

University NEWSBEAT

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Colloquium examines current issues

MacLaren describes conflict in business, government relations

There is a large gap in communication between business and government in Canada, according to the Chairman of the government's task force on Business/Government Interface.

Roy MacLaren, speaking to last Wednesday's Dean's Colloquium in the Faculty of Administrative Studies, said that demands of society have blurred the previously distinct roles of business and government, and that debate and conflict has been the result.

Mr. MacLaren suggested that businesses should develop stronger representative organizations to express their views to the public, develop a broader capacity to research public policy independently, expand and strengthen departments of corporate and public affairs, and hire people from universities and other institutions in an attempt to "bridge both worlds".

As well, he said business should introduce relations with government as "an explicit factor in the normal management goal setting

process."

He said governments, for their part, should make further efforts to eliminate waste and unnecessary growth by reducing expenditures.

Whenever possible, governments should "consider contracting out and reprivatization — to use those villainous words — to restore market conditions." Also, they should make greater use of business groups, universities and "other intermediary institutions which can play a brokerage role in conflict situations."

Mr. MacLaren said it is necessary for government and business to work closely together to solve such problems as inflation, unemployment, energy, increased productivity, and environmental problems.

He said shortages of labour, capital and energy create a climate in which "any particular allocation decision is likely to meet the priority demands of only a minority of the public."

The Dean's Colloquium, at which Mr. MacLaren spoke, is a regular speaker series of the Faculty of Administrative Studies.

Professor A.L. Saibe, Chairman of the Colloquium's coordinating committee, says the series "revolves around bringing faculty and students together to look at current issues in business and government management."

A special Dean's Colloquium today will feature Mr. Hans Shaerer, an officer of the Union Bank in Switzerland. Mr. Shaerer will discuss international money markets.

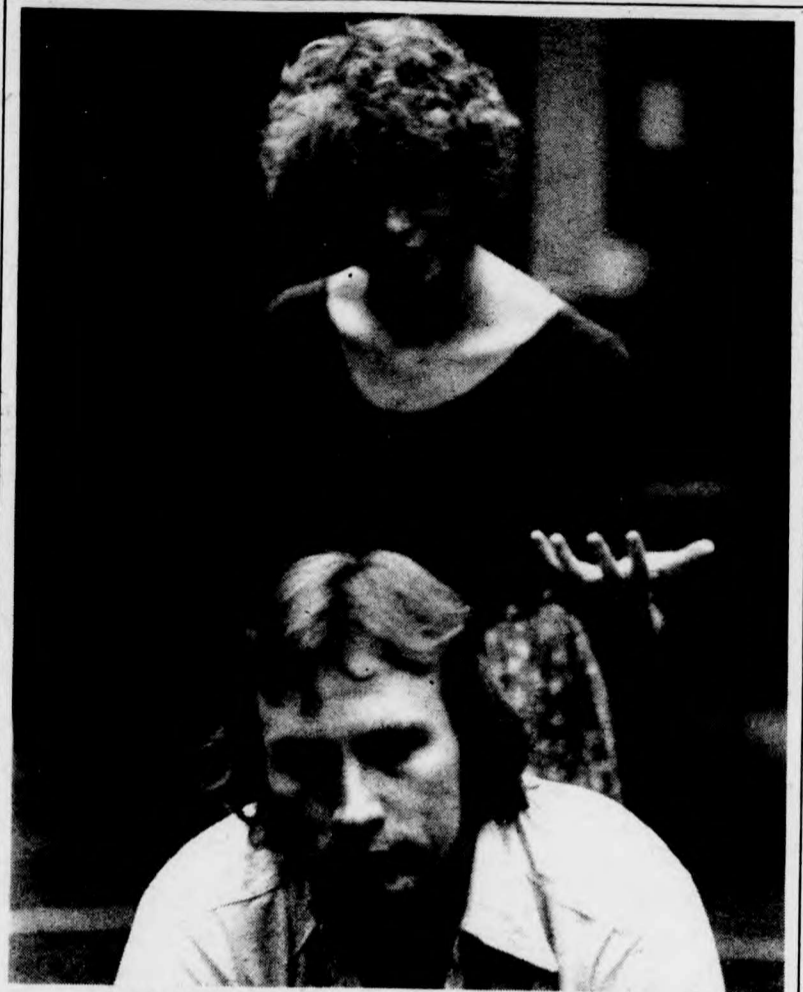
The Colloquium will be held in Room 038 of the Administrative Studies Building at 12 noon.

Arts advising sessions planned

The Advising Centre, Faculty of Arts announces that individual advising sessions will be arranged between Monday, March 29, 1976 and Friday, April 9, 1976 for first year students in the Faculty of Arts who have not decided on a Departmental affiliation for second year.

Faculty Advisers will help the student to arrange courses so that the student will be completely prepared for second year registration.

Students interested in signing up for appointments should come in person to the Advising Centre, S313 Ross, before Friday, March 26, 1976.



Atkinson has Hay's Have

The North American premiere of Julius Hay's "Have" will be performed in the Atkinson Studio, York University, tonight, tomorrow and Saturday at 8 p.m. plus matinees tomorrow and Saturday at 4 p.m.

Have is directed by Malcolm Black, Chairman of the York Theatre Department. Mr. Black has directed extensively in theatres across Canada. His recent production of the Sherlock Holmes adventure, The Speckled Band, was received enthusiastically by sellout crowds at the St. Lawrence Centre.

Have is based on the actual trial of 40 women charged with poisoning their husbands, and is set in a small Hungarian village in 1929.

Free tickets are available between 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. at the Burton box office, 667-2370.

Above, Maggie Butterfield and Graham Lafoley appear in a rehearsal of the production.



Stuart Smith addresses Alumni dinner meeting

Dr. Stuart Smith, leader of the Ontario Liberal Party, was the guest speaker at the annual dinner meeting of the York University Alumni Association last Thursday evening.

Dr. Smith told about 250 York alumni that he was still an active member of the McGill Alumni Association, and involved with that association's fund-raising drives.

"Every year I write letters to my former classmates, mention a few of the embarrassing things they did in university, and suggest that these activities might receive wider circulation if they don't contribute," he said. "Over the years, it's amazing the generosity my classmates have displayed."

Dr. Smith commented on his personal views about the future of higher education. He said our society places too much emphasis on the acquisition of "a piece of paper", and that this resulted, in some instances, in the university fulfilling a "babysitting function".

He said it should be possible to make higher education a lifelong pursuit, while decreasing the role that a degree plays in the job market.

Mrs. Naomi Wagschal, President of the Alumni Association, presented the annual report to the membership at the meeting.

Commission on Goals and Objectives

The President's Commission on the Goals and Objectives of the University has requested written briefs from members of the community, as part of the process of gathering information on the academic functions of the University.

Several briefs have already been received and the Commission would like to ensure that any additional members of the community who wish to express their views are given the opportunity to do so.

Students may submit briefs individually or in groups. The Commission is particularly interested in hearing views on the following questions:

- How well, in your opinion, has York developed as a community in recent years?
- What are the present strengths and weaknesses of York as a place of learning, culture and recreation?
- What do you perceive is the external assessment of York, and what steps need to be taken to improve our image and role in the external community?
- What additional factors, affecting the learning environment of York, should be considered by the Commission in identifying the University's future goals and objectives?

The length of the brief is optional. All submissions should be directed to Michael Scott, Executive Secretary of the Commission, c/o the Office of the President, S949 Ross.