

DSU POSITIONS OPEN

Applications are being accepted for the following 1989-90 DSU positions:

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| Advertising Salesperson | 1 position |
| Communications Committee | 2 positions |
| Community Affairs Committee | open |
| Constitution Committee | 1 position |
| Elections Committee | 4 positions |
| Chief Returning Officer | 1 position |
| External Affairs | 3 positions |
| Finance Committee | 3 positions |
| Grad Week Chair | 1 position |
| Grad Week Committee | open |
| Health Plan Review Committee | open |
| Honor Awards Committee | 2 non-graduating students |
| Judicial Board | 2 positions |
| Orientation Committee Chair | 1 position |
| Orientation Committee | open |
| Security Committee | 1 position |
| Student Advocacy Committee | 1 position |
| SUB-OPs Committee | 1 position |
| Winter Carnival Committee | open |

Applications are available in Rm. 222, Council Offices, Dal SUB. All applications must be submitted by 5:00 pm Sept. 26, 1989. For further information contact the DSU office, 424-1106.

Controversy over new tax

by Chris Lawson

OTTAWA (CUP) — Student association fees and other incidental fees will be subject to the goods and services tax, a finance department official says.

"If membership in a student organization provides significant benefits, they will be taxable," says the official, who refused to be named. "Student association fees generally do provide benefits to their members in that they collectively pay for representation to government."

Canadian Federation of Students (CFS) Chair Jane Arnold says a tax on student association fees is ridiculous.

"What kind of a government do we have that would tax students' right to organize and be represented," she says. "It's going

to make it more difficult for CFS to organize."

According to the finance department official, some interest groups' membership fees would not be taxable. Organizations like Greenpeace, which ask people to become members, would not be taxed.

"In that case, what they call a membership fee is really more like a donation," he says. "Greenpeace may lobby, but it's not on behalf of their members per se."

Tuition fees for courses given for credit at universities and public colleges will not be taxed, but non-credit courses will be subject to the one per cent tax, as will all incidental and course material fees.

Finance department official Rick Doyon says the new tax is intended to deny public and non-profit groups an unfair advantage where they provide the same

service as private companies.

Colleges and universities that charge fees for services duplicated by private companies can expect to be taxed.

"A student charged a fee for renting a musical instrument by the school," the official says, "is getting the same service as they would if they bought the instrument for educational purposes, so it will be taxed."

Arnold also condemns the government's intention to tax incidental fees.

"Students are already up against a wall for money," she says, "and every penny does count."

The Goods and Services tax will take effect in 1991 and apply to most goods and services as part of a tax reform which will give a tax credit to low-income earners.

We say less to TV and alcohol

OTTAWA (CUP) — They are older, wealthier and there are more of them. They also drink less, smoke less and party less.

A survey of consumption habits of Canada's post-secondary students has revealed that stu-

dents in 1989 would rather spend their hard-earned bucks on travel, clothing and computers than partying.

The Canadian Campus Survey, last conducted in 1985, shows a 30-per-cent increase in the

number of college and university students in the last four years. Almost a quarter of today's students are 25 years of age or older, compared with only 17 per cent in 1985.

Students now claim to have an average disposable monthly income of \$188, compared to \$140 in 1985 and more than half of them own a credit card. But beer consumption is down slightly, 43.3 per cent of today's students don't drink at all.

British Columbia students lead the way in computer purchases — 29 per cent of them own one, and another 26 per cent say they are fairly likely or very likely to buy one in the next year. Nationwide, 22.7 per cent of students own computers with Atlantic Canada trailing at 16 per cent.

While statistics show that the average 18-24 year-old watches 22.2 hours of television per week, the campus survey found that students watch much less — only 10.8 hours per week.

Two-thirds of post-secondary students read their campus newspaper, with slightly less reading the daily paper. Their favourite magazines are TV Guide, Chate-laine and Maclean's.

The study, co-sponsored by Clegg Campus Marketing and Campus Plus, surveyed 4,000 post-secondary students in February, 1989, with a response rate of 64 per cent. The results have been approved by the Canadian Advertising Research Foundation.

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