

Grads underemployed

A recently released Statistics Canada report claims that "the hard reality of today's labor market is a rude jolt to many graduates fresh out of college or university."

The report, a nation wide study, says many students feel they are underemployed, are accepting jobs unrelated to their field of study, wish they had chosen to enter a different field, and intend to return to school for further education.

A survey of community college and university graduates, asked about what they were doing two years after graduating, revealed the following facts:

- one quarter of college graduates and one third of university graduates felt that they were overqualified for the jobs they were presently performing. (That is to say they felt they were underemployed).
- only 44 percent of university graduates and 66 percent of

college graduates had jobs related to their studies.

-45 percent wished to continue with more post secondary study to improve their chances of employment.

-Most women were earning considerably less than men, often with similar responsibilities.

However, considering the above information, only 13 percent of those surveyed said they were not satisfied with their jobs.

The Statistics Canada study differs in many aspects from an earlier study conducted in 1979 by the Ontario Ministry of Education on employment among graduates.

That survey reported a 4.9 percent unemployment rate, where the Canada Statistics version quotes 8.2 percent.

Graduates who fared the worst, according to both sources, were fine arts or applied arts, humanities, and social sciences students.

There are a few things about

the Statistics Canada report that are surprising. One is that although many students are tailoring their studies to obtain lucrative jobs or wish they had done so, there are some graduates for whom money has no importance.

Also, the study states that though philosophy students had the highest unemployment rate, they were also the most satisfied with their jobs.

An interprovincial comparison in the Statistics Canada study shows that most Eastern Canadian graduates left to find better jobs elsewhere. Alberta and British Columbia, with the highest rate of incoming graduates, attracted them more often than not. Newfoundland and Saskatchewan offered the best overall job selection.

College graduates in Ontario fared worse in the job market than the national average in almost every area.



photo Bill Ingles

This grounds-keeper is credited for having flushed out errant students hiding from post-reading week blahs.

Students freeze tuition

Tuition fees should be frozen at their present level until their effect on accessibility of post-secondary education has been properly gauged, the Federation of Alberta Students decided Sunday.

FAS will take this message to the Alberta minister of Advanced Education Jim Horsman this fall.

Horsman has called for submissions from FAS and provincial students' unions on long term student tuition fee policy. FAS's response is that there can be no proper long-term policy on tuition until the effects of fees on accessibility to education are known.

The majority of delegates at FAS's annual general meeting this weekend favored a policy calling for abolition of tuition fees altogether. However, the University of Calgary delegation under the direction of the U of C Students' Council, was in favor of continued

fees. Other delegations were split on the issue.

The U of A, University of Lethbridge, Grande Prairie Regional College and Mount Royal College delegations argued that only with free tuition could universal access to advanced education be guaranteed.

They pointed out that the government itself has a stated commitment to universal access to post-secondary education, and that tuition fees were a barrier to lower-income potential students.

Pro-tuition delegates agreed that tuition fees kept some people from pursuing higher education. But many contended that students would appreciate their education only if they were required to pay for at least part of tuition.

They also claimed that Alberta students would reject a 'no' tuition policy. The 'no' tuition group softened its stance though, largely to present a united front of

student groups to minister Horsman.

The government has expressed an interest in indexing tuition fees to the level of inflation, a policy strongly opposed by FAS and various students' unions.

U of A students Lisa Walter (incoming SU vp external) and Mike Walker (out-going Gateway news editor) were elected to the FAS executive.

FAS established a services committee to co-ordinate services-oriented lobbying of the

provincial government. One of its first tasks will be to try to convince the Alberta Liquor Control Board to relax its controls on afternoon drinking and drunkenness in campus buildings across the provinces.

SU hands out Gold Medal

Good things happen for Kate

Arts student Kate Orrell was awarded the Students' Union Gold Medal last week.

Orrell has been an Arts rep to Students' Council for two years, represented the university at the Hugil Cup debating competitions three times in a row, and served on faculty committees.

During all this she has maintained an 8.9 GPA in her last year of a combined French and English honors program.

This is the fifth year the Gold Medal has been awarded. It is awarded on the basis of academic excellence and extracurricular involvement.

Orrell will spend next year in France teaching English in a junior high school and studying French on a Killam scholarship. After that she will study English for two years in England on a Commonwealth Scholarship.

"You don't set out to do something like this," said Orrell. "It just happened."

The medal will be presented at Convocation.



Katherine Orrell

Horsman's wait is up—SFB to select reps

The delay in appointing student representatives to the Students' Finance Board (SFB) is nearly over.

The government bill providing for two student places on the eleven member SFB was passed in December. Since then the Alberta government has been waiting for applications. Applications could come from Federation of Alberta Students (FAS), Students' Councils, or any other source.

Jim Horsman, Minister of Advanced Education and Man-

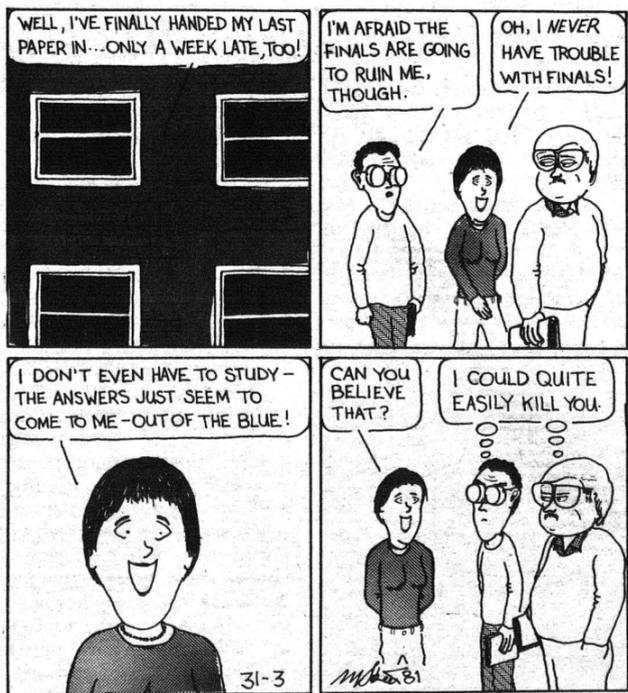
power, claims there is now a sufficient number of applicants to make the appointments.

"There has not been a huge number of applicants. Quite frankly I'm a little disappointed," Horsman says.

In addition, Horsman claims there were no applications from southern Alberta. The SFB is already heavily weighted with members from Northern Alberta.

"That's another reason for the delay... We wanted to get someone from the South," Horsman says.

Baz by Skeet



Squibs

by Spike Milligram

Headline in Engineering Feb. 23:
Man's destiny in P(rofessional) Eng(ineer) hands

From Engineering Dec. 8, 1980:
The general public is entitled to a greater role in the running of engineering, the profession's new top man in Manitoba (Rudy Isaak) said last month.

Including maybe shaping man's destiny?
Branny Shepanovich (former Gateway staffer and current Liberal) takes public opinion by the horns with an H.L. Mencken quote in the Oct. 29, 1963 Gateway:

The volume of mail that comes into a magazine or newspaper is no index of anything except that you happen to attract a lot of idiots, because most people that write letters to newspapers are fools.

Branny Shepanovich, retreating with his tail between his legs Nov. 5:

In the Oct. 25 edition of this paper I stated that we regard letters to the editor as vital to the Gateway... My statement in the Oct. 25 edition was Gateway policy, as well as my personal opinion.

Mencken's statement, on the other hand, was not Gateway policy - nor do I personally feel that most people that write letters to newspapers are fools.