

Report of unemployed Ph.D. grads is unfounded

OTTAWA (CUP) — M. A. Preston of the Council of Ontario Universities claims, in a recent report, that stories of unemployment among Ph.D. graduates are unfounded.

The report gives figures showing that 96 per cent of Ph.D.'s had jobs when they graduated.

While the report says unemployment is low among Ph.D.'s, it does not analyse how many of them

were forced to take jobs outside permanent university teaching and research, the traditional stomping grounds of the Ph.D.

Two years ago there were no Ph.D.'s teaching in community

colleges while there are 56 that went to them this year. The report gave no figures on Ph.D.'s teaching high school although it admitted there were some.

The percentage of graduates going into university teaching has dropped over 20 per cent since the boom in Ph.D.'s began in the late '60's.

At the same time a number of universities have begun hiring instructors on a term basis. These people are paid at much lower rates than regular academic staff and again with no job security beyond the end of the term.

A quarter of the '73 graduates had jobs as Research Fellows. Research Fellowships are short term, low paying jobs doing

research into a particular problem. At the end of the period the person finds themselves again on the job market, although with some experience.

The problems are greatest in the Humanities where the unemployment rate is twice the general, and 8 per cent of the graduates took jobs with community colleges.

The one area of employment that is booming is among graduates in the behavioral sciences. Government employment of them has doubled in the past year; industrial employment went up five times in the past year.

Despite the report, jokes about Ph.D. employment still go on in academic circles.

Food additives dangerous

VANCOUVER (CUP) — Some chemical food additives can cause schizophrenia, birth defects and epilepsy, the chairperson of the Scientific Pollution Environment Control's pesticide committee said Jan. 23 at the University of British Columbia.

Merriam Doucet made the comment in a debate on processed foods and food additives with D. G. Chapman, director of the federal Food Advisory Bureau at UBC's nutrition conference.

"A misconception of some people is that the chemical residues can be washed away when actually they can't," Doucet said. "Even

though some farmers stop using certain types of chemicals, these can and do stay in the ground and come into our food even after twenty years."

It is some of these chemicals that can cause brain damage and birth defects Doucet explained.

However Chapman disagreed saying, "Some food additives are necessary to replace the nutrients lost by processing modern food, but we only allow those necessary to replace the necessary levels to technologically do the job."

"We wouldn't need these things (additives and pesticides)" said one participant "if we grew our

food properly."

"At one time it was safe to have a little of these chemicals in our bodies. Over a time these build up so that it is no longer safe," said Doucet.

Even the Food and Drug Act does not give people much protection according to Doucet. Additives are assumed to be harmless until they are found otherwise.

"It is not incumbent upon the public to prove that a chemical is dangerous, it is incumbent on the government who is supposed to act for us," said Doucet.

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THUNDER BAY (CUP) — Education students at Lakehead University have succeeded in getting rid of "confidential reports", evaluation sheets written by faculty advisors on graduates sent to the Ontario Board of Education.

While the reports were kept secret from graduates, the board was able to send them to any prospective employer wanting to know information about the teacher.

Education students have been opposed to the reports for some time, and have been organizing against them recently. On January 16th, the students' council voted unanimously to support the education students in any action they might take against the board.

SRC minutes

STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE COUNCIL MINUTES

Feb. 4, 6:10 p.m.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Philip Holland be named a chairman of the SRC.

PRESENT Neale, Steeves, Flanagan, Jaeger, Doherty, Miller, Mersereau, McLaughlin, Manuel, McKenzie, Pomeroy, Holland, Gamble, Hill, Le.

ABSENT Gilliss

ITEM I MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the minutes of Jan. 28, 1974 be accepted as circulated. Neale:Jaeger (carried)

ITEM II PRESIDENTS REPORT

The Searchers Committee for the new Dean of Student has requested the SRC to appoint two (2) students to serve on the committee. Deferred to the Comptrollers Report

ITEM III

Council directed questions to Mr. Steeves concerning Item 5 (five) of the AB minutes. BE IT RESOLVED THAT the AB minutes of Jan. 30 be accepted as circulated. Neale:Steeves 8-5-0 (carried) Mr. Steeves told council that plans for the SRC Winter Carnival float were underway and asked for help to construct it.

ITEM II (Cont'd)

Dave Gamble was delegated to set up a committee to investigate appointments to the Search Committee for the new Dean of Students. Sid Mersereau, Travel Officer was present and reported to council on the Travel Conference that he attended in January. Members of the janitorial staff appeared before Council and attempted to clarify the position between the maintenance staff and the custodial services of the university. Council expressed concern about this issue, suggesting that there was a possibility of fees being raised to cover the increase of salaries for the janitorial staff.

7:50 p.m. - Discussion was tabled and a 10 minute recess was called. BE IT RESOLVED THAT the SRC request that the administration make the reasons for their position (re: the janitors) known to the University community as soon as possible or the SRC may have no alternative, based on the representations so far made to them, but to support the janitors on the issue of improved working conditions at UNB. Pomeroy:Miller (unanimous)

RE: SUB Board of Directors, compliance to the motion in the minutes of the previous meeting.

Mr. Peter Forbes, Chairman of the Board of Directors, presented the position of the SUB Board concerning their honoraria, Mr. Peter Galoska, treasurer of the Board, the financial position of the SUB, to Council.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the UNB SRC not agree with the SUB Board decision to grant itself honoraria. Steeves:Neale 4-7-1 (defeated) Fud Steeves and Roy Neale go on record as opposing the motion.

ITEM IV ASSISTANT COMPTROLLERS REPORT

Mr. Flanagan encouraged council to promote the Mike Quatro concert. BE IT RESOLVED THAT Pat Flanagan be empowered to book Dublin Corp. at a reasonable price. Doherty:Miller (carried)

ITEM V VICE PRESIDENTS REPORT

Miss Jaeger asked council members to take charge of different polls for the Feb. 13 election. By-election dates were discussed.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the SRC be awarded \$100.00 per person, retro-active for one year. Neale:Manuel

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the above Neale:Manuel motion be tabled. Jaeger:McKenzie 9-3-0

Manuel asked to go on record as opposing the motion. Motion that the meeting be adjourned 10:20. Jaeger:McKenzie (carried)

SUB will be closed

Today, Friday, Feb. 8 the SUB will be cleared of people and all the doors locked at 7:45 p.m. This is being done in order to arrange the building for the SUB Extravaganza. The doors will open again at 9 p.m. and ONLY people holding tickets for the event will be granted admission.

As well, the Games Room will be closed at 7 p.m. and the College Hill Social Club at 6:30. Neither of these two will reopen until Saturday at their regular times. Food in the cafeteria will cease being served at 6 p.m. and this room will be cleared of ALL people at 6:30.

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