

Student Services

The International Student Advisor's Office has received information on the 1985 British University Summer Schools Program. Course offerings are as follows:

1. University of London—English Literature & Culture Since 1900.
2. University of Oxford — Britain: Literature, History & Society from 1870 to the Present
3. University of Birmingham — Drama & Theatre in the Age of Shakespeare

Further information and application forms are available from:

Scholarship Administration Services
AUCC,
151 Slater Street,
Ottawa, Ontario
K1P 5N1

Closing date for applications is March 31st, 1985.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 12

CHOOSING YOUR MAJOR/FACULTY WORKSHOP — Are you having difficulty choosing a major? Are you disappointed with your present program? Attend this 1 day workshop designed to help you translate your interests into an educational plan. Saturday 9:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. Counselling Services, Alumni Memorial Building, Rm. 19. Call 453-4820 now for more information and to pre-register. Enrollment is limited.

TERRY FOX HUMANITARIAN AWARD

Applications for the Terry Fox Humanitarian Award valued at \$3,000 annually for a maximum of four years or until a first degree is obtained, are currently available at the Awards Office. Candidates must be studying towards a first degree or diploma in a Canadian University. They must be Canadian citizens or have applied for citizenship at the time of award consideration. Selection criteria include high ideals and qualities of citizenship and humanitarian service while in pursuit of excellence in academic, amateur sport, fitness, health, community service, and related endeavours. Contact the Awards Office before January 18, 1985. Completed applications must be returned to the Awards Office by January 25, 1985.

UNDERGRADUATE AWARDS OFFICE UNIVERSITY LOANS JANUARY 1985

Applications for University of New Brunswick Student Loans (Not Canada Student Loans) will be available at the Awards Office, Room 112, Alumni Memorial Building, January 7, 1985 until January 29, 1985. A short interview is required with the Financial Advisor.

University Loans are small, low interest loans. This may be the only opportunity to apply for University Loan support for second term. Therefore, students who anticipate a definite need for loan assistance to complete this academic year, should apply now.

Should you require a University Loan, *apply at the Awards Office before Tuesday January 29, 1985. Applications will not be accepted after January 29, 1985.*

PLEASE NOTE:

Students are not considered for University Loans until they have successfully completed one term at the University of New Brunswick.

SCHOLARSHIPS 1985-86

Applications for undergraduate scholarships awarded by UNB for 1985-86 will be given out at the Undergraduate Awards Office, Room 109, Alumni Memorial Building commencing early in February. One application covers all undergraduate scholarships awarded by the University. The deadline for receipt of application by the Awards Office is April 15, 1985.

OPINION

By BARRY PARKINSON
Brunswickan Staff

In case you haven't noticed, there has been a swing to the right in the last couple of years. Thatcher, Reagan, Mulroney; the list goes on.

Now, we do live in democracies and, as Adlai Stevenson put it, "...in a democracy, people usually get the kind of government they deserve." (and "journalists" steal quotes from the kind of sources they deserve; I stole this one from Hunter Thompson...)

And yes, there does seem to be quite a bit of popular support for these types; but in a society where Jerry Fallwell can work millions of people into a weekly religious frenzy though the black magic of television, you begin to wonder about the qualifications of voters...Ah, but "to each his own/it's all unknown/if dogs run free." (which I swiped, incidentally, from Bob Dylan.)

Running dogs; now there's a good phrase. But who do we apply it to? The "liberals" would seem to be on the run at present, although some would say that they're just in hiding, conspiring, as it were, to get back into the game and save the day. Well, maybe. The "conservatives" would also seem to provide fertile ground in which to plant this phrase: mad dogs running amok. Between the FBI and the Canadian Intelligence Service (or whatever they're calling the old I-branch of the Mounties), domestic spying seems to be back in vogue. And of course the CIA is keeping busy, as usual.

Well the rain exploded with a mighty crash!

As we fell into the sun;

An' the first one said to the second one there

"I hope you're having fun..."

-Wings/Band on the Run

Fun...yes; "101 More Ways to Neutralize Your Enemy", with style, of course.

It's odd; just when you think you've found a little peace, just when you figure you can ignore things...WHAM!, and suddenly you're dragged back to the keyboard in order to smear some more ink on an innocent piece of paper. All the hated questions come back: What's going wrong? Why did so many people not vote against Ronald Reagan? Who's to blame? What can be done? Why is the tax on alcohol so high? And typically, you're stuck. Unleash your "venom", light a candle and go soak in the bath tub....

Political Perspectives

By R. HUTCHINS
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Politicians make me nauseous when they talk about jobs and the onset of high technology and tell me nothing much more than what I already know or think I know. I am left feeling that either they are hiding something or that their indecision is standard for a "non-policy" elite.

For instance, I haven't needed to be told quite as insistently as I have these past 18 months that unemployment is our number one problem. One need only look at the Monthly Statistics Canada figures to see that a lot of people are out of work. Unfortunately our government seems incapable of tackling the issue effectively. We as taxpayers paid 11 million dollars for the McDonald Commission to simply define our problems, this piece of literary dribble supplies no short term nor long term solutions to unemployment, let alone a coherent set of tenets to evaluate the issue further! And what about this "technological revolution that will save our economy. What will the transition period to higher mechanization bring to the average Canadian worker? The politicians could begin their quest for proper management of the economy by telling me what social effects they think this technological salvation may have on us, and revealing any ideas they have for cushioning the impact of technological dislocation that comes on top of an already high level of unemployment.

There is no evidence that jobs will not be lost to further mechanization. Canadians are faced with a classic catch-22 when it comes to our choices for the future. First, our unemployment rate is one of the highest in the industrialized world. Second, our productivity growth rate has actually been declining. Third, we lag a long way behind the leaders in embracing new technology, which is essential to improving productivity, hence competitiveness. The catch-22 is that we as a nation must embark on a process of further automation to catch up to our competitors (which inevitably means replacing many jobs with machines).

The experts tell us that in the long run alternatives like Industrial robots will play an important role in safeguarding employment and stabilizing the economy. Yet, these experts do not see this as a solution to large-scale unemployment. We have been living with double-digit unemployment for 3 years now, all 3 major parties endorse it as the primary political concern yet no solution seems at hand. It is perplexing to conceive what our future holds if we cannot grapple with priorities like unemployment in the present tense. None of the policies presented by government offer solutions to this problem, only alternatives to keep it from rising, therefore, it is a fact of life that we must live with such high levels of unemployment forever? I do not see politicians looking for a plausible solution. Much of this problem stems from our lack of a coherent industrial policy, one that last further than from one election to the next and supplies a goal of full employment as its main objective. Canada is faced with a widening dimishment of jobs mostly because the economy has been badly managed by successive liberal governments. Brian Mulroney's government has attempted to stimulate the economy by loosening government regulation and ownership but has yet to come up with a plausible solution to unemployment. It is my belief that big government is not willing to take measures necessary to tackle unemployment and that they have come to accept it as a fact of our industrial society. With increased technology cohesive national development policy is immediately needed. Canada must make various long-term plans to buffer the transition of our labour force to a more advanced economy, if not unemployment will continue to rise, creating wider discontent and alienation for a growing number of Canadians. Increasing eligibility and availability of Unemployment Insurance Benefits does not tackle the problem, it only acts as a further example of our economy's weaknesses and our government's gutlessness.