

THE KLEENER'S KLOSET  
by Ed Orlowski.

OLD MAT

Old Mat has a special gift, he's able to touch every student who comes in the Duffy Bldg. he touches their very soles. He never talks much to anyone, but at times he pours all that is within his being-out to the cleaner. He's faithfully at his job 366 days a year. I've heard it said time and time again that people just walk all over him, and of course it is true they do. Mat always does his job, without thought of reward, or consequence to his own personal safety of feelings, he is satisfied just doing his job well.

Mat goes way way back to when the Duffy Building was first built, the new floors when wet were treacherously slippery, when the snows came out the floors were disaster areas for walking, now, with Old Mat there, the students can relax a bit when they come in from the outside with wet or snowy footwear, they can stomp off excess water, or trample on Old Mat,

and be on their way in safety to some extent... A tribute to Old Mat, one of Duffy Building's silent floor hugging servants. Old Mat has been nominated for one of the Duffy Building's Citizens of the year awards, in the category of floor huggers over eight seasons of continuous service. Keep your eyes peeled for the results.

UNEMPLOYMENT: UNION HELPS WORKERS FACE JOB REALITIES.

Saskatoon (CUP)

If your job prospects after graduation seem dim and the debts are piling up, a new group can help you deal with the realities of unemployment.

The Saskatoon Union of Unemployed Workers, recently formed by more than 100 unemployed workers, aims to:

- help members deal with problems arising from unemployment;
- fight for lasting and useful jobs;
- act as an official lobby group to government, the public and unions;
- establish a centre for the unemployed.

The new union, similar to those established during the 1930s, is critical of the ways in which institutions deal with the unemployed.

"We've organized out of necessity; the unemployed need their own organization to speak on their own behalf," said David Littman, unemployed carpenter and union representative.

Union members blame the economic policies of government and big business for millions of unemployed, many of whom have no access to unemployment benefits or welfare.

Students are ineligible for UIC benefits unless they've been employed for 20 weeks during their studies.

The member service component of the union is designed to assist members in dealing with UIC, welfare, landlords, debt collectors, mortgages and to inform the unemployed of

their rights.

"They don't tell you anything," said Roger Coutts an unemployed heavy equipment operator, referring to UIC pamphlets that contain no instructions and no information about the applicants' rights or appeal options.

"You're just cut off when you're cut off."

Other unions for unemployed have been established in Regina, Nanaimo, Halifax and Toronto.

Saskatchewan Manpower has 15,000 people registered looking for work. With about 130 jobs on the board, that means 150 people compete for each available job. As unemployment clerk Rhiannon Haisman put it: "It's not a question of a person's dress, experience or education-- the jobs are simply not there."



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