

Where do they go from here?

Students tell of summer job prospects

As unemployment figures spiral their way past the one million mark, university students across Canada can now look forward to the most frustrating job hunting season ever. What are York students doing for the summer? Excalibur reporter Maxine Kopel took to the halls of the Ross building to find out. Below are excerpts of her conversation with 11 undergraduate arts students.

By MAXINE KOPEL

Sheryl Sorokin — I don't really have any definite plans for the summer. Hopefully I'll be going to Europe to work on a programme for youth. I would like to have a job for May and part of June to make my way over there but I don't think I'm going to have one. I figure I'll find something, waitressing, or something. I don't know, I haven't been seriously looking. I'll find



Ron Hart

something part time.

Al Dale — I'm taking some summer courses and I'll probably be working here at the university. I've applied for a job with the university but I haven't gotten the job yet.

Lydia Tolendano — I hope to be working a 9-5 job plus I'm going to

summer school Monday and Wednesday nights. I haven't found a job yet though although I've been applying. I have a couple prospects. My leisure time, I don't know . . . that's it. Boring.

Penny Mepen — I'm looking for a summer job hopefully working within the Jewish Community. I'm going to summer school two nights a week. I'm taking a history course. That's all I'm doing.

Melanie Davis — I'm going to be taking Chinese brush painting at Seneca, taking another night course at York and working for the city in daycare. I wanted to do some volunteer work or something else but there were no places open on the weekends and that's the only time I have left. I work all year so it's just my part time job full time in the summer. It's great.

Shelley Leibman — As far as I know my prospects for a summer job are terrible so I'll probably be unemployed. I've been applying for jobs but as of yet they haven't been confirmed. But I'll be taking a Fine Arts night school course and I'll probably do volunteer work as well. I'm not sure at what agency yet. If I don't get a summer job I intend on making use of my unemployment by enjoying it, which I've never done before.

James Sennema — I'm not sure what I'll be doing this summer. I haven't applied for a job. I'm going to move downtown and make a little bit of money by getting a job.

Leroy Cox — I'm coming back to summer school to complete my degree much faster. I'll be working too if I can find a job part time. I have no job perspectives... I think I'll be joining that bunch of students that will probably be idle this summer. I'm hoping to take some musical courses to polish up on my musical ability.

Robert Alan Gasner — I'm going to be working at Triple A Manufacturing. I schlepped and got the job. And I've worked there before. I'll be working there two months and then I'll be driving a truck.

Ron Hart — At the moment I'm not doing anything. I'm unemployed. I'm looking. Maybe the government will give me a job if they're in a nice mood. I've been looking for a few months. I've filled in a whole bunch of applications with the government of Ontario but I don't



Robert Alan Gasner

know. We'll see what happens. Maybe I'll be the Fuller brush man in Bathurst Manor like I was last year. That's what I did last year till the end of December. If nothing else comes, I'll do that.

Carrie Fox — I'll be working hopefully for Neilson's ice cream . . . the day I start is the day I have the job. I worked there last summer. I'm in a union, so I have preference over anyone else. And if not, I'm going to get unemployment insurance. I'm eligible.

Vera Kuznecob — I'm going to take a summer course here and I'm going to be working in a drugstore at Union station, Top Drug Mart. I think that in May and June I'll be working full time and later on just whenever I can fit it in.



Carrie Fox

Women suffer oppression in sports

CALGARY (CUP) — Canadian sport relegates amateur athletics and women to the back seat, according to Olympic runner Abby Hoffman.

Professional sport is the big winner with the construction of the Montreal Olympic stadium and facilities for Edmonton's Commonwealth Games, she told an audience at the Calgary Convention Centre, recently.

The increasing popularity of professional sport and its domination of facilities has promoted poor physical fitness among Canadians, she said.

It "has monopolized resources and encouraged us to become spectators."

But poor fitness among women is also the direct result of oppression, Hoffman said.

"Women do not get their rightful opportunity to participate..."

Although Canadian women have performed well in high-level amateur competition, Hoffman is not satisfied with their community-level recreation opportunities.

Community sporting facilities, such as skating rinks, are designed for boys, she said.

"We call them skating rinks, but I think we all realize they are hockey rinks."

She pointed out that public schools emphasize men's activities in their budgets, thereby discriminating against women.

Hoffman also chided the media and recreation authorities for using "active and passive" discrimination against women.

Not allowing girls to play on boy's hockey teams is "active" discrimination she said, while minimal media coverage of women's sport is "passive."

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