Summer work creation program provides student jobs

The federal government has designated \$100 million for summer jobs for students in 1982.

Of this total, \$75.6 million will be made available under the Summer Canada program to create jobs that will provide students with career-oriented work experience to help them prepare for their eventual entry into the labour market.

Under the Summer Canada program the public service is expected to create 3 100 summer internships in federal departments and agencies. These are technical, scientific or specialist jobs relating to the students' studies. The program will emphasize developmental internships of up to three summers' duration which will provide students with progressively more challenging career-oriented assignments that will provide them with specialized

work experience and background to gain employment upon graduation from postsecondary institutions.

Jobs will be created for approximately 21 100 students under the Community Projects Stream, which pays community groups a contribution towards wages and overhead costs for projects they sponsor. Under the Federal Projects Stream, jobs for approximately 5 600 participants will be created in projects sponsored through federal departments and agencies.

Also included in the federal government's summer employment initiatives for students are the Department of National Defence Cadet and Reserve Training Programs and the RCMP Special Supernumerary Constables Program, which will be funded at \$10 million and \$600 000 respectively, and will create

jobs for another 12 925 students.

As a final student employment initiative, \$13.8 million in federal funds will be allocated to Canada employment centres for students. Besides placing students in jobs in the private sector, the 395 student centres, which operate in the spring and summer, will refer students to all jobs created under the government's summer initiatives. It is expected that some 296 000 students will be placed in summer jobs through the Canada employment centres for students.

Oil industry gets boost in Alberta

The Alberta government has introduced a number of oil and gas royalty cuts and special grants to stimulate petroleum exploration and development in the province over the next five years.

Premier Peter Lougheed said the pack age will increase industry revenues by \$5.4 billion over the remaining four years of the federal-provincial energy agreement.

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The measures which are expected to generate \$317 billion include: royalty reductions for conventional crude of (36 per cent) and on natural gas (34 per cent); short term financial measures in cluding an increase in the royalty tax credit to small producers to 75 per cent of royalties; the expansion of the natural gas royalty holiday for certain wells to three years from one year; and a \$250 million grant program for some well self vice and maintenance work which is ex pected to generate some \$3.7 billion Also offered are special financia measures in 1982-83 estimated at \$1.16 billion and others in 1984-86 estimated at \$555 million.

Prior to the changes, royalties on of from high productivity wells increased at the price rose. If the system had not been changed, price increases actually would reduce a producer's revenue from such a well, said Mr. Lougheed.

Initial reaction to the changes has been favourable.

"I think it's clearly a positive step, for the industry," said Bob Brawn, president of the Independent Petroleum Association of Canada and of Turbo Resources Limited.

Jim Gray, senior vice-president of Canadian Hunter Exploration Limited said the changes "will benefit small, cash strapped companies the most". "We're going to see some cash right away, virtually overnight," he said.

Canada's international race car star dies at the wheel





Right photo: Gilles Villeneuve. Left photo: Mayor Jude Guèvremont of Berthierville, Quebec, Villeneuve's hometown, lowers flag to half-mast at the town centre.

Gilles Villeneuve, one of the top drivers on the international racing circuit was killed May 8 in a crash during a qualifying run for the Belgian Grand Prix held in Zolder, Belgium.

The 30-year-old Villeneuve of Berthier-ville, Quebec had been a member of the Ferrari Formula One racing team. He was Canada's male athlete of the year in 1979. Prime Minister Pierre Trudeau and Quebec Premier René Lévesque attended Villeneuve's funeral in Berthierville on May 12.

Villeneuve was the first Canadian

driver to win on the Grand Prix racing circuit. Six times in 67 starts he took the checkered flag in a race career than spanned four seasons on the Formula One circuit.

His first win at the end of his first full season with Ferrari was the 1978 Grand Prix of Canada in Montreal. The following year he won the South African and two U.S. events — Long Beach, California and Watkins Glen, New York. After a winless season in 1980 he added two more victories in 1981 in Monaco and Spain.