

Careers for tomorrow—today

Back in the good old days, (whenever they were) jobs were a dime a dozen. Of course wages were something along the same lines, but at least you were reasonably assured that a job, would await you once you finally got out of college. Today, the job market is depressed. As a matter of fact, just talk to students looking for work and you'll find that they aren't too happy either. November 25, in the Dalhousie McInnes Room, from one to five in the afternoon, "Careers For Tomorrow" will be Dalhousie's first serious large scale attempt to find work for students. About twenty-five firms will be in attendance to talk to students about jobs: where they are, how to get them, when to apply, what courses to take if you are not graduating this year, what summer work is around, and what the general trends of the job market are.

Sponsored by AIESEC, in conjunction with the Dalhousie Commerce Society, the half day is stressing person to person conversation with firms that interest you. Coffee is being served and lounge areas will be set up.

What is **NOT** being sponsored is a superficial information day on what these various firms do. That type of information if available in the Manpower Centres, to the students who take the trouble. What **IS** being sponsored is an informal, down to earth discussion about the job market.

The day is open to all students and not in any way limited just to Commerce students. Maritime Life, wants to talk to people taking math. Sun Life needs ten to twelve people by the spring of 1976. The Federal Government is attending, and representing, among other things, the Bedford Institute. The Civil Service Commission will be there, along with the City of Halifax, The Royal Bank, Manual Life, Armed Forces, CHNS radio, CUSO, Lord Nelson Hotel, Merrill-Lynch Securities, Chateaux Halifax, MT&T, and even an employment agency. This list is by no means exhaustive.

Part of the reason that students are experiencing trouble finding jobs is that they are graduating with courses that are simply not marketable. Everyone has heard the expression that a B.A. stands for "bugger-all". While not entirely true, it does stand to reason that the courses you take now, will influence your chances at finding the work you want. Now is the time to come and find out exactly what's happening on the job market, both now, and in the future. Many of the students will end up contacting these same firms at a later date anyway, and a little foreknowledge goes a long way.

The day is structured informally. It gives the firms and the students the chance to talk without that feeling fo paranoia that often

surrounds an interview. It's to your advantage to attend, if only an hour or so. This is the first time such an event has been held at Dal, and depending on the interest shown by students, it could become a yearly event. Let's face it folks, unemployment won't last forever, nor will those student loans. (Incidentally, UIC said they couldn't make it. They said something about not really wanting anybody this year...) November 25, 1 to 5 p.m. in the

Dalhousie McInnes Room.

The International Society for Economics and Commerce Students, contrary to popular belief is not a front for any political movement. What it does, is raise jobs in this country, which get filled by students from other countries. Then, because those students have jobs waiting for us, we go over to their country. It's really quite simple.

Founded in 1948 with a view in

mind to further international communications, it raised over 2,000 jobs last year with about 200 of these coming from Canada. The jobs last from six to twelve months, and although the money is not great, the experience is fantastic. Through-out the year, AIESEC has guest speakers lecture on various subjects, the occasional party, and a fair amount of fun. If interested, they will be there on the twenty-fifth.

Parking - epitomy of ignorance

by Wayne Ingarfield

If you wish to witness the "epitomy of human ignorance," look at Oxford St., North St., or any of the other main traffic arteries in Halifax at five o'clock.

Take a quick glance, you will first observe hundreds of vehicles lined up for blocks. Most of you will explain that the problem here is "the poor layout of the streets due to the lack of proper planning by the city," which granted, may be true in some instances. But if you take a second, more detailed look at the automobiles, you will notice the "epitomy of human ignorance" to which I am referring. Hundreds of five and six passenger cars are slowly moving (if moving at all) towards some intersection, each carrying one or two people. If you won't take my word for it, have a look around the next time you're stuck in the five o'clock rush.

The solution to this seemingly complicated problem is actually quite simple. The answer of course is car pools. If a car which was normally carrying one person, would carry three other people who would usually be driving their own automobiles, three-fourths of the

vehicles which are guilty of tying up rush hour traffic would be eliminated. Consequently, you would also eliminate three quarters of the parking spaces required for the surplus vehicles.

Now many of you must be asking what an article such as this is doing in a university newspaper?

Three weeks ago, the GAZETTE ran an article informing students and professors that the Dalhousie Parking Commission was willing to set aside reserve parking spaces for those people willing to organize car pools.

Much to no one's surprise, the supposedly educated segment of society responded in the usual manner. A grand total of two requests were made for parking permits! As one can see by the statistic, the response to the scheme has been somewhat less than overwhelming.

Yet when one considers the advantages gained by using a car pool, it is impossible to conceive of why anyone would even consider taking their car to class every day.

You would probably cut your gas

bills in half (and with the price of gas as high as it is now this would mean quite a substantial saving.) Your car would last longer, and maintenance bills would drop drastically, as you would not be putting nearly as many miles on your automobile. One of the larger benefits for everyone, would be the elimination of the many eyesores known as parking lots scattered throughout the campus (which inevitably turn into mud baths every time it rains).

Well every one must be thinking "we had our chance to clean up the mud holes around campus but missed out opportunity"....But wait, don't despair so soon. The Parking commission is still anxious to get some type of response from the motoring members of the campus who may have been enlightened by this article, and any one wishing to get involved in this very worthwhile scheme is invited to get in touch with the Parking Commission which has it's offices located in the Dental Building. They will be more than happy to be of some assistance to you.


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Another thing is that I couldn't make out what you meant by "It would be nice...to see something that Alan prints intelligent". Did you mean to say "It would be nice to see something intelligent that Alan prints"? Your grammar and spelling are atrocious. Food is spelt with an 'F', not a 'PH'. And you must admit, "phood phoneys... phoaming" is the most illiterate alliteration to be read in this paper in quite some time. I was most impressed with your comment about my being "witty as an elephant in heat". That was quite good. At least worthy of half-wit.

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