

The way we were...

In reply to Mr. Christopher Wang's letter, "Foreign Students and Summer Jobs," I would like to dispute his stand and take a firm position in favor of the government's new regulations concerning applications for landed immigrant status and foreign employment regulations.

As a result of overabuses of the privilege of application for landed immigrant status by foreigners while in Canada, the government was forced to cease its past policies. As Mr. Wang implied, many

visitors come with no intention of returning to the country of their origin. This proves the government's point that many were abusing Canada's Immigration Act: This was not only of consequence to Canadians, but also unfair to those foreigners who went through the proper channels when not fortunate to be able to come to Canada and apply.

In regard to the crackdown on employment regulations concerning foreigners, I would like also like to support the government. As most people are well aware, Canada's unemployment is extremely high (6 - 7%), and many Canadian students will soon be faced with the difficult task of finding summer employment. For every job that is lost to a foreigner, it is a job lost for a Canadian, so why shouldn't the government limit employment of foreigners and for that matter foreign stu-

dents?

I do not believe Mr. Wang's suggestion that most foreign students were lured to Canada in guarantee of jobs. As I am sure anyone who has travelled abroad will tell you, you should expect the worst. Therefore, putting the blame on the Canadian government is a pretty weepy excuse that I am sure most visitors fail to use.

And finally, a good number, not all, of foreign students that seek employment have resources to come half-way around the world to exercise their privilege to study in Canada, and then expect not only employment, but automatic rights to citizenship. Canada has to take a stand somewhere.

Greg Noval

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As the university student elections are coming and I feel a need to knock the bureaucratic system of the university, I hereby announce my candidacy for pope of the University of Alberta.

I feel I am qualified for this position because of the following reasons:

1. I always have felt I have been infallible.
2. I am a protestant.
3. I will make Peter Lougheed a saint if he cuts off Ontario oil supplies

I will become a hard-line pope and represent the interests of the university population. I urge the student body to write in my name on the presidents' ballot, and cross out the word president and write in pope.

Charles Catt

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Alberta revved up for rush of geers

by Judy Evans

Low enrollments and increasing industrial growth in Alberta have combined to produce a healthy job market for graduating engineers.

The 400 or so students graduating from the U of A's engineering programs this year will be entering an industrial community which is cautiously recovering from the mid-80's recession.

That same economic slump is partly responsible for the shortages of engineers needed by the growing industrial sector.

"We've had low enrollments across the country for the past four years," said Mark Arnison, the assistant to the dean of engineering, who cited the poor economic times of the mid-1980's as a cause.

"There's a severe shortage in Ontario which is now moving into Alberta. Graduating classes are coming down in numbers."

In an attempt to improve first-year enrollments, which have traditionally varied with the health of the economy, the Association of Professional Engineers, Geologists and Geophysicists of Alberta (APEGGA) career counselling

committee has developed a program aimed at encouraging junior and senior high school students to consider an engineering career. Its effects on the numbers of graduates will not be seen for several years.

"We are always four years out of phase with the job market," said Jim George, the assistant to the chairman of electrical engineering.

Despite the demand for their skills, many graduates are, at best, cautiously optimistic about their job prospects, reflecting the cautious hiring being done by industries. There are more temporary positions offered than before and companies are not hiring any faster than in previous years, even though their need is greater.

Oil companies especially are hiring more temporary staff, who can be cut if oil prices fall. Other industries, finding themselves suddenly short of engineers, use some rather unusual methods to find employees in a hurry.

"There's a good market, but you can't tell from the ads," said Patty Ellenwood, a fifth-year co-op civil engineer. "Companies are hiring by word of mouth."



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