

Job Outlook

BY ANNA MACDONALD

Around this time of year, the graduating students at U.P.E.I. begin to wonder about their future, especially on the job markets. This year, the SUN decided to speak to Suzanne de Jong, our Campus Employment Officer, about this issue.

When asked about the trend in the labor market, de Jong said that the market leans more towards business orientated jobs. She believes that the

business field would be able to place practically all graduates with accounting degrees over the next five or ten years. Most business orientated students receive placements. This applies to both business and arts students who are interested in some field of business.

However, 80% of U.P.E.I. graduates find it necessary to leave Prince Edward Island in order to work. The other 20% are able to stay here. Of the 80% who leave P.E.I., 60% remain

in the Maritimes while 20% move to larger centers such as Toronto, Calgary, and Edmonton.

deJong said that business students are easier to place than graduates with arts degrees. Since the arts degree is flexible and less practical, employment officers have a more difficult time placing arts graduates, especially those with general arts degrees. However, those arts graduates who have or are willing to specialize in a particular field have a very good chance of job placement.

Concerning pay scales,

de Jong stated that the pay levels for business graduates who are just starting in the business field are comparative to those of graduates in other degree programs who are working in their specialized field. Graduates with general arts degrees who take on jobs such as sales clerks or waitresses before specializing naturally fall into a lower pay scale.

During the interview, de Jong stressed that her statements are based not on official statistical study but mainly on her own opinion of the job placement situation.

Financial Aid



by Nancy Comeau

There are many activities happening on campus for Winter Carnival, and I hope you will make a special effort to involve yourself in them. Your participation would be a great way to say thanks to the Carnival Committee for their time and efforts!

Another activity which could be to your advantage, is a trip to the financial aid desk at Student Services. I would be glad to explore sources of financial assistance with you. A few minutes in your day could prove to be quite an investment in your future!

Below are some awards which might be of interest. There are many more on file so please come in and check.

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