

Liberals dish out veal then jobs

by Brent Jang and Jim McElgunn

Toronto - John Roberts asked 35 student editors here Friday what they thought about the federal government's youth job creation programs.

Roberts, the Minister of Employment and Immigration, said he wasn't sure if the Liberal programs for unemployed youth were good ideas.

The new junior Ministry of Youth was established to improve "the linkage of communication" between government programs and youth, he said.

Celine Hervieux-Payette, the new Youth Minister, will be using staff and resources from two separate federal departments, the Secretary of State and Employment and Immigration.

"If you think I'm going to get any votes out of this, you're crazy," said Roberts when asked why the federal government decided to fly the student journalists to Toronto.

The federal government had already pronounced the creation of the Ministry of Youth January 10, and had no new announcement to make at Friday's media tour.

The tour was funded from the budget for promoting federal employment programs. The ministry will also be promoted through paid advertisement.

Federal officials took the editors, who represented major universities and colleges, on a tour to show them how the Liberals have established more and smaller Canada Employment Centres (CECs) in Metro Toronto.

Most editors were baffled by the next stop on the tour, a visit to a workshop where the Metro Toronto government pays "disadvantaged 15 to 19 year olds \$3.50 to make toys for daycare centres."

The federal government then treated the journalists and eight Ontario Young Liberals to all the

veal, chicken, garlic bread and wine they wanted before Roberts answered questions at a non-press conference.

"The major employment problems may not be with university youth, but they certainly are with young people in general," he said. "Our ability to resolve these employment problems is going to have a tremendous impact on whether we resolve our economic problems."

"We think you (university students) are opinion leaders (among youth)."

Federal officials would not say how much it cost to transport, accomodate and wine and dine the journalists. But the student reporters speculated it cost \$35,000 to \$70,000.

Roberts admitted he hoped to "use (the student reporters) as a means of reaching out to young people. Not simply at the post-secondary level, but to all youth,

to try to inform them better of the programs which we have, which will help them find jobs or training in an increasingly competitive economic environment."

The government has consolidated a dozen job programs into four major programs: Career Access, Job Corps, Local Employment Assistance, and Development Program (LEAD), and the Canada Works Program.

Hervieux-Payette was not there to answer questions, but Roberts said her primary responsibility will be to act as a liaison for the government. She will assume responsibility for the Summer Canada program, international youth programs, and the International Year for Youth in 1985.

The creation of the Youth Ministry is "a useful and necessary step, but in itself it's not sufficient," said Roberts. He said the opposition parties had condemned it as electioneering, but "that's not the function of the Youth

Ministry. It's not designed (to gain votes) any more than any other government service is. It's to try and provide acceptable services to the public.

"I hope the Youth Ministry leads to some better programs, and I hope it works. If it does work, I hope people will eventually say the Liberal government is better than the other guys, and so we're going to re-elect them."

There are no plans to make Hervieux-Payette's ministry into a full-fledged department.

Roberts said federal spending on youth employment, now just over \$1 billion, will probably be increased by more than one-quarter in 1984-85 "to help 2.7 million young people acquire new skills and find jobs."

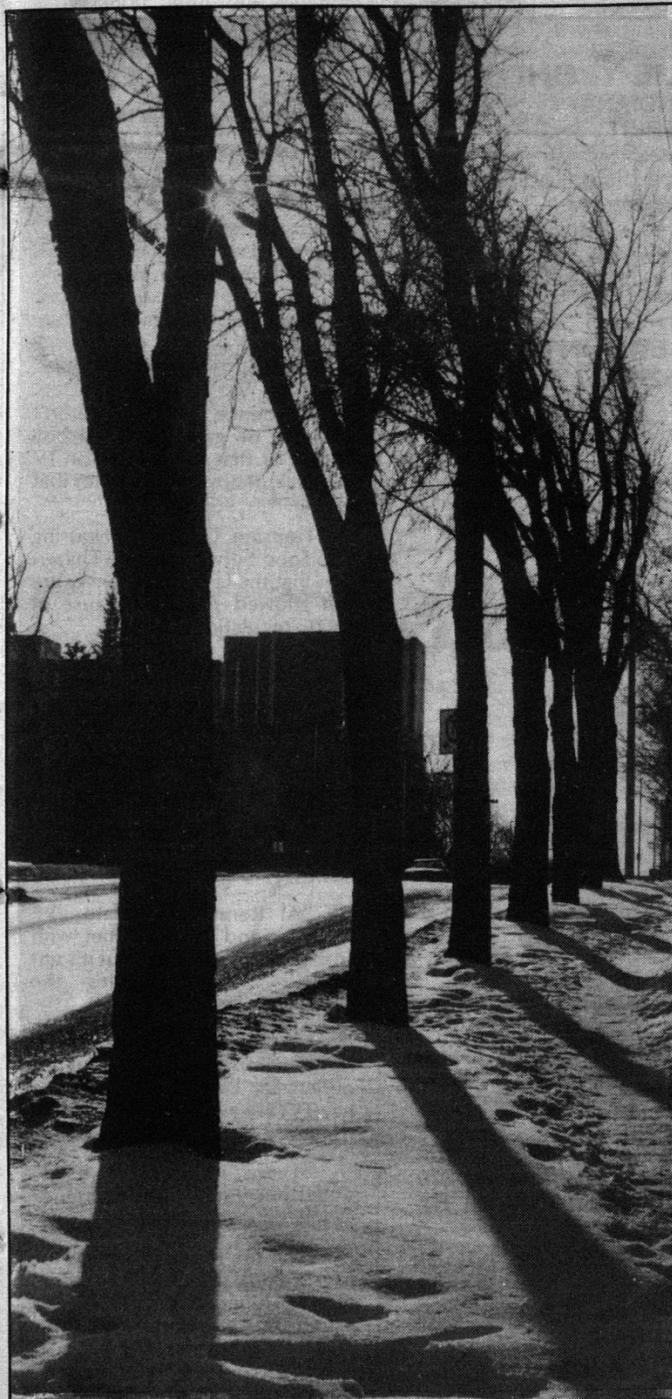
He said the federal government is considering creating 500 youth counsellor jobs for Canada Employment Centres, and denied that the Treasury Board was blocking the proposal.

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Linda McCartney



These are not trees.

Hodgins wants rollback

by Mark Roppel

The recent Students Union Executive pay raise will figure prominently in the upcoming SU elections.

"I would like to see that (pay raise) rolled back - retroactively, if possible," says presidential candidate Floyd Hodgins.

"That'll be an issue," says Andrew Watts, the only other presidential candidate.

The SU Executive received a 150 dollar a month pay increase retroactive to July 1 at last Tuesday's Council meeting.

Next year's executive will receive \$1200 a month but, "I think \$900 is fine," says Hodgins.

Another issue will be CFS. Both Hodgins and Watts think another referendum should be held to clear the air.

"I think it's in the first pamphlet," says Watts.

"I have no real opinion (about CFS)," says Hodgins, "but I don't think the issue is settled."

Watts and Hodgins also agree that the President should be more accessible to students.

Watts emphasizes, "creating a connection between the SU and students."

"One of the reasons I ran was the cliquish type thing (that the SU is)," says Hodgins.

Hodgins also says the SU Executive is too friendly with university officials.

"They (the SU Executive) have been rubbing with (University President) Myer Horowitz," he says. "I'd like to see more of a confrontational attitude towards the administration."

This year's campaign will also be notable for a lack of participants.

Andrew Watts fronts the only full slate. Hodgins is running as an independent. Last year there were five slates, including two joke slates.

VP External hopeful Paul Alpern and VP Finance and Ad-

ministration candidate Christine Ens, both of the Watts slate, are running unopposed.

Alpern and Ens are subject to a yes-no vote. If the vote is no, a new election will have to be held for the position.

Dave Koch of the Watts slate and Gordon Stamp are the only candidates for VP Internal.

The most hotly contested races will be for VP Academic, and Board of Governors representative.

Watts' slate member June Chipman, independent candidate Donna Kassian and Rainer Huebl are running for VP Academic.

Huebl and Gordon Stamp have formed the Huebl-Stamp coalition.

Four independents - Grant Borbridge, Barb Donaldson, Michael Grant and Jim Shinkaruk - are running for Board of Governors.

Regina enters CFS

REGINA (CUP) - Nineteen eighty-four, the year of referenda for the Canadian Federation of Students, started with a surprise victory Jan. 26 at the University of Regina.

Despite official opposition from the university's student council, who voted 6-5 in early January to provide \$400 for the anti-CFS campaign, the federation gained 65.7 per cent support from the students who voted.

Between 12 and 13 per cent of the student population cast ballots in the one-day referendum. Quorum is 10 per cent.

"I'm quite pleased," said a jubilant Graham Dowdell, current CFS chair and a former U of R student, in a telephone interview from Regina late Jan. 26.

U of R students were already full members of the federation, but the student council felt a "reaffirmation" vote was needed.

The contest for President of Men's Athletics is also between independents - Mike Payette and Steve Roth.

Kevin Kaardal is Vice President of Men's Athletics by acclamation.

As of the 5:00 deadline last Thursday for nominations, no one had applied for either President or Vice President of Women's Athletics.

"I've extended the deadline to Tuesday (today) at 5:00 PM," says Chief Returning Officer Glenn Byer.

The campaign officially begins tomorrow night at 8:00 and the election will be held on February 10.

Each independent candidate is entitled to \$500 from the SU to run their campaign. The Huebl-Stamp Coalition gets \$700. The five member Watts slate will receive \$1150.

A two-thirds rejections would have been required for the campus to withdraw from the federation.

This term will be the biggest ever for membership referenda in the federation, says Dowdell. Other votes will take place at Memorial University in St. John's, Lakehead University in Thunder Bay, Guelph University, Lampton College in Sarnia, Ont., Fanshawe College in London, Ont., the University of Alberta graduate school, Mt. Royal College in Calgary, Mount St. Vincent University in Halifax, and the University of Calgary.

There are currently 26 full members and 37 prospective members in the federation. Full membership requires consent at a campus-wide general meeting or referendum. Most remaining prospective members are expected to hold membership referenda over the next year.