

It's business as usual on job front

by Jim Herbert

Although a degree in Business Administration is not a sure ticket to a high salaried job, employment prospects for Commerce graduates are fairly good this year.

Commerce Dean Roger Smith sees an improvement in employment opportunities from the previous couple of years.

"Clearly things are picking up. Things are substantially better than they were a year ago, substantially better than two years ago."

Smith commented that "hiring by accounting firms is up" and that "MBA (Master's of Business Administration) students in general have good prospects." He added that "both of those are clear signs that the economy is beginning to grow positively."

Smith remarked that although the Business Administration program is no guarantee of a lucrative job, it does provide better job prospects than some other faculties.

"I think the demand for business graduates is still relatively strong compared to (the demand for) general arts and sciences graduates."

Wendy Caplan, an employment counsellor at the SUB Student Placement Centre, also sees an

improvement in job prospects for commerce graduates.

"I would expect that though it is difficult to find a job in those areas," Caplan states, "it would be better this year than last. In general, the recruitment did pick up."

Opportunities are good for both those graduating with a Bachelor's degree in Commerce and those with an MBA.

Associate Dean of the Undergraduate Program, Dr. Ross Denham, states that while commerce is not a "mecca", the job situation has "stabilized considerably and students (with Bachelor of Commerce degrees) are finding [more] jobs compared to the last few years."

He said "a real majority" of the 1984 graduates have jobs and that many of the 1985 graduates are being placed.

Among the reasons for students not getting jobs was the failure to begin searching early enough and the refusal by some students to relocate outside of Edmonton or the province, he said.

Like Smith, Denham mentions accounting as an area with improved prospects. He estimates that salary levels for graduates from the undergraduate program specializ-

ing in accounting are "roughly in the range of \$16,000-\$18,000 per year."

MBA Association President Bill Arnold sees job prospects as "pretty reasonable."

Of this year's 80 MBA graduates, "60 to 80 per cent would have jobs

to go back to. I'd say it's probably towards the higher end of that."

Arnold also says that "by September of 1984, everyone who graduated last year had a job."

Salaries for MBA graduates start at approximately \$30,000 per year. "I don't think people will be

accepting jobs at less than \$30,000 per year," Arnold said. The salary depends on the backgrounds of the students, with those having backgrounds in engineering or chartered accountancy having higher starting salaries.

No decision on tuition increase

by Neal Watson

Information on a possible funding increase and fee hike for the U of A in 1985/86 will have to wait until after the provincial government tables its budget Monday, according to government and university officials.

Randy Dawson, executive assistant to Advanced Education Minister Dick Johnston, said the matter of tuition fee increases was still under consideration.

U of A President Myer Horowitz said the university had not received any information regarding increased funding, but said he hoped to know by next week.

"My personal impression is that

there will not be a change in the policy," said Horowitz.

The present U of A tuition funding policy permits the university administration to raise tuition fees one and a half times the increase the

provincial government adds to the university's base operating grant.

SU President Floyd Hodgins said his impression was the government had decided on its plans for the next year.

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Stamp of negligence and malice, but she says she is now glad the process is over.

"It was virtually impossible that the outcome would have changed," she said of the second selection

meeting, "but even so, I felt uncomfortable as chief returning officer for the Gateway elections because I was not given an official mandate to be next year's editor-in-chief."

Chan assumes her position in August.

Grad election results

by Bill Doskoc

The Graduate Students' Association (GSA) has announced its new executive for the 1985-86 term.

The new executives are:

- President: Kevin Giles, Education Administration
- VP External: Ashraf Hassan, Political Science
- VP Academic: Mary Ann McLees, Education Administration
- VP Services: Kurt Ratzlaff, Civil Engineering
- VP Finance: Gwen Manzell, Rural Economy

The position of secretary will be shared by David Thompson (Civil

Engineering) and Annette (History).

The members-at-large are Peter Wood (Secondary Education), Janice Adlington (Linguistics) and Tony D'Souza (Pharmacy).

Giles, McLees, Thompson and Richardson will be the General Faculties Council representatives while Ratzlaff and Manzell will sit on the Planning and Priorities House Committee.

All selections were unanimous, said outgoing president Gary Genosko.

President-elect Giles could not be reached for comment.

Yard Apes

by Hans Beckers



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