

On May 22

# Make sure you can vote

OTTAWA (CUP)—Students leaving town for jobs this summer may also be leaving behind their chance to vote.

Unless they can vote before they leave, or ensure they are enumerated in their new constituency by May 4, they will not be able to cast their ballot in the federal election May 22.

According to the chief of information for the chief electoral officer, Jack Forrester, students "have had it" if they are not on the enumeration list of where they plan to vote by May 4.

He admitted the situation was "particularly difficult" for students. "We've definitely got a problem in the way the election law is written."

Under the law, the first enumeration will occur next week—April 2-7, as federal officers go door-to-door to draw up the lists. However, this will leave many students who will be working out-of-town on the wrong list—in a constituency they won't be able to get to to vote.

If students are going home for the summer, Forrester said they can simply have their family place them on the list in their home town, and stay off the list where they're studying. But the problem is more difficult for those who don't know anyone in the city in which they'll be working, or don't know where they'll be

working.

If those students arrive at their jobs before May 5, he said, they can go to their district returning officer and arrange to be reenumerated to get on that constituency list. Or, if they don't leave before May 7, they can vote in their old constituency at the office of the returning officer.

If they're caught in the middle, they've lost their vote.

Forrester said the electoral office would not be advertising ways to deal with the problem because they didn't have the resources to plan for all contingencies. "We had planned for elections during the school year and completely out

of the school year, but we weren't prepared for this."

National Union of Students executive secretary Pat Gibson predicted "a lot of hassles" for students caught between cities during the election, and said NUS would be sending information on the situation to student unions to help ensure students were able to get to the polls.

"There are many issues in the election that are of direct concern to students, such as unemployment and the cut-backs in higher education. It would be unfortunate if many of those students don't have an equal opportunity to register their vote."

## Are you on the pill?

by Alan Adams

The Health Committee's decision to remove the pill from the drug plan has raised some controversy on campus.

Dr. Joe Johnstone, director of Student Health Services, said, "there is no way that we want the pill removed from the plan. I would like to see the pill coverage continued." Johnstone sees few complications arising from the removal but feels the cost is minimal for the service provided.

Johnstone added that Student Health Services recommends "on the average two to three abortions per month." (Council had produced figures indicating that 8-10 were performed each week.)

In addition he stated "two to three cases of venereal disease per month come to the clinic". Johnstone put part of the blame of both cases on students never seeming to accept the fact that it is they that are at risk.

Johnstone added that the clinic has made available "morning after pills" for women who engage in unprotected intercourse or think they are running a risk.

## DAGS to get more

Dalhousie Student Council has ratified an agreement to give more money to the Dalhousie Association of Graduate Students (DAGS).

The student union will continue to pay half the salary of the Grad House's manager, and will contribute an additional \$4000.

Some of this money will be used to help pay DAGS's costs for conferences, insurance on the Grad House, its newsletter **Dagwood**, and Orientation in September.

The Law Society will receive \$3200 for conferences, the **Ansul** student law journal, the law students' newspaper **Weldon Times**, Orientation, and general expenses.

The Medical Society will receive \$300 to subsidize **Tupper Times**, \$425 for its participation in Orientation, and \$400 for general expenses.

Other student groups will receive grants between \$100 and \$400. The student union will continue to help pay for the Overseas Student Coordinator, contributing \$1500 to the salary.

\$8325 remains to be distributed to clubs on campus.

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