Job prospects bleak

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weakened for all disciplines," said O'Connell. "It stands to reason, that when you get a situation like that, the demand is going to be weakest where it has always been weakest. And the demand has always been the weakest for the poor old Arts graduate."

But the problem of unemployment for graduates is still hard to pin down. Everyone talks about it in generalities. No one seems to have statistics on problems of graduates in their department.

One Dal professor said that yes, this was a bad year, but within four or five years, the situation should be better. The money squeeze should be over then. He suggested that perhaps some students were going on to graduate work because they cannot get jobs, and hope that a further degree will make them more marketable.

Going Down the Road

Many students seem to be heading for Upper Canada too, where most of the jobs are, and where the pay is better. However, according to O'Connell, many of the graduates who go into business, often come back to the Atlantic provinces to hold senior positions.

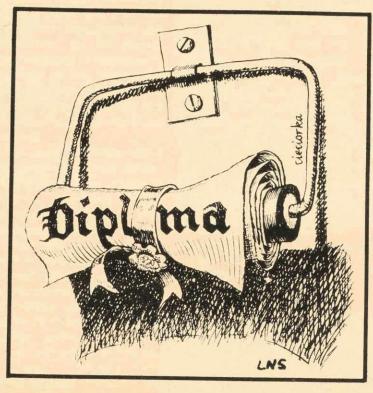
Graduates who want to stay in the Maritimes find it almost impossible. Much needed community work or research jobs just don't appear feasible. Everyone is making cutbacks.

Universities must reconsider O'Connell suggested that the universities should take a second look at their production. For example, there were finally enough education students last year to fill required positions in the area. But, this year, some universities have doubled, and even tripled their education

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that the problem of graduate

employment is part of the larger unemployment crisis. As usual, the Maritimes will likely be one of the hardest-hit areas.



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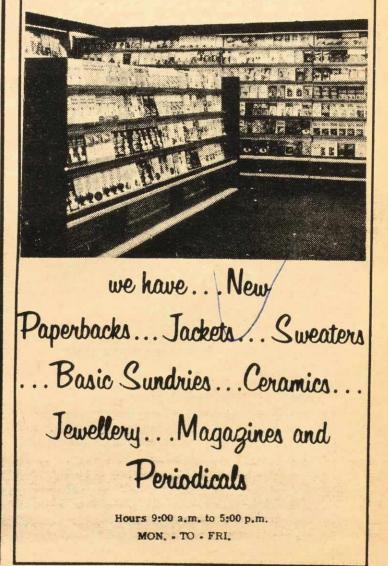
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	467
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