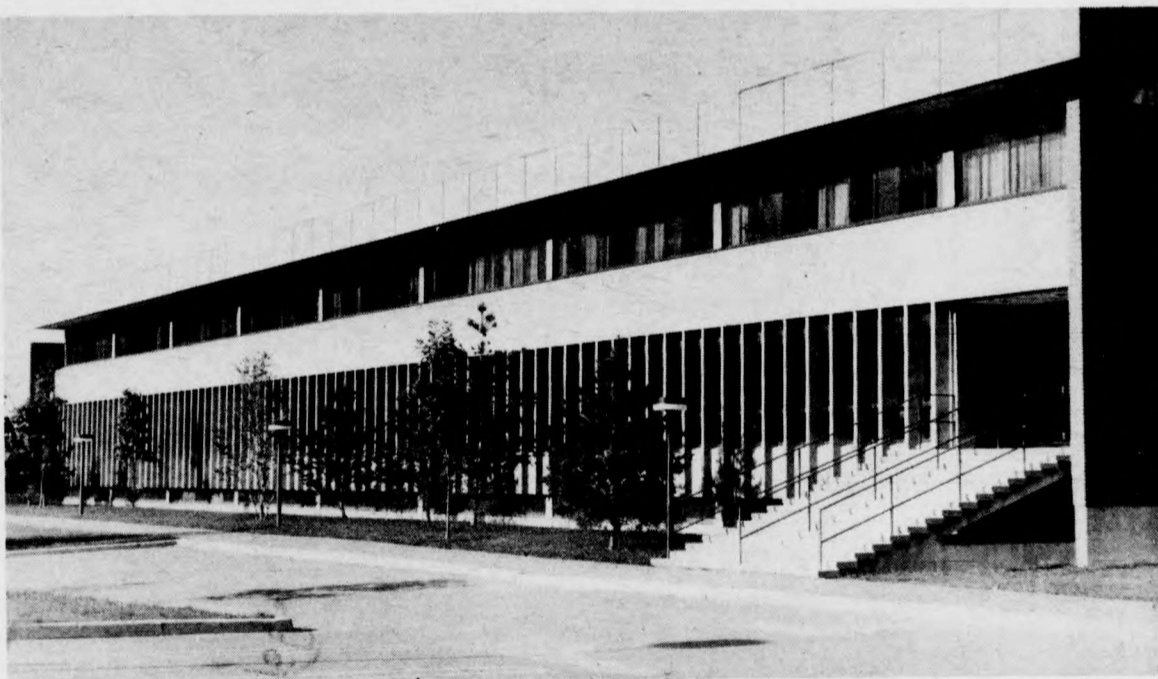
The college offers Bachelor of Arts degree in 10 major subjects, as well as a B.A. in Business Administration.

It's attended by housewives and businessmen, who began university once and never graduated, and by students who may not have even completed high school.

Atkinson's dean, D. McCormack Smyth, believes that a college for part-time adult students must be handled differently than York's other colleges because adults learn differently than young people fresh out of high school.

Atkinson has its own student assembly and executive, the Atkinson College Association, made up of student volunteers. It also has representation on the York Student Council.

The college also publishes a paper every three weeks. The current edition is known as the "Balloon".



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