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1,150 Students in Fall Convocation



George Lascombe

More than 1,150 students will graduate at Fall Convocations on Saturday, December 2. Honorary degrees will be conferred on George Lascombe, founder of Toronto Workshop Productions. Prof. Karl Helleiner, an economist, and Dr. William F. James, a founding member of the York Board of Governors.

Two separate ceremonies are planned. In the morning ceremony, approximately 460 students will receive undergraduate degrees from Atkinson College and hear an address by Mr. Lascombe. The event begins at 10:30 a.m. in Tait McKenzie. Mr. Lascombe will be honoured with the degree of Doctor of Letters (honoris causa).

In the afternoon, 784 students are



Karl Helleiner

expected to receive degrees from the Faculties of Administrative Studies, Arts, Education, Fine Arts, Graduate Studies, Science and Osgood Hall Law School and Glendon College. Prof. Helleiner will address the audience, and will receive the degree of Doctor of Laws (honoris causa). An honorary Doctor of Laws degree will also be conferred upon Dr. James.

The ceremony begins at 1:30 p.m. in the Tait McKenzie Building.

George Lascombe is an actor, director, and producer. Born in Toronto, he attended high school and technical school there.

He has appeared in many theatre productions in Canada and the United Kingdom as an actor,



William F. James

and has been seen in numerous CBC television dramas.

He founded Toronto Workshop Productions in 1959, now in a permanent location on Alexander Street.

Mr. Lascombe has directed and co-written many successful productions there including *Hey Rube*, *The Mechanic*, *Gentlemen be Seated*, and *Faces*, and directed productions of plays by Canadian and European dramatists.

He has toured with his company to the United States and Europe. Mr. Lascombe has served as a member of the board of the Canadian Theatre Centre.

Dr. Karl F. Helleiner was born in Vienna, and received his PhD there. He came to Canada in 1939

on a fellowship from the Canadian Society for the Protection of Science and Learning.

Dr. Helleiner joined the Department of Political Economy at the University of Toronto, becoming professor in 1959 and professor emeritus in 1970. He was made a fellow of the Royal Society of Canada in 1958 and awarded a Centennial Medal in 1967.

In 1975, Vienna University renewed his PhD in celebration of its fiftieth anniversary since conferment. Dr. Helleiner has served as vice-president of the Canadian Political Science Association.

He has published many scholarly articles and reviews, and three books: *Readings in European Economic History*, *The Imperial Loans: A Study in Financial and Free Trade and Frustration: Anglo-Austrian Negotiations 1860-70*

William Fleming James was born in St. John, New Brunswick. He holds degrees in both arts and science, including a Bachelor of Arts and Doctor of Sciences from St. Francis Xavier University, a Master of Science from McGill University and doctorate in geology from Princeton University. He has served as a member of several university boards of governors, including the original York University Board of Governors.

As a consulting engineer and

geologist, and partner in the firm Buffam and James Ltd., Dr. James has played a central role in the development of Canadian and international mining. He has held directorships on many of the largest Canadian mining corporations.

Among the many honours accorded Dr. James are degrees of Doctor of Laws (honoris causa) from Dalhousie University and the University of Toronto, the Inco Platinum Medal for Distinguished Service to the Mining Industry, membership as a fellow in the Royal Society of Canada, and the title Knight-Commander of the Order of St. Gregory the Great.

In the Atkinson College ceremony, it is estimated that 390 Bachelor of Arts degrees, 50 honours degrees, 17 Bachelor of Social Work degrees, and 3 honours degrees in administration will be conferred.

The Faculties expect to award degrees to the following numbers of graduands in the afternoon ceremony: Administrative Studies — 7 BBA, 91 MBA, 2 PhD; Arts — 258 Ordinary BA, 80 Honours BA; Education — 8 BEd, 10 EDEXS diplomas; Fine Arts — 17 BA, 24 BFA; Glendon College — 52 Ordinary BA, 28 Honours BA; Graduate Studies — 90 MA, 2MFA, 23 MES, 7 LLM, 13 MSc, 25 PhD; Osgoode Hall — 2LLB; and Science — 35 Ordinary BSc, 10 Honours BSc.

Footnotes

Film Award

The Famous Players Limited Maple Leaf Award will be awarded this year to York University graduating student Arnie Zipursky.

Mr. Zipursky, who will graduate from the Film Department in the Faculty of Fine Arts, at York's Fall Convocation was chosen by the faculty to receive this award. The Maple Leaf Award for one hundred dollars goes to the leading fourth-year student in recognition of outstanding scholarship or talent in film.

Piano Concert

Adam Fellegi, one of Europe's major concert pianists, performs at York University on Wednesday, December 6 at 4:00 p.m., in Curtis Lecture Hall "F", on York's main Keele Street campus. Admission is free.

Currently artist-in-residence at Brock University, this outstanding artist from Budapest will give a program of 20th century and contemporary music for solo piano by Hungarian composers, including Bartok's *Dance Suite* (1923), *The Death of Schroeder* (for prepared piano) by Vidoszky, and Szabo's *Folk Song Arrangement* (for prepared piano). His York concert is sponsored by the Music department of the Faculty of Fine Arts.

Adam Fellegi has earned a distinguished place in the international music scene on the strength of his many successful concerts in Europe, the USSR, and

North and South America. He made his Canadian debut at Brock in November, 1976.

Gymn Meet

Bodies will be flying around at York this Saturday... in the tenth annual York Invitational Gymnastics Meet. The Yeomen have been national champions for the last eight years, and in a recent meet with the University of Michigan walked off with five first places out of six events despite an overall points loss. Canadian University Champion and Yeoman Marc Eprecht was top individual at the meet.

The teams invited to compete are from Queen's, Laurentian, McMaster, Toronto, Western, Eastern Michigan and Laval university squads. Events begin at 7:00 p.m. in the Tait McKenzie gym.

Options

A group named "Options" has formed in Vanier College for the purpose of "aiming the energies of the University more towards improving society" according to spokesman Shawn Brayman. Mr. Brayman, recently elected a student member of the Board of Governors, said that the group was formed following a speech at York by Jean Vanier.

Options hopes to increase the involvement of the University with the outside community by serving as a referral agency to connect service organizations with York students willing to volunteer time, aiding in the planning of new undergraduate courses that will help

attack society's problems, setting up "one-shot seminars" on and off campus, and co-ordinating on-campus research for activist organizations. The group has a core membership of 15 people, mainly students, and welcomes new members and ideas. Options is currently located in Room 131, Vanier College.

Poetry Reading

On Monday, December 11, 1978, a poetry reading will be held at 4:00 p.m. in the Stong College Theatre featuring Prof. Miriam Waddington, Glendon Writer-in-residence Liz Lochhead, and the editors of *Waves* magazine. Six other poets will read, and then a reception and sale of poetry books will be held. The event marks the move of the magazine's editorial office to Stong College.

Small Art

Environments with hardly room for even a mouse to stir are the subject of the Glendon Art Gallery show.

Miniature environments collected and created by Joan Leposky will be on display until December 29. Included are doll houses, many of them rare and antique, from around the world. The architecture, furnishings and inhabitants of these miniature worlds bring to life the social attitudes and customs of the time of their creation.

The Glendon Art Gallery is open Monday to Friday from 10:00 to 6:00 p.m. and Sundays from 2:00 to 5:00 p.m.

Festive Week

The Faculty of Fine Arts is sponsoring a Festive Week of family entertainment from December 4 to 8. All performances begin at 8:30 p.m. in Burton Auditorium, and are all but one free of charge.

The York University Community Chamber Orchestra will perform on Monday, December 4, under the musical direction of James McKay, assistant professor of music (Fine Arts). Selections chosen for performance are the Concert Overture by Canadian composer Milton Barnes, Vivaldi's *Gloria*, and Beethoven's *Symphony Number Two*.

On Tuesday, December 5, Fine Arts faculty members will perform selections of music, dance and poetry.

Winner of the 1978 Canadian Stage Band Festival, the York Jazz quintet offers original compositions and improvised jazz on Wednesday, December 6. The

group's Canadian award led to their invitation to play at last summer's Montreux International Jazz Festival in Switzerland.

The Arete Mime Group will be offering its unique blend of acrobatics, magic, juggling and pantomime in two appearances at York. A one-hour workshop at 10:00 a.m. Wednesday, December 6 is being held for the children of the York Daycare Centre. Children accompanied by a member of the York Community are welcome.

On Thursday, December 7, the mime group will appear at 8:30 p.m. Tickets range from \$4.00 general to \$2.00 students. For information call the Burton Auditorium box office.

The final event, Friday, December 8, is an evening of Christmas songs and other selections by the York University Choir, accompanied by the Brass Quintet. The 65-member choir is directed by Nicholas Kaethler.

The York Jazz Quintet (photo courtesy

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