

# UNIVERSITY NEWSBEAT

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## MCU SURVEY

### 95% of last year's grads have jobs

An employment survey undertaken by the Ministry of Colleges and Universities (MCU) finds that 95% of 1979 university graduates have jobs.

In response to the report, the Council of Ontario Universities (COU) stated that the findings should "definitely quash the myth of large numbers of unemployed university graduates". However, COU also expressed some

reservations about the methodology used, finding it "uncritical" in parts.

The following is a brief summary of the MCU survey.

It finds that 51.3% of graduates were men; 48.7, women.

About one-sixth of graduates returned to full-time studies while another one-tenth were enrolled in programs necessary for professional certification.

Graduates from Engineering and Applied Sciences programs have the highest full-time employment rate (96.4%), followed by those from Commerce and Business Administration (95.3%). Those from Fine and Applied Arts had the lowest rate (70.6%), following those in Education, Physical Education and Recreation (79.4%). The first groups commanded the highest starting

and current median salaries while the latter had the lowest ones.

Men have higher median salaries than women, with the gap remaining constant at about \$2,900. The gap is widest for Fine and Applied Arts graduates.

Some 72% of Bachelors degree-holders employed full-time indicated that their job was very related or somewhat related to their field of study; for all other degrees

that proportion increases to almost 90%.

The relatedness between job and field of study is highest for graduates of Health Sciences programs, and lowest for those in Humanities.

Over two-thirds of full-time employed graduates are very satisfied or quite satisfied with their employment conditions. More graduates are satisfied with their opportunity for personal initiative (78.4%) than with their opportunity for advancement (67.4%).

Over 70% are employed full-time in the service sector of the economy while only one in four is working in the primary and secondary sectors.

Of the graduates who reported their present location, 84.5% remained in Ontario, 12% moved to another province, and 3.5% moved abroad. Ph.D. holders are the most mobile: slightly more than half of them remained in Ontario while about one-eighth moved to the United States.

Overall close to 40% of the graduates employed full-time indicated that no degree was required for their current employment. Only 25% of Masters degree holders currently employed full-time reported that a Masters degree was a requirement for employment.

## Social work students are participants in program to aid Jane-Finch community

Atkinson College's department of social work recently initiated a "Training Through Service" program for its students in liaison with the Jane-Finch community, with a view to phasing about 70 social work students into volunteer involvement by January 1981.

The program seeks to provide exposure and experience for the students while they, in turn, will provide responsible, practical, and supervised service to an area lacking in any consistent or long-term program.

Gerald Erickson, a professor of social work and chairman of the department, says that York has always had an interest in the immediate community, which includes the Jane-Finch area. The department proposed in 1978 that a community outreach program be set up. A feasibility study was done last spring to identify the area's needs and to determine if social work students could be used as a pool of resources; the Ministry of Community and Social Services provided funds and Elspeth Heyworth, a part-time lecturer at Atkinson, was employed to coordinate the program.

Many residents in the Jane-Finch area lack the knowledge and confidence to seek help and cannot articulate demands for improvements. The community leaders are energetic and committed, but because resources in the area are limited, they cannot meet all local needs.

The Training Through Service



(Right to left) Gerald Erickson, chairman of the social work dept.; Elspeth Heyworth, program coordinator; and Marilyn Salerno, secretary for the dept.

program will therefore concentrate on establishing an information centre; on developing the monitoring, support and follow-up of existing programs; as well as on initiating new creative programs—these under the umbrella of community outreach.

Ms. Heyworth states that the most important aspect of the program is to establish an information centre in the area. This centre would provide information on such concerns as social services, daycare, babysitting, odd jobs and neighbourhood resources in a community cut off by transportation and ethnic concentration and where many immigrants, elderly and single people are not aware of their rights and resources.

While reaching out to this community, the department also seeks to enlarge the scope of

network, students would be part of a coherent and co-ordinated whole.

Most of the programs designed for the community are in the initial stages. All students will participate in the outreach program which starts in January. In an "Information Centre on Legs", they will go from door to door, providing information on programs and resources to people living in isolation, particularly recent immigrants.

In addition, ten students will act as language translators and consultants for the information centre; some will run a group of children in an after-school development program; one will be a big sister in the Caribbean Outreach; two who live in the area will participate in a committee to establish a women's emergency shelter; and others will act as court volunteers' and youth clinic counsellors.

If you would like to be involved or have any suggestions, contact Co-ordinator Elspeth Heyworth at 961-4288 or 667-3350.

## York people donate \$1,200 to unusual refugee camp



President Macdonald hands a \$1,200 cheque to Iona Campagnolo, the host of a TV show in Vancouver, and also a patron of the Kampuchean project.

York University people have contributed almost \$1,200 to support an extraordinary camp in Thailand for 10,000 Kampuchean refugees.

The camp, set up by CUSO (Canadian University Services Overseas), differs from traditional refugee aid operations, and is expected to provide a model for others.

Its organization and administration are handled by Thais and Thai agencies rather than by agency

personnel flown in from abroad; food and materials are bought locally to reduce operating costs and stretch donor dollars (38 cents will support a refugee for one day); and the refugees are encouraged to become as self-reliant as possible, while still retaining their Kampuchean culture.

CUSO has now raised \$60,000 of its \$400,000 target. Interested faculty, staff, and students can send contributions to Susan Miller in 526 Atkinson College.

## Footnotes

The Faculty of Arts will offer some credit courses in King City and Aurora, starting January 1981, that can be taken as part of a Bachelor of Arts program, or for those who already have a degree.

The courses to be offered in Aurora are: Social Science, a study of international migration; and Geography, an introduction to the countryside. Greek Philosophy will be offered in King City.

Information sessions dealing with course offerings, fees, admissibility, times and locations will be held at the Aurora Public Library, 56 Victoria Street, Aurora, November 26 at 7:30 p.m. For more information call 667-3300.

The Centre for Continuing Education will present "Behaviour

Therapy in Action and Staff Stress and The Care of the Terminally Ill," November 21, the second of a four-part series in Family Life.

During the morning, two therapists with the Behaviour Therapy Institute will explore helping people to change their behaviour; methods used to do this; and undesirable behaviour such as phobias, poor eating or study habits and procrastination.

The afternoon sessions will feature a community worker from the Clarke Institute of Psychiatry, who will discuss the sources of stress in the care of the dying and the development of coping skills to deal with job stress.

These one-day symposia are open to the public and cost \$20 for the day. For more information and to register call 667-2502.