

# Employment up in August

OTTAWA (CUP)—The seasonal unemployment rate among returning students fell three percentage points in August: to 11.1 percent from 14.4 percent in July, according to figures just released by Statistics Canada.

With the new figures, student

employment is almost back up to what it was in 1981, before the recession that took away thousands of student summer jobs. August unemployment is one percent lower than in August 1984.

The news may not be as good as

it looks, though. According to Kenneth Bennett, who oversees collection of the data at StatsCan's Household Surveys Division, most students are now earning much lower wages than before the recession.

"The largest growth (in stu-

dent employment) has been in the service sector," Bennett said.

Before the recession, many students could find jobs in forestry, mining or manufacturing. But in 1985, Bennett said, "you didn't find students making their way on to the factory floor anymore."

The recession hit rock bottom in the summer of '83, which was by far the worst year for summer student employment. However, students are more likely to get a job at Le Keg than at the steel mills in Hamilton, these days. "Service sector wages are in general lower than in the manufacturing sector," Bennet

The statistics also mean quite a few students only found work in the last few weeks of the summer.

Some students, considered employed by StatsCan, are not doing well. Gordon Miller, a second year physics student at Simon Fraser, made only \$1700 all summer working at Whistler Mountain — a two-hour drive from Vancouver. He didn't save any money because he used almost all his earnings for food and rent at Whistler and gas to Vancouver on weekends. His parents will pay for his education

this year and he will have to live at home.

In Nova Scotia, the government assumes students have saved \$72 a week when calculating loans and bursaries. In New Brunswick, students must save 45 percent of earnings if living away from home, 60 percent if living at home.

Many New Brunswick students, like those working on Challenge '85 grants (57 percent of the grants paid minimum wage), earned \$152 a week. They could not save \$68 a week after paying for food and lodging.

Minimum wage in five provinces has not risen since 1981. In every province but Manitoba and Saskatchewan, minimum wage is \$4 per hour or lower.

Appealing for more student loan money is a long and nerve-racking process, said Anne Marie Turcotte, researcher at the Canadian Federation for Students.

"The best student aid is a summer job," Turcotte said. "If students had a decent job with decent wages, they would not need student aid," she said.

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Saturday, October 5, 1985

### Schedule

9:30 am

Registration & Refreshments

Lobby, 2nd Floor, S.U.B.

10:00 am

General Welcome

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Wes Campbell  
Catherine Blewett

10:15 am

Entertainment/Resources Promotions

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11:25 am

Two Workshop Selections:

I. Recruiting & Motivating Volunteers  
Room 224

II. How to Run an Effective Meeting  
Council Chambers

12:25 pm

Lunch

Grawood Lounge

Special Guest:

Peggy Weld, Vice-Chair,  
Board of Governors  
Dalhousie University

2:00 pm

Two Workshop Selections:

I. Decision Making — Short Term Planning  
Room 224

II. Time & Stress Management

Council Chambers

3:10 pm

Grants/Books/Budgets

Room 224

## Pressure

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U of L president John Woods says that while the *Meliorist* is autonomous and self-governing, and the board has no legal authority over it, certain arrangements the university provides could be reviewed.

"I'm referring to the facilities here. The *Meliorist* rents space and electricity from the university," Woods says.

Ward says Woods had threatened to do more than turn off the power and lock the door.

"Woods said the Board would forbid distribution of the *Meliorist* on campus," Ward says.

"He also said the board might sue or suspend staff members if we didn't pull the professor's name.

"The administration contacted the *Meliorist's* printer in Taber,

Alberta, and said the printer would also be sued if they printed this story. Fortunately the woman who took the call knew the libel laws and would still run our paper," Ward says.

The professor refused comment except to say "that phrase (sexual harassment) has never been used in connection with my name by any member of the university."

The professor responded to the three women's complaints through the university's associated dean of Administrative Affairs, telling the dean to tell the women that "no offense or disrespect was intended." He offered to apologize through Hoye's office for any offence which the complainants "may have perceived to have taken place."

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