

Get a job

Abbe Edelson

Looking for a job for the summer? The Canada Employment Centre for Students at York (Ross N108) now has job listings posted.

The Centre has a wide variety of job listings available including a large number of positions in recreation, restaurant work, office and general labour. It also provides information and applications for government sponsored programmes which provide employment for students.

Although most of the government sponsored programmes pay only the current minimum wage, Nancy Kelley (a York graduate) who is the director of the Centre's summer office commented that "the jobs at minimum wage are usually the most interesting; involving positions in which students can gain experience. Programmes such as the provincially run Experience 81 programme under the Ontario Youth Secretariat and The Summer Canada Student Employment programme, a federally funded programme offer employment for

students in areas of culture, recreation, social services, education and the environment. Kelley remarked that "students are reluctant to apply for jobs at the minimum wage." With the rising cost of tuition and living expenses each year, "for some it is a necessity" to earn more than the minimum wage.

Students are screened initially for the minimum requirements for a job so that a realistic referral can be offered. At first only three students per job listing are referred to the employer. This policy minimizes some of the competition for students, as the job order is closed until the employer recontacts the Centre.

Unfortunately, some of the jobs listed demand a high level of specialized training. These jobs according to Kelley are the hardest to fill, as "the right kind of people aren't always coming in." For example, "a job for a metallurgist has been sitting on the board for quite a long time" remarked Kelley.



Student browses for work at York's Canada Manpower centre.

Tickets returned, payment refused

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tion of Glendon students. When I was at Glendon recently I got very little dissatisfaction from people there."

About the increase in parking fines Chief Dunn states, "I'm not all that sympathetic to parking offenders, but we realize that students don't have unlimited budgets and we try to be accommodating."

Chief Dunn stated the main parking concern is with fire routes and that a Fire Chief from the North York Fire Department has

complained about illegally parked cars in fire routes near campus pubs.

"He said that if he had to he'd go to the liquor licensing board about the fire hazard," said Dunn.

According to Dunn, the eight security officers in charge of parking violations issued 24,000 parking tickets last year. Most tickets are \$4 and \$6 fines with the maximum of \$75 for forgery of parking stickers.

Between January 26 and March 5, 220 cars have been towed away for illegal parking, generally from the Complex 1 area.

Politicians heckled in Thursday's Bearpit sessions

Greg Saville

Considering the plethora of student and education issues in the upcoming provincial election, there was remarkably little discussion about them at last Thursday's Bearpit all-candidates meeting for Yorkview riding.

"Go back to the Mafia," was one onlooker's jeer at Liberal Michael Spensieri. It illustrated the surprising emotionalism of some of the questioners during disputes over human rights and rent review. However, most of the educational fervour was reserved for Tory Brian Yandell.

"I'm proud of the Conservative government's record in education," he said about criticisms of the Davis government.

When Barb Taylor, Chairperson-elect of the Ontario Federation of Students, asked Yandell to explain a possible substantial cut in university funding via transfer payments made from the federal government to the provincial government, his reply was, "in Ontario there has been a 7.1 per cent increase in university figures."

"We're not talking about that," interrupted one disgruntled spectator. "Just to say there's been an apportionment doesn't speak to the question. Answer the question."

"If you have information that I don't have," Yandell conceded,

"then I'll be glad to look at it afterwards."

Spensieri described the transfer payments as "merely a discretionary fund. The Tory government chose to rechannel the funds to other areas."

None of the other candidates commented directly on her question explaining that they knew nothing of Taylor's report about transfer payments.

The issue of election advertising was also mentioned by one student.

"Our government has shown they can't afford to fund hospitals or universities," he said, "but then they come up with advertisements that suggest to people, 'here's a nice commercial for you'."

"Oh, come on," replied Yandell, "if I were elected I'd do my best to stop those types of commercials."

To NDP, Mike Morrone, the question was one of spending allocation priorities while Spensieri felt, "the Conservatives have millions of dollars for campaign advertising while the Liberal coffers are quite low. We have to rely on advertising."

"Unfortunately," he continued, "the government's commercial 'Preserve it, Conserve it will probably help to preserve only the Tory government."

Ecologism - key to survival

James A. Carlisle

The planet Earth as we know it will soon be destroyed unless we reform the character of man, according to author and anarchist Murray Bookchin.

Bookchin, who was invited to speak at York by the Faculty of Environmental Studies, asserted "We are setting the planet back two to three billion years, reducing it to the way it was before animals or reptiles existed."

To support his claim Bookchin cited the one million cases of cancer which are caused yearly by pollution in the United States. He also asserted that there are more than 300 'Love Canals' in the United States, near which every third birth is a 'mutagenic'.

Although he had been in the workers' movement and had professed Marxism for 23 years, Bookchin has renounced Communism for what he calls 'Ecologism', asserting that in his view 'Socialism and Capitalism are no different.'

Bookchin asserts that pollution problems are not mere technical difficulties. "The problems caused by machines cannot be solved by inventing another machine," he said. Rather he believes that the problem "has its roots in society." It is only by reforming society that they can be overcome.

The anarchist believes that the present society has taught us two things—that we can dominate both nature and each and that we can do nothing about the larger problems of society. "We have

been educated and taught to be powerless, mute and stupidified," he said.

Bookchin asserts that by changing the consciousness of

man and bringing about a new society which is in balance with nature, "We can prevent the next generation from going down the ecological drain."

\$1.5 billion cut?

Barb Taylor

Delegates to a conference on federal funding of universities, March 2 and 3, expressed skepticism about the commitment of the federal government to higher education.

Currently the federal government provides approximately 72 per cent of the funds for post secondary education in Ontario through the federal transfer program, the Established Programs Financing Act. The Act is being re-negotiated for 1982.

The Canadian Association of University Teachers organized the conference in Toronto in response to rumours that the federal government was considering a 1.5 billion dollar cut. This would mean an approximate 30 per cent reduction in funding to each college and university in Canada.

"The situation is disastrous," stated Sarah Shorten, a representative of the Ontario Confederation of University Faculty Associations. Shorten and others participating in a panel discussion felt that a decrease in federal involvement would enhance regional disparities, increase student costs, and

would have devastating effects on the quality of education.

Shorten also felt a federal-provincial public inquiry is necessary to examine the funding arrangements for universities.

A variety of opinions were expressed on methods to increase funding to universities. Jill Stocker, from the Canadian Life and Health Insurance Association, felt that corporations and universities are interdependent and that universities should make more of an effort to work with corporations.

However, John F. Graham, Economics Professor from Dalhousie University, felt that universities "have become another Chrysler Corporation" and that governments are "losing control of what they are doing" as they move towards developing universities along cost efficient lines within a market place concept.

Although no students were asked to speak at the conference, CAUT hopes to work with students, faculty, staff and administrations to encourage the federal government to increase its post secondary education funding.

Fine arts, physical sciences could be cut in future - Report

John Molendyk and Barb Taylor

If more money is not made available for higher education in Ontario, several programs could be eliminated province-wide, according to the preliminary report of the Committee on the Future Role of Universities in Ontario.

The committee, which is charged by the Ministry of Colleges and Universities to study education in the 80s, makes no specific recommendations in the report, but considers various possible levels of government funding and likely implications.

Objectives to be fulfilled in the next decade include improved accessibility, more professional programs, and programs to aid research and development in the public and private sectors.

These objectives are qualified by the statement, "The extent to which these needs and opportunities can be met will depend upon the level of resources available to the universities."

Two of the three models presented in the report anticipate drastic cuts in educational spending. These "rationalization

models" expect cutbacks to the university system ranging from a 10 per cent decline in faculty and staff, to the wholesale elimination of programs and universities themselves.

The report suggests program cuts which would achieve a 10 per cent overall budget reduction. The selection of programs to be cut is "random" and "does not reflect system priority". It includes Fine Arts and graduate programs in Classics, English and all physical sciences at York, as well as engineering at U of Toronto and journalism at Ryerson.