

How green was my scholarship?

by Catherine [Cate] Young

The present poor economic situation and the increasing non availability of Government Student Loans has encouraged the Gazette to inquire into the availability of scholarships to the students of Dalhousie. By surveying different faculties and department in the university, available scholarship monies and the needed qualifications to obtain scholarships and bursaries have been roughly determined.

Most departments in the Faculty of Arts and Sciences are answerable to the Awards Office for the giving of scholarships and bursaries, and have little or no money in the form of a bursary or scholarship fund; their only sources of aid for students

are Entrance Scholarships, a few in-course scholarships, and teaching fellowships offered to Graduate Students, the giving of which is monitored through the Awards Office (typical of these departments are those of English and Economics). These departments are almost completely dependent on the Awards Office for Scholarship money, with the exception of scattered bequests or memorial bursaries.

Some departments in the Faculty of Arts and Sciences happen to be more lucky than others, with regard to the availability of scholarship and bursary money. The Music Department, for instance has just been left

more than \$100,000 in the form of a bequest willed to the Department by the late Mrs. Elsie MacAloney. Although improval of the Music Resources is important, the establishment of a scholarship fund for students is "top priority", according to Peter Fletcher, Head of the Music Department. On "Music Maritimes", a CBC - A.M. program broadcast on Nov. 8, Fletcher said, of prospective Music students, "Good students particularly on the rarer instruments, expect to get a scholarship to come to a Music school. They are sufficiently in demand that somewhere they're going to be bought". Although it

seems to mean so, Prof. Fletcher has denied that he meant to view the future student as merely a cost unit or commodity. Apologizing for his ill-considered use of the word "bought", Fletcher still maintained that this is the way that students are indeed viewed. His rationale for recruiting instrumentalists from other places is to make much needed ensemble work available for all Music students in the department.

The Faculty of Health Professions also seems to enjoy more autonomy than other departments in the area of distribution of scholarship and

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'Careers for Tomorrow' a definite success

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On the twenty-fifth of November, the 'Careers for Tomorrow' program went ahead as scheduled. All of the expected employers turned up and provided an interesting afternoon for all those students who attended, either just out of interest about the job market, or interest in job opportunities with the firms represented.

After talking with most of the employers present, several things became quite evident. The point made most often was that the new price and wage controls implemented by the government are going to have a detrimental effect on employment. The second point made, was that many employers are going to be looking for people with greater and greater degrees of specialization in their respective fields.

Some of the outlooks given by the various firms were as follows.

Anyone seeking employment with the Federal Government may as well forget it for the time being. Their projected growth rate for the next year is one and one half percent. The Dept., of the Environment representative said that last year her department hired only one thousand graduate students, and if they can manage to hire that many again next year they will be doing well.

The RCMP seems to offer the most diversified number of openings to graduate students, and are willing to take anyone with almost any type of degree. The RCMP also hires people who are not listed as members of their regular forces, but are entered into a civilian branch instead. With the crime rate increasing the way it is, I certainly cannot see any cutbacks in their staff numbers.

The Armed Forces also are offering an extremely wide field of work open to graduate students, but the representative would not offer any guess as to the future number of job openings with the Forces.

With Government spending cut-backs going as they are one would suspect that they will not be hiring on the same scale as they have been.

The Insurance Bureau of Canada representative said the number of job openings in this field remains constant and there was no foreseeable decrease of jobs available for the future.

The Banking Industry is looking for students with degrees in commerce and other related fields such as economics. When asked about the future job openings in the banking industry, one representative said the number of job openings were down somewhat from last year, but the future is dependent strictly upon the economic situation of the country.

CUSO is willing to make arrangements for almost anyone with any type of degree, but the big catch here is that they are increasingly looking for people with practical experience in their various fields. In the future CUSO will be looking for people with highly specialized areas of work, but the number of job opportunities with this organization are not expected to decrease.

As one can see the future as far as employment is concerned is at best uncertain, and students are well advised to look ahead in choosing their future careers, and get some information as to what courses are required to get into the field you find most rewarding.

Almost all of the students I talked to reacted very favourably to the program which was sponsored by the AIESEC, in conjunction with the Dalhousie Commerce Society, and all of them said they hoped it would be held again next year, although with a few additions.

One complaint was that there should have been industrial representation, such as oil industries and the like for the more scientific minded students. Although the

Commerce Society organized this very worthwhile venture, they did imply that there would be something for everyone, but some people thought that the 'Careers for Tomorrow' program was aimed mainly at commerce minded students.

Another opinion expressed was that such a program would be even more effective if it were held earlier

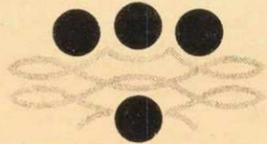
in the year so that students would be able to make course adjustments after talking to the various representatives.

For a first effort at this type of project at Dalhousie, the Commerce Society and AIESEC deserve a thank you from the student body, and we only hope to see it again next year.



One of the job booths at AIESEC's employment conference. M. Walsh / Dal Photo.

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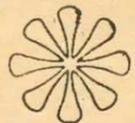
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