

Many high schoolers left out of system

OTTAWA(CUP)--Hundreds of high school graduates scrambling to get into university may be out of luck as many institutions across the country impose stiff enrolment restrictions for the first time.

Along with community college transfer students, high schoolers are competing fiercely for the few spots available in already overcrowded universities. They are trying to return to school after suffering another summer unemployment rate of 20 per cent.

The competition is especially intense in Ontario. At the University of Toronto, more than 25,000 students have applied for only 6,300 spaces. At York University, which is accepting 200 fewer first year students in September, nearly 19,000 are vying for 4,700 spots.

Administrators at both universities say strained resources have forced them to close their doors.

Sheldon Levy, York associate vice-president, said inadequate government financing, cramped quarters and a desire to preserve the existing quality of education prompted the administration's move to restrict enrolment.

At the University of Alberta, nearly 2,000 students have been rejected. They failed to meet the university's new academic standards, which jumped from an average of 60 to 65 per cent this year.

The U of A student union recently took the university to court in a bid to remove the new standards. But an Alberta court judge ruled in favour of the administration, saying

enough notice had been given to grade 12 students who would need summer school to boost their grades for admission.

At the University of B.C., which has pegged first year enrolment at 3250 students, has rejected 500 students who failed to make the grade standard of a C-plus average.

In St. John's, Newfoundland, Memorial University is thinking of limiting access in first year to 3000 students. But Ward Neale, Memorial's vice-president academic, said no official decisions have been made.

Although total numbers of rejections were not available before the end of registration, thousands are also being turned away from colleges and technical institutes.



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OTTAWA(CUP)--The Secretary of State expects about 20,000 students to default on their student loans this year as more and more graduates find themselves without work.

"The number of students who default on their loans is rising," says Theodore Kubacki, manager of the Canada Student Loan Program.

Last year about 16,000 students defaulted on their loans and in 1982, about 12,000 failed to muster up the money.

Kubacki says students who were unable to find jobs several years ago returned to school to improve their chances. He says they ended up with greater debt-loads than ever.

"Now they've graduated and there's still no jobs".

The manager estimates that \$40 million must still be collected on from students who had loans extending as far back as 10 years ago.

The Liberal government has hired three collection agencies--FCA International Limited of Montreal, Associated Credit Bureaux of Canada of Toronto and Canadian Bonded Credits of Agincourt, Ontario--to collect the \$40 million debt.

The agencies are governed by a stringent set of regulations, says Kubacki. "Students are not to be hounded or chased down. The agencies are not to badger parents or convince students to take out another loan."

A collector will be removed from an account if program officials discover that he or she has been using "inappropriate behavior" in collecting a debt.

Students who encounter difficulty repaying their student loans should contact their loan officer, says Kubacki. Those who can prove they are unemployed may be eligible for an 18-month extension period in which no interest is collected. All students with loans are given a six month interest-free period before their debt is due.

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