

August employment picture poor for youth

OTTAWA (CUP) --Young people were the hardest hit in the August unemployment picture according to the Statistics Canada information for the week ending August 19 and released September 12.

Unemployment rates for 14 to 24 year-olds (32 per cent of them students) rose from 10.6 per cent in July to 12.1 per cent in August on a seasonally adjusted basis. The age group accounted for more than 50 per cent of total unemploy-

ment, using unadjusted figures.

Although students usually leave the job market in August before starting university or college in the fall, their participation rate was only four per cent below July's and was up 39,000 compared with last August (1971). Students accounted for 33 per cent of the unemployment in the youth group.

The big jump in youth unemployment accounted for almost all the total national unemployment increase from

July's 6.3 per cent to 6.7 per cent in August, on a seasonally adjusted basis.

"Seasonally adjusted" is a phrase used by Statistics Canada to compensate for normal seasonal fluctuations in unemployment.

In real terms, the number of unemployed in August was lower than in July but the decline was much less than normal for this time of year, thus pushing the adjusted rate up.

At the same time, the hard core unemployed without jobs and on unemployment insurance for over seven months took a giant leap from 94,000 in July to 107,000 in August.

The employment and unemployment level for students during August were slightly higher than for the same month last year with increased participation of some 39,000 in the job game. Of 2,131,000 students in the 14-24 year-old group, there is an unadjusted unemployment rate of 5.6 per cent compared with 5.3 during last August.

Those in the 20-24 year-old range had a rate of 6.0 during August, while those from 14 to 19 had about the same unemployment rate as last year --5.5 per cent on an unadjusted basis.

The interesting development, however, was that during the summer months of May to August, student unemployment was lower this year in all months except August.

This would mean students returning to classes this fall will have less money than they earned last year, if they are able to return. With a decreased income during summer months, the number of student aid applications should also be higher, in numbers and amounts. Increased tuition, particularly in Ontario which has 80 per cent of post-secondary enrolment, should also provide problems for returning students.

The overall unemployment rate for young people has been on the increase since 1968 when it was 8.2 per cent. Although it took a slight downward move in 1969, it has climbed constantly since then.

"The pressure of the large young adult population on the labour market will result in a highly competitive situation. A premium will be placed on the level of qualifications, and entrance standards may be raised. Formal training will become the standard in more occupations. The university graduate will be particularly well situated to compete in this labour market, and at the same time, to follow a career which is consistent with the changing goals of our society."

The pressure must be intense for many graduates however. A recent Economic Council of Canada report states that about 7000 Canadian PhD's produced during the next five years will not find work in their fields. At present there are still a large number of university graduates other than PhD's who are unable to work in their fields because of the job shortage.

The figures for September are not expected to show any decline in unemployment as summer jobs cease. These will be the last figures known before the federal election.

Drug squad to be formed?

By JEFF DAVIES

Officials of the RCMP and Fredericton City Police have recommended to the Fredericton City Council that a drug squad be formed in the city.

In a closed meeting Tuesday night, Superintendent Christianson and Cpl. Bob Ross of the RCMP as well as Deputy Chief Gerald Laskey and Sgt. Ron Cronkite of the city police recommended that a drug

squad be formed to combat what they felt was an increasing drug problem. Usually reliable sources said that a recommendation to this effect would be put before council at its next meeting. NO other details were released.

Mayor J.W. Bird was expected to make a statement Thursday concerning the formation of such a squad.

ELECTION OF STUDENT SENATORS 1972 - 1973

ELECTION DATE, OCTOBER 24TH, 1972

CALL FOR NOMINATIONS:

THREE OF THE SIX SEATS FOR STUDENTS ON THE UNIVERSITY SENATE FALL VACANT AT THIS TIME. TWO STUDENT SENATORS ARE TO BE ELECTED AT LARGE BY THE STUDENTS ON THE MAIN CAMPUS IN FREDERICTON, AND ONE IS TO BE ELECTED BY THE STUDENTS AT THE UNIVERSITY OF NEW BRUNSWICK IN SAINT JOHN.

STUDENTS REGISTERED AS FULL-TIME STUDENTS IN THE REGULAR SESSION ARE ELIGIBLE FOR NOMINATION, PROVIDED THAT THEY HAVE GIVEN THEIR CONSENT IN WRITING, AND PROVIDED THAT THEY ARE IN GOOD ACADEMIC STANDING. A CANDIDATE IS NOT CONSIDERED TO BE IN GOOD ACADEMIC STANDING IF:

- (A) HE OR SHE IS REPEATING A YEAR
- OR (B) HE OR SHE IS ON ACADEMIC PROBATION
- OR (C) HE OR SHE FAILED MORE THAN TWO YEAR COURSES, OR THE EQUIVALENT, IN THE PRECEDING YEAR
- OR (D) (IN THE CASE OF A NEW STUDENT) HE OR SHE WAS ADMITTED ON PROBATION.

PROCEDURE FOR NOMINATION:

NOMINATIONS MUST BE FILED WITH THE SECRETARY OF THE SENATE (THE REGISTRAR) IN FREDERICTON, AND WITH THE PRINCIPAL IN SAINT JOHN BY 5:00 P.M. ON THURSDAY, OCTOBER 11TH, 1972.

NOMINATION FORMS MAY BE OBTAINED IN FREDERICTON FROM THE REGISTRAR'S OFFICE, OR THE SRC OFFICE AND IN SAINT JOHN FROM THE MAIN OFFICE. THEY MUST BE SIGNED BY THE CANDIDATE, A NOMINATOR, A SECONDER, AND AT LEAST TWENTY (20) OTHER STUDENTS ELIGIBLE TO VOTE.

ELIGIBILITY TO VOTE

STUDENTS REGISTERED AS FULL-TIME STUDENTS IN THE REGULAR SESSION ARE ELIGIBLE TO VOTE ON THE CAMPUS IN WHICH THEY ARE REGISTERED.

NOMINATIONS CLOSE AT 5:00 P.M. ON THURSDAY, OCTOBER 11TH, 1972.

D. C. BLUE
SECRETARY OF SENATE