



Summer job

At warp speed, four months have zipped by. Summer began indulgently as I travelled to the BIG apple. Wow!

But the real summer began when I returned to the Edmonton airport, to large open skies inhabited daily by cumulus clouds and nightly by candy colored sunsets, to cows, to finding a summer job before students completely invaded the job market.

I was in terror as I began my search. What

would I do and what would I become if I didn't find a job? I would never be able to face my friends, my grandparents, my family, or good old Fido, my dog.

Common sense took over as I headed to Hire-A-Student. I soon found I had no marketable skills. I was useless, inexperienced, a first year arts student.

Since knowing how to stand on my head and sing all the tunes from the Sound of Music wouldn't get me a job, I decided to develop some skills pretty fast. I began my list: mow lawns, smile in at least three languages, operate a standard vehicle...As my

skills list grew, I knew I had to put it up against the true test, the employer and the job application. I found applications easy enough to fill out and did, twenty-five to be exact.

Brringgg... Brringgg... (My attempt to type the sound of a telephone ringing.) A job!

I had moved up in the real world. I had acquired status. I was a busboy — a real summer job. I was a teenage (sort of) busboy. That sounds like a bad movie from the fifties, except for the fact that I updated my job title by referring to myself as a "bus-person."

The best parts of the job were days of small lunches, due to awful weather. I must admit I hoped for rain every day this summer. Of course, I didn't want rain all the time—only from eleven until three weekdays and six until midnight on Fridays and on weekends... I really hadn't planned for a tornado that one dark day.

Summer is over now and so is the job but I am a completely changed person. I am no longer a useless, inexperienced, first year arts student. I am now a second year student.

Kisa Mortenson

INFO CORNER

Student Ombudsman Service

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