

OP/ED Summer jobs folly, from A-Z

Well its that time of year again. We can smell spring in the air and young minds turn to thoughts of..... summer jobs.

Due to major government cuts and the recession a summer job will harder to find than ever.

EDITORIAL

We at the *Gazette* have taken it upon ourselves to do a little research and now pass our expertise on to you, the reader.

A is for anarchy. Become an anarchist for the summer, no experience necessary, and you don't have to pay taxes because you don't believe in paying them.

B is for busker. Take what little talent you have into the streets and get drunken fools to shower you with loonies. B is also for beg, pretty much like busking but it requires less talent.

C is for cross country. Buy a beat up old van and "head out on the highway".

D is for drink. Forget you even need a summer job and drown your sorrows in mint juleps.

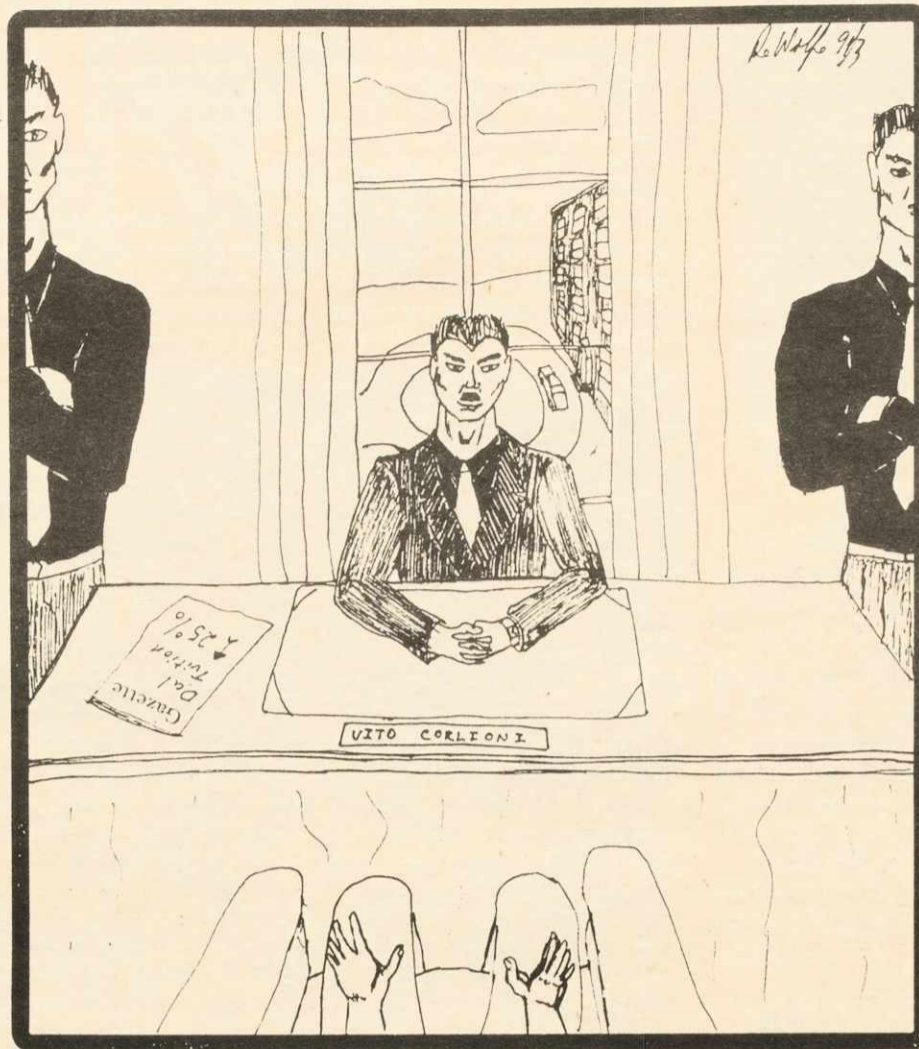
E is for entrepreneur. Get a healthy government loan and then declare bankruptcy before September, just in time to apply for your student loan.

F is for..... oh F is too easy. F is also for four dollars an hour - up to your armpits in grease and dishpan hands.

G is for gambling. Open a casino on Oak Island and call it the Money Pit.

H is for harness racing. Blow the last of your student loan on Lucky Nose in the fourth. H is also for HEY DUDE, probably the most popular summer job.

I is for invention. Invent a useless kitchen



"Da boyz say you come to negotiate a loan."

gadget and flogg it on television after one in the morning.

J is for jellyfish. Collect them early in the morning, deep fry them, and sell them as a local delicacy - jellyfish and chips.

K is for Kejimikujik. Grab an anarchist and go canoeing.

L is for Lotto 649. Need we say more.

M is for marriage. Marry someone rich and divorce them before Labour Day so you can collect alimony while going to school.

N is for narcotics, a dangerous profession, but what other summer job will enable you to buy a Mercedes.

O is for the ocelot, a fascinating creature that you can collect and sell to your friends.

P is for pornography, someone has suggested the *Gazette* staff could make a lot of money in this field.

Q is for quit. Quit your job when the weather gets nice and go on poge.

R is for running rickshaw. What kind of masochist wants this job anyway?

S is for the Spicer Commission. Work for two hours a week and rake in the dough - this job can't be beat.

T is for talk show host. Buy whats left of the CBC, we hear its going cheap, and become Merv Griffin over night.

U is for Unemployment Insurance. A great Canadian invention, why not give it a try?

V is for ventriloquist. We hear Mulroney needs a new mouth piece.

W is for Windsurfing. Head out to Lawrencetown and catch some waves.

X is for x-rated (see P)

Y is for Y bother looking for a job in the first place.

Z is for Zamboni driver. Its better than driving a cab.

'Competitive Canada' means unemployment

by Paul Webster

Over the past several weeks Canadian taxpayers have been presented with several illuminating insights. On Feb. 27 Michael Wilson tabled a budget which slashed transfer payments, froze wages, cut social programs, increased defence expenditure and overspent revenues by around \$30 billion. Last week in Newfoundland a budget was presented which slashed programs and 2 000 jobs. Saskatchewan has heard Premier Grant Devine promise his rural constituents he'll do the same, and on Monday Nova Scotia's new Premier, Don Cameron, cut \$1 m. in student summer job funding.

Last Friday we were told that unemployment in Canada is at a high of 10.2 per cent, and household debt levels are at an all-time high. Inflation stood at 6 per cent in January, and prices have risen, not dropped (as promised) with the GST. John Crow, the Governor of the Bank of Canada (famous for the interest rates which gave us the "Made in Canada Recession"), said Monday that the end of the recession, which has been with us for at least a year now, is nowhere in sight.

These facts obviously point to a real squeeze for tax-paying Canadians. Taxes have gone up, prices are going up, job security is under

attack, and the Federal Government is abnegating on its Constitutional responsibilities to provide a social security net. No wonder they want to change the Constitution! Our debt load is growing and Michael Wilson has replaced creative attempts to deal with it with "vision statements".

The only people who aren't paying higher prices and taxes, it seems, are corporations. In 1950 Canadian businesses provided 50 per cent of Federal revenue. In 1989-1990 they provided less than eighteen per cent. The GST replaced the Manufacturer's tax, thus switching manufacturer's tax obligations from producers to consumers. Meanwhile, corporations are slashing payrolls to "stay competitive", the newspeak phrase meaning maintain profits and dividends. Three-thousand jobs were lost last month in Nova Scotia alone.

Any hint from Government about a rise in corporate tax elicits threats from industry of pulling out of Canada, to Mexico or the cheap-labour southern U.S. Thanks to Free Trade 130 or more Canadian enterprises have already left for Georgia over the last three years. Minimum wage there is around a buck an hour.

All of this should be very alarming to lower and middle-class Canadians. Unfortunately, most of

us have been distracted by the theatre-sports being beamed to us from the Gulf. Closer to home, the \$27 m. (original budget \$10 m.) Spicer Road Show has been keeping us preoccupied with issues like "How can Canada stay competitive (that phrase, again!) in the next century?"

Behind the smokescreens (and behind the smokescreen in the Gulf lurks the inevitable, predictable result of our proud "Operation Friction": an environmental disaster of unimaginably grandiose proportions) we are being bound by debt and gagged by ignorance. The corporate governments of

Canada are doing a very competitive job of keeping themselves, and their multinational corporate cronies, in the business of consuming the natural wealth of this country. Perhaps taxpayers will put up with these bankrupt governments as long as there is food on the table. How much longer, though, will that be?

Some enviro products kill

by Mary Jane Hamilton

Please do not be fooled by "environmentally safe" products.

In my search for products that were not tested on animals and environmentally friendly, I realized some of the cosmetic industry considers animal testing environmentally friendly.

Having done research on those companies which test on animals, I have a pretty good idea of what companies do and do not test on animals.

I was very surprised and angered when I looked at products such as Impulse (manufactured by

Chesebrough-Pond's Canada Inc.). Impulse claims to be "ozone friendly." Maybe it is "ozone friendly," but it certainly is not animal friendly. Tame (by Gillette, Canada Inc.) also claims to be "ozone friendly" but tests on animals.

Sea Breeze (Clairol Canada, Division of Bristol-Meyers Canada Inc.), which claims to have recyclable carton packaging, also tests on animals. I cannot believe all these commonly used manufacturers try to pretend they are environmentally safe by placing an "ozone friendly" or "recyclable" sticker on them.

It seems that it is perfectly okay to maim or kill animals in order to test cosmetics, but it is not okay to make a spray can which depletes the ozone layer or use non-recyclable cartons.

I think both animal testing and non-recyclable goods are despicable, but to design packaging that makes the company look like it is environmentally concerned by hiding what other wretched things it does, is just disgusting.

It is hypocritical to try and pull off an image of environmental concern when one is harming the environment.

Please, look before you buy.

How you feel about Canada?

Come tell the Spicer Commission in Rm 307 of the SUB, Tuesday, March 26 at 7 - 10 p.m.