

Excalibur

Everything secret degenerates; nothing is safe that does not show it can bear discussion and publicity — Lord Acton

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No, any job is not a good job

The summer job outlook is so terrible that Ontario's Progressive Conservative government has mounted an ad campaign telling students, "any job is a good job."

The idea being that no one should worry about getting an interesting or well-paying job. Certainly not a job that pays well enough to enable its holder to come across with the required summer earnings contribution to OSAP in September.

No says Tory MPP Terry Jones, head of the Ontario Youth Secretariat, "take anything that comes along, even a lesser job." His assistant has admitted to *Excalibur* that most of the people who land one of the secretariat's 60,000 summer jobs will be those who have political connections. The rest of us are to turn to the private sector which is not coming through.

On the one hand the federal Liberal regime is busily hacking away at Unemployment Insurance recipients, at a time of unprecedented unemployment. On the other hand the provincial apparatus is saying "take what you can get and if you can't get anything you're on your own."

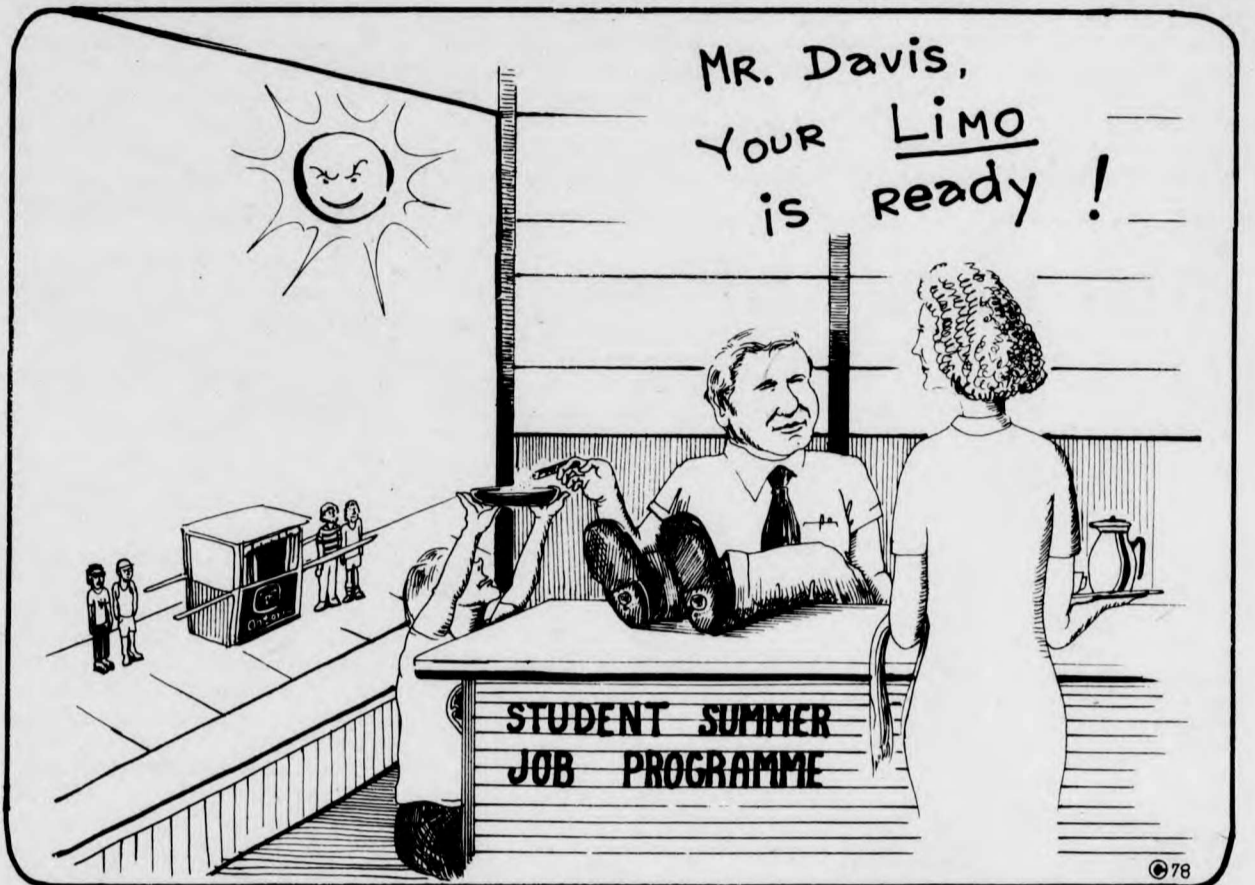
Davis' remedy for this situation is to spend hundreds of thousands of our dollars telling us that we should be happy with what we can get.

We're sorry Messrs. Jones, Davis, Parrot, et al, any job is not a good job.

Among the lousy jobs we can think of working behind a counter at Macdonalds, standing in a sweltering parking lot directing traffic at the CNE, or trudging door-to-door selling encyclopedias.

These are not good jobs for anybody, especially not for university students who've gone into debt, spent thousands of dollars and years of their lives trying to get something better.

But perhaps the day will come when certain politicians will be out looking for work and can discover for themselves the truth or falsity of the words "any job is a good job."



Any job's a good job, but some jobs are better than others!

A poor case against feminism

The "don't-rock-the-boat" quote of the week has to go to Don Butcher, editor of Stong College's semi-regular paper *The Flyer*. Quote: "I admit that there was a time that militant feminism was a necessary thing; before Women's Lib I was an M.C.P. (Male Chauvinist Pig—ed.) and I don't see myself as being one now; but I can't accept the contention that militant feminism has to continue, like *Breakthrough* and the York

Women's Centre seem to think."

Well, *Excalibur* is pleased to hear that Mr. Butcher considers himself liberated and free from sexism. We would, however, caution him against using his own self-satisfaction as a reason to wish that the women's liberation movement would disappear.

We wonder if Mr. Butcher is aware that women occupy only 18 percent of the full-time academic positions at York. In other words, the relatively well-

paying jobs around here are virtually an exclusive male preserve.

Now of the part-time faculty, the ones who don't make quite as much money, 40 percent are women. Perhaps one could draw some wildly militant feminist conclusion that women tend to get lower paying jobs than men in our society, or at least at York.

Or let's look at it another way. Women faculty members are more likely to be part-timers than their male counterparts,

and it's 300 part-timers (out of a total of 400) whose jobs are on the line next year. In other words, women academics at York are faced with becoming an endangered species.

We could even broaden our vision to look at the lowest paid sector of the York community — our support staff. Nine out of ten of them are women, taking home slave wages even below the normal pittance doled out to service-sector workers in Canada, a female job ghetto.

We won't ask Mr. Butcher to look any farther than that. Those are reasons enough, right here at York, for the existence of a women's liberation movement. And it's reason enough for all of us here at York to support and participate in the week-long activities associated with International Women's Day.

Keeping it on hold

The Senate of York University has recommended that President Macdonald ask the Board of Governors to close the University for a day on March 16, to permit everybody to attend a demonstration at Queen's Park.

Mr. Macdonald appeared at a February 9 *no cutbacks* rally in Curtis I, at which 800 people let it be known that they favoured the one-day closing. The President didn't exactly say no, but he didn't exactly say yes either. That's the way they train 'em in the Ontario civil service.

We're waiting. We move that President Macdonald get off the pot and do everything in his power to make sure that the Board of Governors close the University for a day of protest. And we think the York community will second the motion.

**Important meeting
of Excalibur staff
today at 2 p.m.**

EDITOR-IN-CHIEF REQUIRED

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**Submit written application with
resumé and clippings to:**

**The Business Manager
Excalibur Publications
Room 111A Central Square
York University**

**Deadline: Thursday, March 16, 4 p.m.
Editorial candidates are screened and elected
by Excalibur's volunteer staff members.**

staffers Read this!

Elections for editor in chief for 78-79 are coming up later this month. Anyone who has accumulated six credits, minimum of two per term, is eligible to vote, provided they attend the screening of applicants or listen to the tapes thereof if they absolutely cannot make the screenings.

Staffers who are already eligible are listed below in italics in the staff box. If you're not there, ask Paul or Ted about your status; if you're not eligible by election time, you can appeal and the staff will vote on whether you can vote for editor at a meeting just before the election.

Thursday meeting, 2 pm. Agenda will include assignments, review of the issue, any questions about elections for editors, coverage of CYSF elections and March 16 rally etc.

Women Staffers: Don't forget the special staff meeting for women only, after the regular meeting. It's to fill out a Status of Women (at university papers) questionnaire for CUP.

IMPORTANT! Candidates for presidency of CYSF will be interviewed collectively by the staff Tuesday afternoon. Those who attend will vote on who to endorse. In order to vote on this issue, one must be a bona fide staff member for this term; i.e. having at least two credits. Please attend the interviews! Times are not available yet - drop into or call the office Monday to find out details.

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