

# Excalibur

Everything secret degenerates; nothing is safe that does not show it can bear discussion and publicity  
—Lord Acton

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## Students need jobs, not flippancy from Trudeau

Six days of classes left, a few weeks of exams, and then all too soon we'll be toiling away at our summer jobs.

Some of us. It's going to be rough this summer finding a job, probably the worst ever, which is saying a lot. Preliminary results of a survey conducted by the Ontario Federation of Students indicate that last year, student summer employment hovered somewhere between 20 and 25 per cent.

The problem of summer employment is only the reflection of what we will find after graduation. By the government's own count, almost one million Canadians are unemployed (Ed Broadbent says it's closer to 1.3 million) and the age bracket most often seen in the unemployment lines are those under 24.

Guess who that is.

Fortunately, our country's leaders have taken this problem to heart. Our Prime Minister, Pierre Elliot Trudeau addressed himself to the question last week at a meeting of young Liberals in Toronto.

Too many unemployed university graduates? The solution according to Trudeau, is simple. It means that there are just too many university graduates. So if you're worried about post-university employment, then get out of university, quick.

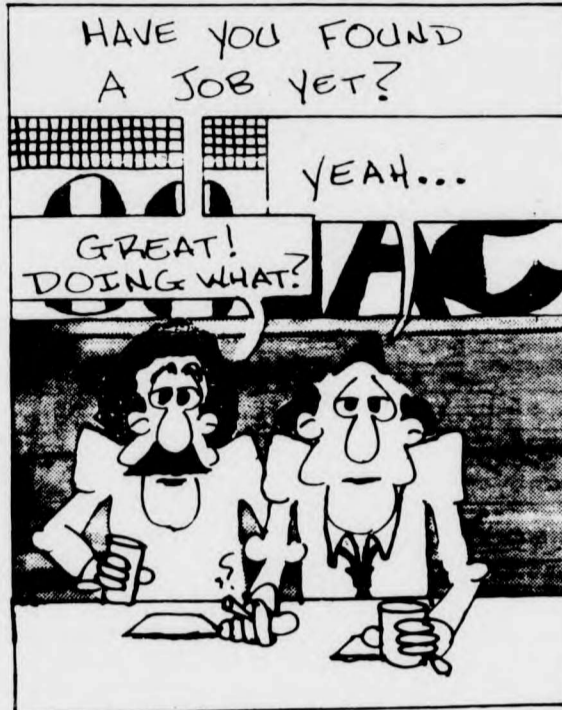
Thanks Pierre. Then we can be unemployed drop-outs in-

stead of unemployed graduates. As if being under 24 and not going to university makes it any easier to find work than being under 24 and a university graduate.

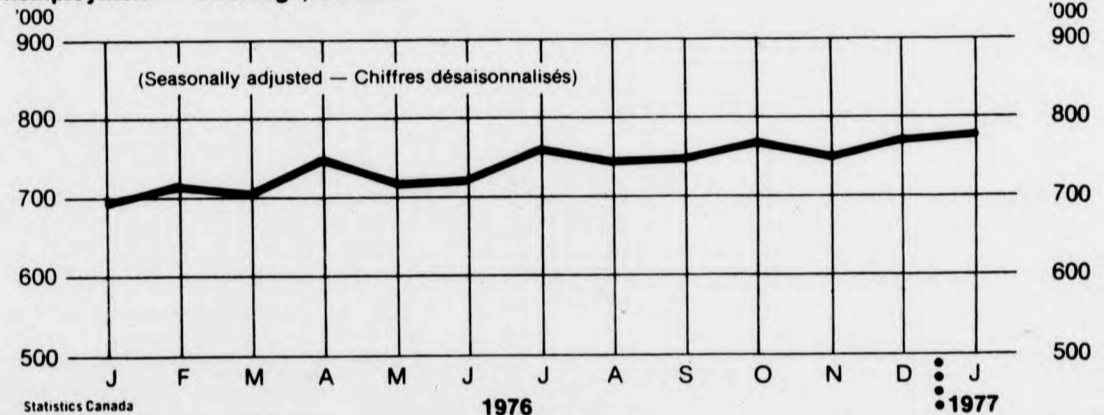
As if the only value of universities is job-training, which is what Trudeau is implying. By that logic, if there are no jobs to be trained for, stop sending people to university.

It seems to us, that Trudeau's approach is a little off. If there aren't enough jobs for Canada's educated young people, then the thing to do is not to reduce the number of educated young people. It seems to us that the trick is to create more jobs.

Some would say that finding ways to create jobs is the job of people like Trudeau who, as Prime Minister, is supposed to provide us with leadership, rather than flippancy, useless off-the cuff comments.



Unemployment — Chômage, Canada



## Colleges ignore magazine

The Atkinson College Students' Association recently voted to help *Breakthrough* — the York feminist magazine —

out of the financial hole the rest of the university has allowed them to sink into. They are to be commended for this decision.

The fact that this important magazine was allowed to flounder on the waves of financial uncertainty is nothing short of shameful irresponsibility on the part of most of York's colleges.

Besides CYSF and Atkinson, the only other York college to find it in their tight-fisted hearts to financially support *Breakthrough* was Calumet. Stong was the only other college to even consider financial backing.

It is nothing short of disgusting that the student council representatives of York's other colleges can be so derelict in their responsibilities as to ignore this magazine. We would venture that more York students benefit from picking up a copy of *Breakthrough* than they do through their college councils.

These same college councils that don't recognize *Breakthrough* as a priority then turn around and bumble their way through their budgets on things like heavily subsidized 'college dinners' and who knows what else.

The McLaughlin College council refused to fund *Breakthrough*, even though it does valuable work in overcoming sexism and providing needed informational articles for women. The Mac council then had the ignorant audacity

to spend over \$1,000 on publishing their own, blatantly sexist newspaper, *THE MAC TRUCK*.

*Breakthrough* magazine, which is read by men and women from every sector of the York community, helps to make this university more of a community. We wonder whether the same can be said for York's highly touted colleges and their college councils.

## Snips and snipes

Sometimes the pen really is mightier than the sword. Or the weatherman anyway.

You'll remember that last week on this page we demanded in no uncertain terms that winter pack its bags, pick up its snowflakes and wind chill factors and get out of town.

Well, it happened. Last Tuesday the sun was out, the temperature was up and frisbees and footballs dotted the York skies. We at Excalibur humbly take a certain amount of credit for the prompt arrival of spring.

If only some of our other victims of editorial barbs; such as Barry Edson, John Becker and Bill Davis would listen to us as closely as the weather.

## Editorial elections this week

Meet the editorial candidates tonight at 6 p.m. or Friday at 3 p.m.

Staffers must attend one screening to vote. Voting will take place immediately after each screening and all day Monday.

If you can't make a screening or feel you should have a vote, come to today's staff meeting at 2 p.m.

Staff picture will be taken tonight before the screenings.

Editor-in-chief  
Managing editor  
News editor  
Entertainment editor  
Sports editor  
Photo editor  
CUP editor  
Business and advertising manager (non-voting)

Michael Hollett  
Anna Vaitiekunas  
Paul Kellogg  
Evan Leibovitch  
Dave Fuller  
Bryon Johnson  
Debbie Pekilis  
Olga Graham

Our staff box this week, includes only the names of staff members who qualify to vote for editor-in-chief of next year's Excalibur. According to Excalibur's constitution, staffers qualify when they have contributed to at least six different issues of Excalibur, with at least two of these being in each of the first and second terms.

Numerous staff members come very close to qualifying and may appeal for the right to vote at today's staff meeting at 2 p.m.

Staff at large who qualify to vote for editor - David Saltmarsh, Alice Klein, Maxine Kopel, Ian Kellogg, James Brennan, Mary Marrone, Keith Nickson, Walter Rigobon, Ed Fox, Warren Clements, Kim Llyewellyn, Ian Wasserman, Don Belanger, Ted Mumford, Ara Rose Parker, Ronen Grunberg, Amelia Amaro, Graham Beattie, Agnes Kruchio, Bob Pomerantz, Jenny Johnson, Denise Beattie, Sue Kaiser, Susan Grant, Belinda Silberman, Ian Mulgrew.