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Come and Dig

Tree Planting Day Planned

Are you looking for some real roots? As part of the York Arboretum Week, students are invited to help plant some seventeen varieties of trees around Stong Lake on Thursday, October 20.

Contrary to some opinions, the construction of York's main campus buildings did not significantly decrease the number of trees on campus. Many of the largest trees at the time of construction were Dutch elms, which were left standing only to be later killed by Dutch elm disease.

When this season's planting is completed, there will be "a net gain in number of trees since the mid-sixties" said Robert Howard, York campus planner and secretary of the Arboretum Committee. The committee is responsible for choosing new plant materials to beautify the campus, and planning their installation.

York has had two previous Tree Planting days. According to Mr. Howard, "a tremendous number of

seedlings and saplings were planted in 1971 and '72 — perhaps 5,000 seedlings in the first year, and 6,000 seedlings and saplings in 1972."

This Tree Planting Day will concentrate on the area around York's own lake, and twenty-five shovels will be on hand for the use of participants. Weather permitting, the area will first be prepared by back-hoe with a surface of good topsoil and local soil.

Although this year's planting is more modest in numbers of trees involved, the approximately 110 trees to be installed are from three to eight ft. in height. Summer on campus should display the brilliant colours of cherry, dogwood, horse chestnut and magnolia trees once they are acclimatized.

Associate Prof. Martin Lewis, of biology, said that "when the trees are large enough, we'll be using them as an outdoor classroom". The woodlots near Founders College and Keele Street have already served a large role in the

instruction of biology and geography students at York, added Prof. Lewis.

The trees to be planted this year were chosen to provide "natural Canadian material of a wide variety" rather than exotic types of plants with high growth rates, said Mr. Howard. Naturally, maples head the list for the October planting, with the varieties of Scarlet, Red, Black, Manitoba and Sugar Maple. Chestnut lovers will welcome the fruits of the Ruby Red Horse Chestnut and Horse Chestnut, while practising Druids will find appropriate shade under Red Oaks and Pin Oaks.

Although these trees will ultimately veil the Stong Lake from the viewpoint of the Ross Building, a lake two or three times larger is planned west of the Ring Road. The use of trees and water is part of the "general campus plan", Mr. Howard said.

The main funding was authorized by Vice-President Small, through

the Physical Plant budget. Vanier and Bethune Colleges have already offered financial help to cover the cost of the new materials.

The Arboretum Committee also credits Ontario Hydro with generous aid in allowing transplanting from its right-of-way corridors, thus supplementing the narrow range of varieties available from commercial nurseries, Ontario Lands and Forests, and Dr. Laking of the Royal Botanical Gardens in Hamilton with initial help in planning the campus tree population.

The nine-member committee includes two students who provide "fresh blood", said Mr. Howard. Members range in background from biology professors to physical plant staff.

York has already shown a commitment to preserving its woodlot resources. The Founders woodlot is a remnant of the original Stong farm; as a low-lying area, it was too damp to support wheat-planting,

and thus harboured elms, ashes and silver maples. As it has dried out slightly the tree population has altered, but it still contains an attractive small pond unknown to most York community members.

The Keele woodlot, visible south of the main entrance to York off Keele Street, had a special drain built when a change in local drainage resulted in a damming of the stream. This was done at university expense.

The Tree Planting will take place October 20, regardless of weather. Students who attend may be lucky enough to catch sight of the ducks and geese that have been using the lake over the last few weeks.

A second, chillier planting of poplars and maples is planned for December. As the October Planting Day is the first one in five years, this is a rare opportunity. The time, and dignitaries attending, will be announced next week in the *Daily Bulletin* and *Excalibur*.



Kevin Domm (left) and friends load his crossbow-sculpture onto a trailer beside the Fine Arts Building. Kevin, a painting and sculpture major, built the working crossbow as a sculpture project and has fired metre-long iron arrows with it. He has also constructed a catapult and is the man to see should York be attacked by marauding Gauls or Romans.

Footnotes

Interns in Parliament

A Parliamentary Internship is not an assignment to doctor (directly) an ailing Confederation, but instead a unique chance for recent graduates of political science, history, law, economics, journalism, business administration and other social sciences to take part in the day-to-day business of Parliament.

Interns are assigned specific duties to aid members of the House of Commons. Seminars and a paper

analyzing some facet of Canadian parliamentary government complete the program.

A stipend of approximately \$8500 is paid to ten interns for the period from September 1978 to June 1979. The deadline for Applications in January 16, 1978. For forms and information write: Robert J. Jackson, Director, Parliamentary Internships program; St. Patrick's College, Carleton University, Ottawa K1S 5B6. Telephone (613) 231-6610.

Several scholarship programs for postgraduate students have been announced recently.

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The National Research Council offers assistance of \$6,000 for 12 months in two categories: recipients completing a first or second year of postgraduate studies and research in Canada; and postgraduate students at the third or fourth-year level in research or studies in Canada. Generally, students may hold up to four successive NRC scholarships.

Postgrad Scholarships Announced

Information and application forms for the NRC programs, meant to support studies and research in the sciences and some areas of psychology, may be obtained from: The Scholarship Officer, Office of Grants and Scholarships, National Research Council of Canada, Ottawa K1A 0R6. The deadline date is December 1, 1977.

Five Queen Elizabeth II Ontario Scholarships will be awarded to full-time students nearing the completion of their PHD programs in humanities, social sciences or mathematics. Valued at \$7,000, the awards are given largely to Ontario residents of high academic standing who have completed at least two years of study beyond the BA degree.

Each applicant must be sponsored by his Dean, and must submit to the Dean relevant information and completed application forms by Dec. 1, 1977. Applications are available from the Graduate Deans' offices.

Postgraduate assistance to students of the physical and biological sciences is also available through the scholarship program of the Royal Commission for the Exhibition of 1851.

The awards, tenable for the period of two years, are valued at 2,000 British pounds a year (approximately \$3,000).

The scholarships support full-time research, and are awarded to students throughout the Commonwealth.

Recommendations made on the prescribed forms (available from Graduate Deans or the Royal Commission for the Exhibition of 1851, 1 Lowther Gardens, Exhibition Road, London, England SW7 2AA) must be received by March 21, 1978.

Laval Students Visit York



From left, enjoying an animated discussion of the relative entertainment merits of the York and Laval campuses are: York-Laval Business Administration program director Klaus Weiermair, associate professor of economics, Administrative Studies, York and M.B.A. exchange students from Laval: Andre DesRoches, Gilles Bernier, Jean-Claude Tremblay, Micheline Vaillancourt, Ivan Roy, Robert Grimard, and Luc Provost. Other exchange students absent from the picture are Jacques Fleury, Gilles Coulombe, and Denise Reville.

Ten Laval business administration students are at York until December for the 2nd term of their Master's programs in an exchange while York M.B.A. students attend Laval in Quebec city.

Although their arrival in Toronto was delayed by a strike at Laval, the students completed five weeks of English language training at the York language laboratory.

Said Prof. Weiermair, York director of the government-funded exchange program: "We very early pioneered in this exchange, and we have convinced the federal government that we have a good one." Since the Laval courses use texts in English for about 85% of the

reading lists, the Quebec students do not find York courses unduly difficult, but find that their school emphasizes theoretical approaches and group work on projects more than York, which encourages individual study and practical, statistics-oriented courses.

They feel that Toronto offers "a much better job market" than Quebec city, where 80% of administrative jobs are in the provincial government; some of them hope to return here to work.

"Traiteur!" joked one student when Ivan Roy expressed that wish to which he replied "Just because I want to stay, it doesn't mean I'm a traitor to Quebec."

Native Arts Open

An exhibition of Native Arts opens today at the Samuel J. Zacks Gallery in Stong College. Paintings by well-known native artists such as Morrisseau, Beardy, Odjig and Janvier will be on view along with quillwork, prints, pottery, beadwork and jewellery.

The opening is from six to ten thirty p.m. today, and the exhibition

is open Tuesday to Friday from one to seven p.m. and Sundays from two to five p.m. until October 28.

Menaka Moves

York's own Indian dancer, Menaka Thakkar, will be accompanied by a hand-picked group of Indian musicians in a classical dance recital Thursday, October 20 at Burton Auditorium. The concert at 8:30 p.m., may be viewed for \$1.00 (students) and \$2.00 (public).