

SUMMER JOBS

MANY WORKED PART-TIME

P.E.I. students fared a little better than their counterparts did across Canada in the summer job market, though times were tough.

The Canada Employment Centre for Students reports that there were 8.6 per cent more placements this summer over last year. However, there were approximately 75 fewer full-time summer jobs this year.

According to Walter Clark, a supervisor at the Centre, students coped very well this summer. Some students were able to work regularly by taking a series of short-term jobs, while others clinged to their winter part-time jobs in order to earn enough for tuition, he said.

Lowered expectations helped, too, he added.

" They (students) saw it coming and were pleased with what they could get," Clark said.

He said it was possible that a lot of students kept their old

summer jobs instead of looking for new, higher-paying ones. (The number of registrations at the Centre were down from last year.

About 125 students were able to benefit from a special provincial program which created summer jobs that had never existed before.

It still was not an easy summer, though.

High unemployment meant that laid off employees had priority over students with many employers, and those who have been out of work for a long time went after jobs that have been traditionally taken by students.

High school students have been hit hardest, especially those who are returning to high school.

But it is graduates who are feeling the pinch the most, as there are few full-time positions available.

The effects may already be seen in the 13 to 14 per cent increase in admissions to U.P.E.I. Many graduates

may be returning for another year and many more people may be coming here to make themselves more marketable on the job market.

(However, according to Michael Hennessey, university Registrar, last year's peak in high school enrollment might also be a factor.)

Meanwhile, in other parts of Canada, it has been a very tough summer. In British Columbia, the unemployment rate for returning students was 23.1 per cent in July, as compared to 9.6 per cent from a year earlier. In Newfoundland, the rate was 19 per cent in June, about four per cent above last year's rate.

Loan applications are up everywhere. In P.E.I. applications are up about 20 per cent over this time last year. However, according to Blanche Beaton, Student Aid Officer at the Department of Education, it is too early to tell if this is due to unemployment or students applying earlier than usual.

FINANCIAL AID

Hello, my name is Sylvia Crawford and I'm working in Student Services as financial aid officer.

Welcome, Freshmen to U.P.E.I. and to everyone else welcome back.

Throughout the year I hope to be able to give you all the necessary information in order that you may apply for the various scholarships and bursaries you are eligible for.

There are a few deadlines approaching which may be of interest to you.

For students who plan to further their education beyond undergraduate study, there are some deadlines coming up.

RHODES SCHOLARSHIPS:
Eleven scholarships are available to Canadian students to attend Oxford University in England. Applications must be submitted by October 25, 1982 for the 83/84 academic year.

COMMONWEALTH SCHOLARSHIPS:
To attend various universities in Commonwealth countries while pursuing postgraduate study.

Closing date is October 31, 1982. We do not have applications for these, you would first have to write away for an application, so do not delay.

If you are interested in any of the above, please feel free to drop by and see me in Student Services, 1st Floor, Main Building.

My hours are as follows:
Monday & Wednesday 10:00-12:00
12:30-2:30
Tuesday & Thursday 10:-11:15
12:30-2:45

P.E.I. TEACHERS' FEDERATION SCHOLARSHIP:
Amount: \$1000.00
Eligibility: Students in their final year of study who are dependents of PEITF members.
Required: Transcripts of Marks for the last 2 years of study and a letter of recommendation from the Dean of Faculty you are studying in.
Deadline: September 30, 1982.

Governor's
Applicants must be a member of the Roman Catholic Church and a resident of PEI.
Deadline: September 15.

Connolly Estate Bursaries
These bursaries are for Roman Catholic males from PEI.
Tenable for the first or second year at a recognized university.
Deadline: August 1.

St. Andrew's Bursary
These bursaries are available to Roman Catholic students who are at least 50% of Scottish origin.
They are tenable for three years of college or university.
Deadline: August 15.

As you can tell, the mentioned scholarships are for Roman Catholic students only. There are many sources of financial aid which do not specify religion as a condition of eligibility.