

Glendon Students Reject Medals

TORONTO - (CUP) - Three students at York University's Glendon College Wednesday (Jan. 23) declined general education medals at the annual awards banquet.

Chris Wilson, Graham Muir and Helen Aitkin said they could not accept their awards because they were "symbols of the values of competition and narrow individualism which underlie the existing educational system and our society itself."

Wilson also rejected an award for academic distinction in political science.

A statement read to the banquet by Muir on behalf of all three students read:

"As much as we recognize the goodwill and fine intentions that lie behind the awards which we are being offered here tonight we find that in all conscience we cannot accept them.

"But rather than boycott this presentation or melodramatically reject the awards we have decided to explain quietly and simply why we must refuse them. For us these awards are no more than symbols of the values of competition and narrow individualism which underlie the existing educational system and our society itself.

"Moreover they are part of a system of evaluation which we believe can only condition people to accept artificial, externally imposed achievement markers and adopt the passive attitudes necessary for the smooth functioning of an economic and political system over which all but a minority of us have little or no control.

"We cannot accept competition and external eval-

uation as the basis for a humane educational system any more than we can accept them as the foundation for a humanized society."

The statement drew a 20-second round of applause from the audience, addressed later by Justice Emmett Hall, recipient of the third Glendon public service award and co-author of the Hall-Dennis report.

Manpower Holds Seminars

The Canada Manpower Centre will be holding the first of a series of recruiting seminars to be held in the Board Room of the Student Placement Office, top floor of the SUB at 7 p.m., Wednesday, February 5, 1969.

These seminars are designed to assist students one year from graduation to prepare for interviews in the fall of 1969 and will be conducted by Marty Martell, Manpower Counsellor, and Neil Sharpam, Commerce Representative on the Student Council.

Topics to be covered will include:

- The types of recruiters that visit this campus.
- When do these recruiters arrive?
- How are their visits advertised?
- What kind of graduates are they looking for?
- How to select interviews.
- How to prepare for an interview.
- How and when do recruiters make their job offers?

Please contact the Student Placement Office if you are interested in attending this first or other seminars. Seminars will be limited to small groups to encourage participation in discussions.

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