

CAMPUS BIRTHRIGHT

Pregnancy Service
Free confidential help
Pregnancy tests
Call 432-2115 or
walk in Rm. 030K SUB
Hrs. 12 - 3 pm - Monday - Friday



GHANAIAN CULTURAL EVENING

in commemoration of Ghana's 29th independence anniversary

SATURDAY MARCH 8, 1986
LISTER HALL DINING ROOM

(116 St. and 87 Ave)

Featuring 8 Ghanaian dishes, Cultural music and dance
7:30 p.m.

Cultural Exhibition

5,6 7th March in HUB MALL
12:00 noon - 5.00 pm each day

Seminar

Ghana: The Experience of Independence
7:00 pm, March 6, 1986 in room 2-05 Business Faculty.
followed by documentary film on Ghana

Sponsored by:

Ghanaian Students Association
Ghana Friendship Association of Edmonton
International Students Center
Molson Breweries

Recipe

Student Help 432-4266 Rm. 250 SUB
Drop in or call us

Take 1 student

- 1/2 cup mixed emotions
- 2 exam failures
- 1 overdue term paper
- 1/4 lb. discontent
- 3 cups all-purpose sifted frustration
- 4 oz. misdirected motivation
- a pinch of thyme

Combine all ingredients, roast before class, stew in own juices, drain off excess emotions and garnish with shattered confidence. Wrap in red tape. Serve hot.

For relief:

STUDENT HELP consumes 47 times its weight in excess problems.

The U of A
Student Liberal
Association
presents

Sheila Copps
(M.P. Hamilton East)

Friday, March 7,
3:00 p.m.

Rm 034 SUB,
Everyone Welcome

Federal Budget '86

Small gains for students

by Peter Kuitenbrouwer
of Canadian University Press
OTTAWA (CUP) — Fifty dollars.

That's what Finance Minister Michael Wilson's Feb. 26 budget will mean to most college and university students.

The \$50 is a refund on federal sales tax the government will send this spring to every student who files a tax return and whose annual income is under \$15,000. Most students fall into this category.

Apart from this, the budget contains little good news for students over the short term. While Wilson boasted in his budget speech that "restraining the rate of growth of transfer payments to the provinces for health care and post-secondary education" showed his government's commitment to reducing the federal deficit, he did not announce any new funding for tax measures that will benefit students or impoverished institutions of higher learning.

In fact, students who benefit from federal programmes will be hit with the same restraints as all other sectors by a two per cent reduction in spending on all government programmes not covered by law. "Particular emphasis will be placed on grants and contributions, capital and general operations and maintenance (in the spending cut)" according to the budget papers.

Among affected programmes that benefit students are federal summer employment schemes, the Canada Student Loan Programme, and a large number of programmes in multi-culturalism and employment and immigration that provide subsidies for study and training. By 1987, the government plans to spend less on these programmes than in 1984.

On top of this two per cent government-wide cut (which does not apply to national defence or international assistance spending) the government will reduce spending on the Canada Jobs Strategy from \$900 million this year to \$800 million next year.

The Job Strategy is the federal training programme designed partly to "help youth and women make

the transition from school or home to the labour market."

An official of the finance department who asked not to be named said Canada Jobs Strategy funding is less urgent because the unemployment rate is dropping and provincial and private participating in the training scheme is on the increase.

But the official said the government's good news for students is that their odds of landing a job on graduation are increasing. Wilson projects unemployment will drop to nine per cent from a current 9.8 per cent in the next 20 months.

The government will cut total spending on job creation by \$300 million in the next two years.

The official said "the best thing the government can do for students is to say they won't have to pay incredible taxes on the debt" when they do get a job.

Still, the budget's challenge to private industry that it will match

any business's grant to the three federal research councils dollars up to six per cent of the council's budgets may mean more research money for some graduate students.

"If they (business and the granting councils) get it together, they may well oversee one of the fastest-growing programmes in the government," according to Robert Rand, another finance official.

"I mean, everything else has been screwed down very tight, as you're well aware," the official said.

Students will soon know more about the federal government's priorities cutting programmes in education and research, which cost \$6 billion this year. Wilson announced all the study team reports of the Nielson Task Force on Programmes Review will be made public March 11. The study team on education and research, formed last fall, had a mandate of seeking out "waste and duplication" in the programmes.

Budget blues '86

continued from page 1
where in the report.

The budget of the citizenship development program, which one Treasury Board official said includes most of the Ministry of Youth's spending money, will drop from \$24.3 million in 1985-86 to \$10 million in 1986-87.

The government will save another \$6.8 million because there is no money being spent this year on youth projects. Last year the government spent \$12 million to celebrate International Year of Youth.

The total personnel in the Secretary of State will decrease by 139 full time jobs.

A hastily drawn up memo to CUP from Minister Andree Champagne's press secretary, Caroline Carel, lists loan guarantees for small businesses, measures to help farmers, an increase in the Child Tax Credit, the Refundable Sales Tax Credit, and support to university-based research and development as budget measures that will benefit youth. But none of these measures

are administered by the Ministry of Youth.

Youth critic, Howard McCurdy (NDP - Windsor-Walderville), is not impressed. "They (the government) have managed to write a whole budget with the only specific mention of youth being the elimination of a program," he said. "It does not bode well for a ministry whose portfolio is virtually empty."

Barb Donaldson, chair of the Canadian Federation of Students, agreed. "It's incredible that two reports come out in one week stressing the problems of youth unemployment, that 700,000 young people in Canada are unemployed or underemployed" and the budget doesn't mention it, she said.

McCurdy and Donaldson concur: there is no reason for the Ministry of Youth to exist.

Since there is no money for Champagne to spend, her remaining role is to be an advocate for youth in the Cabinet.

"She's not even doing that," Donaldson said.

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

Students' Orientation Services
requires an

Assistant Director
responsibilities include:

- assistance with planning of seminar content for new students
- operation of the one-day seminars
- utilization of leaders and other resources
- participation in High School visitation program
- other as required

NOTE: Experience with orientation and supervision helpful but not required.

and **Administrative Assistant**
responsibilities include:

- reception, filing, minimal typing
- function as office manager
- data entry of delegate information
- completion of at least one program related project
- assistance in the operations of orientation seminars
- others as required

NOTE: Knowledge of Macintosh 512K is helpful, but not required

These positions are each full-time and have a term of four months, from May 1, 1986 through September 1, 1986.

Due to the nature of the program, applicants must be prepared to devote enthusiasm and time according to changing needs; this requires flexible schedules and general adaptability.

Students' Orientation Services (SORSE) operates with a large base of student volunteers who lead Summer Orientation Seminars for new students. Successful candidates will be interested in and able to contribute to the quality of service provided, take direction from the Director and Assistant Director, as well as balance a measure of professionalism with the necessary flexibility in dealing with volunteer leaders.

Further information may be obtained from the SORSE office. A letter of application and a **detailed resume** should be submitted to:

Mr. Richard Toogood
chairperson, SORSE Selection Committee
Room 238-B Students' Union Building Phone: 432-5319

DEADLINE FOR APPLICATIONS:

MARCH 19, 1986

