

Attitudes on education surveyed

by Greg Halinda

Business, education, and engineering graduates are finding more jobs than their counterparts in the

arts and sciences.

This is one of many interesting trends uncovered in "The Canadian Youth Employment Study:

Choosing Between School and the Labour Force," a project of the U of A Population Research Laboratory.

The three sociologists who are conducting the study gave a report Monday afternoon in the Tory building.

Harvey Krahn, Graham Lowe, and Timothy Hartnagel are nearing the end of the project's 24-month term.

They are following about 3000 high school and university graduates as they go on to higher education and the labour force. The students come from schools in Sudbury, Toronto, and Edmonton.

Not surprisingly, the report finds most graduates (of both high schools and universities) choose to take further schooling to improve the choices and opportunities for careers.

Second was to "get ahead" in finishing diplomas and get into university, and the third most popular reason students gave for continuing studies was to increase knowledge and "enjoy school."

High school grads from Toronto are the least likely to begin a university degree, of the three test cities.

Harvey Krahn cited the relatively low unemployment level there as a reason. The more jobs around, the less the initiative to go back to school.

In Edmonton, 87 per cent of 262 sample students with university degrees had found full-time work,

with an average take-home pay of \$377 per week.

Edmonton high school grads fared worse, with 66 percent of 194 interviewees holding down full-time work at an average pay of \$233 per week.

Another issue students commented on was: what should high schools and universities be teaching?

High school grads-to-be thought equal emphasis should be put on career, general education, and social skills.

Graduating university students put more importance in general education and critical thinking, and

in Edmonton social skills were the last thing, after career focus.

Finally, students were asked why they think youth unemployment is high in Canada.

Some of the more common responses were: young people are too choosy about the jobs they will take, Canadian businesses have not provided enough jobs, and young people lack the work experience that employers want.

Half of those quizzed blame unemployment on government and business, and roughly half think laziness on behalf of the unemployed is to blame.



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Sociologist Timothy Hartnagel relates his study.

Hansen headline hassles continue

WINNIPEG (CUP) — The University of Manitoba Students' Union has upheld a decision to fire two editors of *The Manitoban* student newspaper.

The editors were fired by *The Manitoban's* publishing board, the *Manitoban* Operations Committee, Jan. 23 after a profanity was included in a reference to wheelchair athlete Rick Hansen.

A cutline below a front-page photo read "Hansen, fuck, again on the cover." News editors

Michael Malegus and John Ehinger say the caption mocked media coverage and not Hansen himself.

A motion to re-instate Feb. 3 failed 15 to 17. After the vote, councillors asked the Operations Committee to review the matter again.

The committee is to address concerns that it made its decision to fire without the full complement of three *Manitoban* staffers, three students' union representatives, and three students-at-large.

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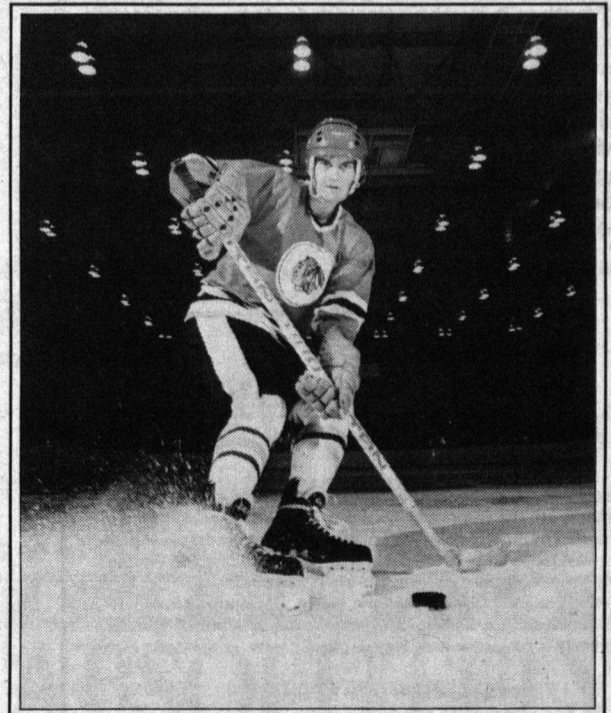
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