

Report on doctorates

Most Ph.D. grads find jobs

By J W BELTRAME

A recent report by the Canadian Association of Graduate Schools discredits the many alarmist statements about Ph.D. graduates walking the streets in search of jobs. The report shows that of the 1739 Ph.D. graduates last year, 96 per cent had jobs at the time they handed in their thesis.

The report did not attempt to find how many of the graduates found employment in their field of study, nor the average wage of Ph.D. holders.

Of the graduates finding employment, over 85 per cent remained in Canada, slightly up over previous

years. The statistics given indicate that the percentage of unemployed Ph.D.'s has not increased in the last four years, while the number of graduates increased by 20 per cent.

Despite these encouraging statistics it is important to note that employment in university teaching posts have steadily decreased each year, to the present low of 35 per cent of all employment. The rate of unemployment dramatically increases in the humanities over the sciences

The jobless of students graduating in the life sciences is only 2 per cent while the rate in the humanities soars to over 8 per cent, which does not take

into account the 3 per cent on research fellowship and 4 per cent which were unaccounted for.

The report, compiled by M.A. Preston of the Council of Ontario Universities, is meant to advise Canadian graduate schools on their enrolment quota. The report states that "although we are in a period of employment difficulties... it would be unwise to reduce new enrolment since those now entering Ph.D. studies will not emerge for five years."

However, Preston warns that the outlook for university teaching jobs will "not alter markedly for fifteen years", from its present low. This will be most felt by humanities graduates, who traditionally as many as 85 per cent of all Ph.D.'s went on to university teaching. In the last year this figure fell to 52 per cent of humanities graduates finding teaching posts in Canada.

Bearpit Session

STEVE HAIN

In a session punctuated with student catcalls, Radio York's Bearpit featured U of T student, Barb Cameron, member of the Metro Committee of the Communist Party.

Cameron supplied a brief history of the party in Canada from its formation in 1922 to its role in the development of unions. The party's function was not primarily political, she continued, but a movement to act as spokesmen for the people.

When asked what format the Communist Party would prescribe if elected, Cameron detailed a government ideally composed of Communist members in union with sympathetic New Democratic Party Members. On election, the Communist government would immediately nationalize present corporations, increase the minimum wage and curb monopolistic control of real estate.

Cameron commented on her party's sentiment that educational funding should be removed from a property tax base which would in turn be replaced by taxation of corporate profits.

Cameron admitted that existing party membership was largely of a working class nature. By setting up offices at York and U of T, the party hoped to gain larger middle class membership.

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The degree of co-operation shown by members of the

community will determine the effectiveness of snow removal, which presents problems because of the substantial number of vehicles belonging to residents which are parked overnight on campus. The above measures will enable a more efficient use to be made of snow clearing equipment, particularly during the night hours, which should prove beneficial to all.

C.G. DUNN,
Director of Safety & Security.