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DISTINGUISHED PROFESSORSHIP

Western Washington University is establishing a Distinguished Professorship of Canadian Business and Economic Relations. In the spirit of cooperation between the United States and Canada, a reception was held November 3 at Canada House on the campus of Western Washington University to recognize this important development. The Honorable F. Ian Wood, Canadian Consul General; Richard G. Seaborn, Consul; and the Honorable Sam Frommowitz, the United States Consul General, attended the presentation by the Government of Canada for an award of $100,000 and the University Foundation pledge of an additional $150,000. Negotiations are now proceeding with the State of Washington and corporate donors for the completion of the necessary funds, which will provide for a full-time tenured track professorship in Canadian Economics and Business.

PROGRAM DEVELOPMENT: NEW DEGREE PROGRAM

With the formal establishment of the Pacific Northwest Canadian Studies Center, through support of an Office of Education Title VI grant, the Canadian Studies Program at the University of Washington has now expanded. October 25, 1988, the Executive Committee of the Henry M. Jackson School of International Studies, voted to recognize Canadian Studies as a degree-granting program within the School. The B.A. degree will be awarded in International Studies: Canadian Studies. Undergraduate majors will be required to take a basic sequence of courses in International Studies, together with both Macro- and Micro-Economics. A working knowledge of French is also required as well as a minimum of 20 credit hours in Canadian Area Studies Courses.

The Executive Committee of the International Studies Program has also approved of a "Canada Track" in the program. This Track affords majors in International Studies the opportunity to include Canadian Studies courses in their selected field emphasis.

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SUPPORT OF CANADIAN EMBASSY TO THE CENTER

The Canadian Studies Program at the University of Washington recently received the support of the Canadian Embassy, providing for a number of events. In the autumn, the program was able to produce an International Geographical Information Systems Forum. This forum, held at Friday Harbor, San Juan Island, brought together 31 specialists from Western Washington University, other state universities, the University of Oregon, and the Canadian universities: Victoria, Simon-Fraser, and British Columbia. The conference was regarded as a highly successful one and plans for another one are commencing.

The Canadian Embassy Grant also supported visits in the autumn for several lecturers to the seminar: Canadian Resource Policies and Issues. Professor Roger Hayter, Simon Fraser University, discussed the policy of the Canadian Forest Industry; Professor William Ross, University of Victoria, spoke on Canadian Resources Industries; and Kathy Fletcher of Puget Sound Water Quality Authority discussed the issues in Transboundary Marine Pollution in Puget Sound – Strait of Georgia Basin.

The curriculum Guide, Canada: Northern Neighbor, the fifth in a series of curriculum guides by Professors Wilson (University of British Columbia), Alper and Monahan (Western Washington University) was distributed this fall to all fifty states and British Columbia. These publications are a key part of the Outreach Program for elementary and secondary school teachers, which developed at WWU many years ago, and now is widely recognized as the Canadian Studies Teachers’ Institute. This Canadian Institute was represented, and distributed curriculum materials, at the National Council for Social Studies meeting in Orlando, Florida, and at the Global Reach Consortium’s symposium in November. The strength of the Institute was enhanced when Professor Donald Alper, Associate Director, recently received an $8,000.00 grant from the Canadian Embassy for the 1989 Summer Canadian Studies Teachers’ Institute. The Institute will be complemented by expanded curriculum development work in the public schools throughout the year.
TASK FORCE ON CANADA-UNITED STATES TRADE

Trading Relations
In the winter term, graduating seniors in the Jackson School of International Studies will study aspects of existing trading relations between the United States and Canada, and implications of the newly enacted free trade proposal. Several visiting specialists will address the students, and among the first will be Professor Jean-Pierre LeGoff, Professor agrége, Institut d' économie appliquée, Ecole des Hautes Etudes Commerciales (affiliated with the l'Université de Montreal). Professor LeGoff will also lecture at Western Washington University. His visit to the Pacific Northwest is supported by a grant from the Quebec Delegation in Los Angeles.

FOCUS ON QUEBEC

French-Canadian Literature
Arrangements have been made by the Center and the Western Washington University French Language Department to sponsor in Spring, 1989, a four part lecture series on French-Canadian literature, with Professors Kathy Mezei of Simon Fraser University, Eva Marie Kroll of the University of British Columbia, and two visiting Quebec authors.

Quebec Week
The Quebec Delegation has offered to assist both the University of Washington and Western Washington University with a Quebec Week that will be shown on both campuses spring quarter; and to assist the Canadian Center with the development of a French-language immersion program for Secondary School teachers, in the Summers of 1989 and 1990.

NEW CANADIAN LITERATURE CLUB

Canadian Authors Studied
Formed by and for students on the University of Washington campus, the Canadian Literature Club is meeting monthly to discuss favorite works of Canadian authors, both French and English. The group has been studying themes and symbolism particular to Canadian literature, and comparing Canadian writings to other national literatures.

SPECIAL LECTURE

Status of Women in Canada
February 23 Patricia Cooper, Western Vice-President, Canadian Advisory Council on the Status of Women, will be coming to Seattle from Calgary, Alberta, to give a special lecture on the "Status of Women and Minority Rights in Canada." She will speak at 2:30 p.m. in the Conference Room of the University of Washington Faculty Club.
CONFERENCES AND OTHER ACTIVITIES

Issues on Free Trade

The proceedings of a conference held in Bellingham in the spring of 1988, have been published by Professors David Merrifield, Robert Monahan and Donald Alper under the title, Growth and Cooperation in the B.C. and Washington Economies. In addition, the Center and the College of Business and Economics offered a new course on Canadian-American trade issues taught by Professor James Wilson, an economist from the University of Maine. Professor Merrifield and Professor Dan Hagen, through a joint faculty research grant of the Canadian Embassy, are engaged in research on "The Implications of the Canada/U.S. Free Trade Agreement for Resource Allocation in the British Columbia/Washington State Region: An Analysis of Effective Rates of Protection Under Different Tax Structures". To enhance the steadily growing interest on U.S./Canadian trade issues, a one-day conference on Canada-U.S. free trade will be held Winter term with speakers from Canada and the United States. Among the participants are Mr. Darcy Rezak, the President of the Board of Trade and Mr. John Anderson, Director of the Washington State Department of Trade and Economics.

Outreach

A North American Alternative will be the theme for the Jackson School's monthly current events' seminar March 11, at the University of Washington. Professor Earl Fry of Brigham Young University will discuss "Canadian Culture and Society, and the New Status for Quebec", while Dr. Douglas Jackson will present "Canada and the Implications of the Free Trade Agreement". Open to anyone, the international studies' seminars are designed primarily for secondary school teachers to earn certification credits on regional current events.

Canadian Health Care System

In June, 1989, Professor Jonathan Mayer, a specialist in Medical Geography at the University of Washington, will head a two week conference on the Canadian Health Care System. Supported by an Institutional Research Grant from the Canadian Embassy, the team will conduct an intensive study tour of the British Columbian Health Care System as a case study and basis for exploration of the national health care system in Canada. Participants will include a number of former Kellogg National Fellows and, also, health care specialists from British Columbia including Dr. Robert Evans of the University of British Columbia. The conference will open in Seattle, and then move to site visits in both urban and rural British Columbia.
SUMMER INSTITUTES AND CONFERENCES

French Immersion in Quebec

Through the University of Washington, planning is underway for a French language immersion program for 10-15 selected secondary school French language teachers. This will be a three-week program, held at Laval University, in Quebec, which offers an outstanding residential, immersion program. The institute will enhance the teachers skills, and afford them an introduction to Quebec culture as they reside with Quebec families. This province is the French-speaking center of North America, and offers a spectacular location both for the socio-cultural life and the French classes as they are combined with a wide range of cultural, social, touristic and sporting activities.

French Culture Immersion

At Western Washington University arrangements have been made to sponsor, from July 5-28, an intensive French language and Quebec culture institute by Professor William Bryant and complemented by Professor James McCormick, a Canadian presently teaching at California State University-Sacramento. Professor McCormick is a specialist on the music of French Canada. Mme Marie Paul Meda, of the Romance Languages Department, University of Washington, will be lecturing on French Canadian literature.

The immersion program in Quebec will follow Western Washington's institute, so teachers will be eligible to apply for both of the intensive French language institutes.

Maritime Boundary Waters

Two conferences, to be held in Seattle, are being planned for August. A short term conference on issues of importance to the Seattle and Vancouver ports, the health of maritime boundary waters, and Puget Sound communities will be sponsored by the Puget Sound Water Quality Authority, Port of Seattle, and the Canadian Studies Center.

Circum-Pacific Prehistory

The other one, August 2-6, the Circum-Pacific Prehistory Conference, will meet at the Seattle Center as part of the USSR-Smithsonian-Canadian Crossroads of Continents International Exhibition. This is given in association with the Pacific Northwest Archaeological Society and the Washington State Centennial Commission, with the Canadian Studies Center as an active sponsor of the conference.
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Library Grant
A grant of $5,000.00 U.S. to the University Library, under the Embassy’s new Library Support Program, to strengthen the Canadian Studies collection, has been received by the University of Washington.

Conference Grant
Along with this, a Canadian Studies Conference Grant has been awarded to Professor Jonathan Mayer, Department of Geography and a specialist in Medical geography, for a Canadian health care conference.

Faculty Research Grant
On an individual basis a Faculty Research Grant has been issued to Professor Gary Pivo, Department of Urban Design and Planning, as well as a Faculty Enrichment Grant to Professor W.A. Douglas Jackson, Department of Geography/International Studies and Director of the Canadian Studies Center. Dr. Pivo will be doing research on "Suburban Business Development" and Dr. Jackson’s area will be Francophone Canada.