

**From Mexico to Alaska**

**York graduate students find there are no jobs for PhDs**

Graduate students at York have criticised recent statements made in EXCALIBUR by graduate studies dean Michael Collie that there is "no national oversupply" of PhDs.

Ph D candidate Roger Hayward in a written statement claims "in the science faculties of Biology, Physics and Chemistry there is a ridiculous surplus of PhDs."

In response to Collie's statement that many candidates might turn

down jobs outside Toronto Hayward, a chemistry student, claims he knows many students who "would go anywhere from the Mexican border to Alaska, if the jobs, both academic and industrial, were available."

He says it is known that there have been 200-300 equally qualified applicants for available academic positions.

"How can there not be an oversupply of PhDs?" he asks.

Hayward agrees with Collie in saying that Canadian industry has not employed enough PhDs. He claims the void created in the early 1960's has been filled, that there are no longer positions available in the United States and that recession in Canada has led to an even further drop in the demand.

Hayward cites as a typical example "a major chemical company located in Canada, which has 'laid off 37 employees' from their research department, and has 'essentially stopped doing research' at the present time."

"Until now PhDs not being able to gain employment have taken

post-doctorate fellowships. Even these are becoming very difficult to secure," Hayward claims and complains "Americans, English, and people of other nationalities still continue to be accepted for such positions in preference to Canadian and landed immigrant PhDs."

He notes the cutbacks in the numbers of enrolled graduate students is not due solely to the actions of the universities.

"The real reason for this," he says, "is the initiative of the prospective graduate student who is unwilling to devote a minimum of three years of his life to gain a degree which is useless because no employer seems to need his specific academic qualifications."

Hayward concludes by asking "What good is it to have a society of highly educated people, who have become so through the high taxes paid by the rest of society, if Canada as a whole cannot get back some of that capital through productive work done by these specially qualified men and women?"



HARRY KITZ  
Tommy Douglas addressing about 250 students last week in political science 203.

**Students union in English dept. being organized**

Anyone taking an English course is invited to join the newly formed English Student Association at York.

There is a meeting today for all English students at 2 pm in hall D of Lecture Hall #2.

The executive of the new association wish to see the students' voice aired in the various departmental committees and ultimately have a say in all departmental decisions.

The association has already obtained recognition by the faculty and permission to seat several students on each of their committees. Now the services of students are required to sit on these committees: academic standards, appointments, curriculum and instruction, library, nominating and elections, policy and planning, procedures and bylaws, schools liaison, student-faculty relations, visiting speakers.

All English students are urged to attend today's meeting, but those who cannot can direct their queries to Brian Flack at 635-0569 or Sam Pack at 781-4743.

**'Do it yourself' pregnancy test now on sale**

Canada's first "do it yourself" pregnancy test went on sale across the country this week under the name Confidelle.

The test which immunologically detects human chorionic gonadotropin (HCG) in the urine of pregnant women was researched and developed by Denver Laboratories (Canada) Limited, and will be marketed by a Denver division, Feminine Care Laboratories International.

When the announcement was made, George Jackson, general manager for Denver Laboratories, said doctors are requesting more pregnancy tests than ever before for a variety of reasons. Ranking high on the list is increasing concern about the damage that viruses, drugs, and radiation can do to a foetus in the early stages of pregnancy, making early pregnancy detection of prime importance.

Jackson said, "Confidelle permits the early detection of pregnancy hormone. The amount of this hormone in urine increases during the early stages of pregnancy and may be detected with Confidelle as early as four

days after a missed menstrual period."

He added that evaluation by well-known Canadian obstetricians and gynecologists has established Confidelle as a "useful and beneficial product" and that Confidelle is not intended to replace a doctor's diagnosis, but rather to encourage women to seek early medical advice.

Members of the Canadian Medical Profession have received full information on Confidelle and its availability to the public.

Confidelle is based on the principle of hemagglutination inhibition. In the presence of antiserum to HCG, suspended blood

cells coated with HCG, agglutinate and settle to form a mat of cells at the bottom of a test tube.

Urine from non-pregnant women containing no HCG does not affect the agglutination and the same mat pattern results indicating a negative pregnancy test.

HCG in the urine of pregnant women inhibits the reaction between coated red blood cells and antiserum thereby preventing agglutination. The cells settle to form a ring or "doughnut" pattern on the bottom of the test tube. This is a positive pregnancy test.

Confidelle comes in a compact kit containing a tube of freeze-dried antiserum and HCG-coated

erythrocytes; a vial of diluent, and a dropper to facilitate urine transfers.

The kit also contains a fully-illustrated step-by-step instruction sheet. Since the reagent is in freeze-dried form, refrigeration is not required.

Clinical testing conducted in Canada established an accuracy of greater than 96% among groups of non-technically trained women representing a cross-section of educational and economic backgrounds.

Confidelle will be sold at a suggested retail price of \$5.50 in pharmacies across Canada.

**Police raiding radicals in Toronto**

TORONTO (CUP) — A series of raids in Toronto Dec. 2, apparently in search of the source of firebombs recently thrown through the windows of the U.S. consulate, netted 11 arrests, all unrelated to the bombings.

A bookstore for the Communist Party of Canada (Marxist-

Leninist), a home of members of a small radical group called Rising Up Angry, and the offices of the underground paper Guerilla, were all hit in the raids by police carrying warrants entitling them to look for arson devices.

Nine of the arrested were taken from the Rising Up Angry co-op house. Two men and four women

were charged with obstructing police during execution of a warrant. Another woman and two men, in addition to obstruction, were charged with possession of marijuana and possession of a weapon dangerous to public peace.

Two more women were charged with obstruction and assaulting a police officer at the Gerard St. book store.

Guerilla staffer Ken Hutchinson said about ten plainclothes officers spent about 45 minutes at the Guerilla offices, checking files, taking samples from typewriters and questioning staff members.

Typewritten notes were directed to the police after the consulate firebombing and the tossing of a smoke bomb into the CBC studios here. Copies of the note were received by the Globe and Mail which said they contained "radical left rhetoric" and the words "Long live the Communist Party of Canada (Marxist-Leninist)."

A staff member for Guerilla commented, "Anyone who really knows what our goals are would never logically connect us with the firebombing incident."

Guerilla has printed the texts of the Manifesto of the Front de Liberation du Quebec and the War Measures Act.

**York Fine Arts**

John Osborne's "Look Back in Anger" will be performed free of charge to York on Dec. 15, 16 and 17 at 8:30 in Burton Auditorium.

The play concerns itself with a marriage between a poor intellectual and the daughter of a British army officer and their life in an attic flat.

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