

Manitoba PC says Universities only for rich

WINNIPEG (CUP)—Higher tuition fees are not the major factor in preventing the poor from attending university because they don't go to university anyway, according to a Conservative MLA in Manitoba.

Elaborating on a statement he made in the Manitoba Legislature May 6, Len Domino said tuition fee increases would

not adversely affect the poor because they are "cushioned somewhat" by student aid and because "the poor don't get to university anyway".

He said most university students come from middle and upper class families and that due to social and cultural factors the poor do not even attend. Because their parents

are probably poorly educated and because the quality of education in the inner city is lower than in more affluent neighborhoods, the chances of a student even finishing high school are reduced.

In addition, Domino added, a

student from a less well off family will often feel the necessity to go to work as soon as possible because his family cannot provide for his needs.

Programs that encourage students to continue their education must be implemented, he said. But, he added, there will be "no new initiatives this year" due to restraint in education spending.

U of M Students' Union president Steve Ashton dis-

agreed with Domino's assumption that Student Aid "cushions" the poor from tuition increases. "I think he misunderstands the Student Aid system. It's just ridiculous. It's full of holes."

Ashton also believes that Domino is just putting up a "smoke screen" and that there is "little evidence that the Conservatives are very concerned about the poor going to university".

Stats Canada Federal cutbacks

OTTAWA (CUP)—A Statistics Canada job vacancy survey (JVS) became the latest victim of the federal government's cutbacks program September 13.

Eliminating the nation-wide indicator of the number of jobs available for unemployed people will only save \$440,000, according to the government agency.

While Statistics Canada labour force survey director Tom Beynon insists the decision to cut the JVS based on a market study showing little demand for it, other groups feel it was done to save the government potential embarrassment.

"The decision is obviously a way of cutting embarrassing figures that show there are no jobs available for the unemployed," said a statistician for the Canadian Labour Congress.

The latest survey indicated an average of 46,600 job vacancies per month for the three months ending July 31, compared with an unemployment level of 941,000 for August. The figures could be interpreted to mean that there are no jobs available for almost 900,000 Canadians, despite federal government job creation projects, said a CLC representative.

"The job vacancy statistics make it hard for them to make the argument that there are jobs available for people wanting work, and it makes it more difficult for them to justify tightening up UIC regulations," according to John Rodriguez, New Democratic Party MP and unemployment critic.

The federal government had tried a similar tactic last year when it attempted to get rid of the youth employment survey, Rodriguez said.

"The government wanted to get rid of the youth survey because once the realities of the problem aren't known, it is so much easier to avoid doing anything about it, and the same applies with the job vacancy survey," he said.

Beynon said the JVS was only meant to provide an analysis of the national labour market and is not an accurate measure of the number of jobs available. The prime user of the survey had been the department of Employment and Immigration.

"The survey was not de-

signed as an economic indicator", he said, adding that the decision to cut was entirely made by Statistics Canada and not ordered by anyone higher up.

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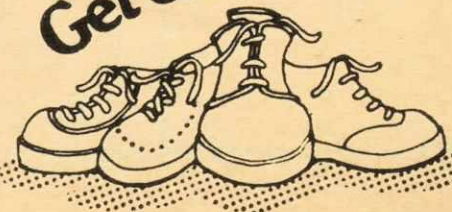
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