

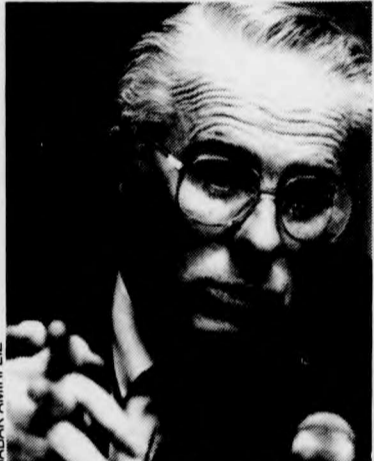
NEWS DIGEST

Opening trade barriers essential

By STACEY BEAUCHAMP

Free trade will be essential for the Canadian economy to confront the demands of the world economy in the future. This was the consensus of economists, speaking at a symposium on the Canadian economy, sponsored by McLaughlin college.

The event brought together four economists, and Lloyd Robertson of CTV Evening news acted as mediator. All participants seemed to be in favour of some type of a free trade agreement with the US.



JOHN GRANT: Chief economist for Wood Gundy.

According to York Professor James Gilles, "We are one world financially and are indeed one world economically." He believes that, for this reason, tariffs should be kept low to increase the capacity to trade among nations.

George Doxey, also a professor at York, says that the problem which must be faced today is the management of a world economy. Separate nations must harmonize their economies with each other's.

Gilles strongly believes that Canadians can compete very well in the

American market. In fact, he feels Canadian industries, if the market is not opened up, will leave Canada and head to the US.

The idea that Canada can survive without the rest of the world, because it owns resources is incorrect, says Doxey. He noted that third world countries are producing resources at far cheaper expense than could ever be done in Canada.

Alan Shapiro, Associate Professor of Economics, noted that supporting dying and inefficient industries leads to less choice for consumers and higher prices. It also constitutes the "creation and maintenance of poverty." This means that people are prevented from moving to more efficient uses.

All speakers generally agreed that free trade would aid in stabilizing the market. According to John Grant, Chief Economist and Director of Wood Gundy Investment, the recent market crash is being dealt with in a different way than in the 1930's. This could prevent a second Great Depression.

Although the present Free Trade Agreement is far from perfect, the economists agreed that trade between nations should be more open. Since economies of individual nations are dependent on one another tariff-free trade among them would aid in stabilizing the market.

York prof gets Imperial chair

By MIKE KENNEDY

Professor Ronald J. Burke of York University has been appointed Imperial Life Professor in Organizational Behaviour and Senior Fellow at the National Centre for Management Research and Development at the University of Western Ontario.

As a holder of the Imperial Life Chair, Professor Burke will conduct research in the area of organizational behaviour and human

resource management. This appointment will be for an initial period of three years. He will continue to reside in Toronto, but plans to spend several days a week at the Centre.

Subsequent to his appointment Professor Burke commented, "In the immediate future I plan to explore three areas: the impact of mergers and acquisitions on employee morale and attitudes, the impact of mentor and peer relationships on career development and family matters. Specifically, I propose to look at the process by which career women balance professional development and family matters."

The Professorship was made possible by a grant from the Imperial Life Assurance Company of Canada. Income from the grant will support research, travel and publications costs for Professor Burke's projects.

One of Canada's most prolific researchers, Professor Burke's work has focused on the relationship between work environment and the individual's overall well being, and over the past 25 years he has written articles for numerous academic and professional journals. Professor Burke received a BA from the University of Manitoba and an MA and Ph.D. from the University of Michigan. After completing his Ph.D. in 1966, Professor Burke taught for two years at the University of Minnesota, following which he joined the Faculty of Administrative Studies at York University.

New Colleges Minister named

By DEBORAH DUNDAS

On October 5, 1987, Dr. T.A. Brzustowski, former professor of mechanical engineering at the University of Waterloo, was appointed Minister of Colleges and Universities for a three-year period by the Ontario government.

Brzustowski brings to the post a wide range of administrative and academic qualifications, including experience as Vice-President Academic and Provost at the University of Waterloo.

He has also been through the Ontario university system as a student, receiving both his B.A.Sc. Eng. and Ph.D. from the University of Toronto.

Former Nixon aide speaks

By GARRY MARR

John Rothmann, a former aide to US President Richard Nixon, held a 90-minute question and answer period in the Bear Pit this past Monday. Rothmann was an aide to Nixon during his first presidential term in office. He later worked for Democratic Senator Frank Church of Idaho, during Church's presidential campaign. Rothmann is now a committed Democrat, but indicated he is not sure who he will support in the 1988 presidential campaign. Rothmann did indicate that he would not support candidate Jesse Jackson, who he referred to as an "anti-semitic."

Rothmann was educated at Whittier College which he pointed out was Richard Nixon's alma mater. Rothmann recalled, "We had many of the same professors except I had them when they were old, while he had them when they were young."

Rothmann is a foreign policy consultant in the US and is currently in the midst of a speaking tour. Rothmann's areas of expertise are the Middle East and the Soviet Union.

Topics addressed included the Soviet Union and the Middle East, as well as the Iran-Iraq war, NATO, Star Wars and the United States. Students were generally responsive to Rothmann and the discussion was only stopped because Rothmann had to leave.

The event was organized by the Jewish Students Federation.

York honours four scholars

By LENNIE LONG

Four distinguished scholars and humanitarians received honorary Doctor of Law and Science degrees

at Fall Convocation Saturday, Nov. 7. The four are Marguerite Mathieu, Irwin Cotler, Robert Carten Von Borstel, and Yuri Fyodorovich Orlov.

Mathieu, a prominent Canadian social work educator, in accepting her degrees, stressed the importance of a well-defined purpose for any profession. She noted, "It is extremely important that the profession not lose sight of this primary concern—the human person as a social being. And the social worker cannot forget that behind the system there are individuals whose human dignity must be enhanced, and that the social system exists for the individual and not vice versa."

In acquiring much-needed professional skills to cope with social problems, and in acknowledging cultural differences, Mathieu emphasized "the importance of being prepared to understand; to accept these various cultures if we want to maintain our tradition of respect for people as people, and not to deal with them as numbers in a computerized programme."

Cotler, an active advocate of human rights, international justice and peace, and a proponent of humane treatment of people globally and in Canada, noted, "If you've saved a victim, it is as if you've saved an entire world, and those who struggle for human rights will ultimately prevail over those who suppress human rights."

Carten Von Borstel, a radiation genetics scientist, proposed a new disciplinary field called the Economics of Science. He tried to reveal the dynamic relation linking science, technology and industrial growth. He said that the economics of science is like the history of science, the philosophy of science, and it is scholarly area lying between two cultures, the arts and the sciences. Borstel said, "I see the development of the field of economics of science as the only way to bridge the gap between scientists and the political community that exists today."

Orlov, a Soviet physicist who is an expert on high energy physics and non-linear electron acceleration, was present at the convocation, but delivered no address.

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