

Summer job outlook bleak



By Al Bell

Record student unemployment this summer was predicted last week by Conservative M.P.P. Terry Jones, head of the Ontario Youth Secretariat.

Summer job prospects appear so bleak that Jones' secretariat has now resorted to the motto "any job is a good job".

"We make no bones about it," Jones' special assistant Paul Christie told *Excalibur*, "it's a very, very tough job market for students this summer with far more kids applying than there are jobs available for them".

This dilemma is clearly reflected in the youth secretariat itself whose 80 million dollar budget provides

some 60,000 summer jobs for students in programs such as Experience '78.

All of these programs are vastly over-subscribed with three and four times as many students applying than necessary, according to Christie.

In any event, Christie admits with insouciant candor that the majority of these jobs traditionally fall to those students with political connections.

The youth secretariat has thus been reduced largely to an advisory role providing students with "how-to-look-for-a-job" brochures and information.

The situation at the York Placement Center mirrors the provincial picture. Though the

majority of summer job postings do not occur until the latter half of March, the outlook is dismal according to the Manager of Student Services, David Robertson.

"Companies are just not posting as many jobs as usual because they already have so many applicants from which to choose", he told *Excalibur*.

"It's the typical thing of businesses hiring friends and relatives before taking other applications. My advice to York students is to take anything that comes along, even a lesser job."

That advice forms the basis for the Ontario youth secretariat's current radio advertising campaign in which actors portray students discussing the employment

situation. The image is blunt and desperate: when it comes to a summer job, grab anything, and grab it on your own.

"We ourselves are very much an employer of last resort", says Christie. "The majority of kids will have to find jobs in the private sector".

This attitude of the government has angered many students who find themselves without a summer job and yet, expected under OSAP regulations to make a sizeable contribution from their summer earnings.

Christie did not comment on the matter. Students are on their own, he insists. "Take any job and take it now. Don't wait."

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Will university close for March 16 rally?

By Hugh Westrup

President MacDonald holds in his hands a recommendation to close York on the afternoon of March 16.

Last Thursday the York Senate voted overwhelmingly in favour of cancelling classes and closing offices to permit the entire York community to participate in an anti-cutbacks demonstration at Queen's Park.

The Senate's motion was then passed on to Monday's meeting of the executive committees of the Senate and the Board of Governors.

According to student senator

Paul Hayden who was in attendance at the meeting, the Board members were hesitant about the motion.

"They were concerned about such matters as how we would come across in the media, reactions from the taxpayers and the obstruction of downtown traffic by a huge protest rally," said Hayden. "But they were assured that preparations were being made and that it would be an organized, controlled demonstration."

The loss of the half-day was also mentioned but it was pointed out that the senate motion stipulated

that the lost day would be made up at year's end.

A final decision by the Board will be left until legal and practical questions regarding a university closure are reviewed.

"We have to look at contractual obligations between the Board and employee groups," said president MacDonald.

MacDonald also said he is awaiting word from U of T and Ryerson. "Each institution feels it will be an advantage if we all approach the issue in the same way."

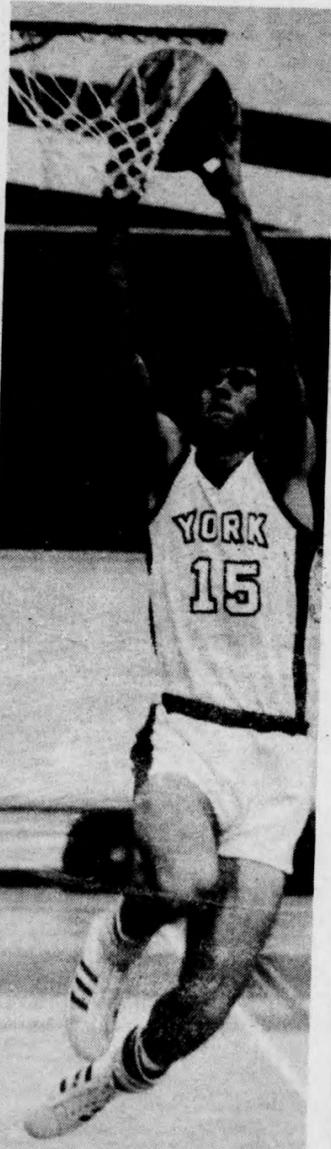
Senate chairman Michael Lanphier, who is in charge of rescheduling classes, told *Excalibur* that he would have to have "very serious reasons for going against the senate's decision." But he said he was waiting for more information from the downtown schools.

Lanphier also said he wants to have a written plan for the demonstration from the organizers. "We'll have to see how firm these plans are," he said.

At U of T, the Students' Administrative Council has written a letter, co-signed by other campus groups, requesting that President Evans close the university. A vote by the executive of the faculty association is also forthcoming.

The word from Ryerson is that it will stay open.

Presidential assistant, Jill Livingston said, "I suspect Ryerson won't close. We'll leave it up to the social conscience of the individual whether he or she wants to protest by demonstrating or by writing to an MPP."



Bruce Gates photo

Jody Connor of the Yeomen basketball team about to stuff two points against Ottawa Gee-Gees last Friday. York won 97-56. More sports page 16.

Sneak preview!

By Laura Brown

As *Excalibur* goes to press it is still unclear who is running for CYSF president although there are only four days left until nomination period closes for the student council general election.

Rumours passed along the political grapevine have brought forward the names of five potential candidates, including this year's CYSF president, Paul Hayden. The other mentioned are Harvey Pinder, Andrew Cardozo, Arnie Bell and David Chodikoff.

Cardozo, at present a member of the Vanier College Council, contacted *Excalibur* last Tuesday to announce his intention to submit a nomination. That same day Calumet student Bell spoke vaguely of a potential nomination.

Pinder, a student representative on the Board of Governors and a Calumet student, plans to run on a slate he calls "Student Action". He said that he wants "an active CYSF" which works on "no cut-backs and fights OSAP changes".

This year's CYSF president, Hayden, said he is considering running for the position again. He said that if he is president for a second year there will be changes in his job "which will mean more work for me". He added, "If I hold office next year I'll want a raise".

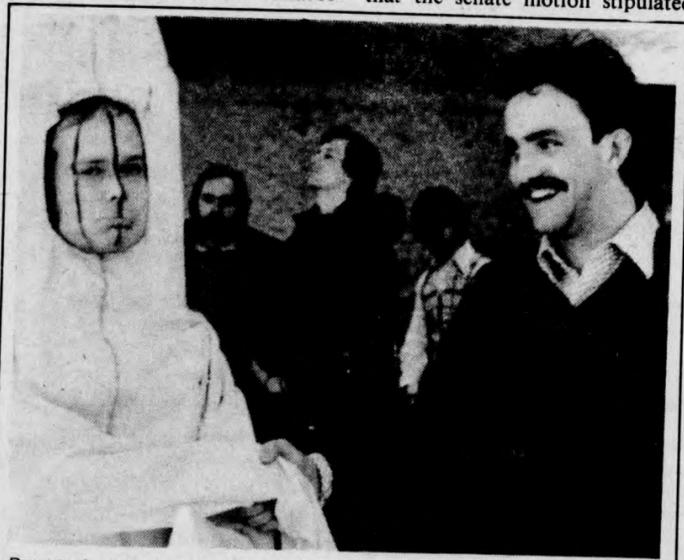
It is common knowledge among Chodikoff's colleagues at CYSF that he intends to run. When asked by *Excalibur* to confirm these rumours, Chodikoff was ambiguous in his replies.

The nomination period for all positions closes tomorrow at 5:00 p.m. The election will be held Wednesday March 15, with an advance poll Tuesday, March 14.

Voting students must present their sessional validation cards which bears the name of one of eight CYSF constituencies.

The students will be presented with two ballots; one vote for constituent representative and one for president.

The vice-presidents are chosen by the council at large after the elections.



President meets banana. Banana (left) was starring in movie being filmed in Central Square when he ran into CYSF president Paul Hayden. Could we be seeing more of that Hayden handshake next week? Sandy Zeldin photo.

International Women's Day to last a week

By Paul Kellogg

International Women's Day can be celebrated on five different days next week at York and in downtown Toronto.

The main Toronto-wide event is a rally at 1 p.m. Saturday March 11 at U of T's Convocation Hall, culminating in a march down Yonge Street to City Hall.

"There will be thousands there", said Catherine McLeod, a member of the IWD Coalition, in an interview with *Excalibur*. "You

should come to. The point of it all, is just to let people know that the women's movement is still alive, it didn't disappear".

International Women's Day traces its history back 70 years, but this is the first time in many years that it will be celebrated in a big way in Canada.

Wednesday March 8 is the official International Women's Day, and at York that day at noon, a rally will be held in Moot Court in Osgoode. The rally will have speakers on social services and academic life at York,

as well as on women's politics, past, present and at York.

Other events during the week include a reading session on voices from the battles for women's rights, a poetry reading, a benefit performance by W.O. Mitchell (proceeds to go to Nellie's Hostel), films on and by women, and a session on women in folk song. Details on times and places can be obtained from the Women's Centre.

The York International Women's Day Coalition is advancing such demands as no tuition increases, no

cuts in student loans, defense of women faculty, no layoffs of women staff, and increased funding for women's services on campus.

It is seven decades since the first International Women's Day and the issues being raised at York are different than those raised by the women garment workers in New York City in 1908. But the theme is still the same. In the early 1900's, the theme was put to music in the song *Bread and Roses*, bread referring to the demand for economic security and roses for a better quality of life.