

Government employment programs

# A cure for the summertime blues?

by Belinda MacFadyen

Thou, (the illustrious student), having dauntlessly pursued knowledge throughout the past year, are likely nearing a state of impoverishment. As you prepare for exams, the summer of 1989 may be like a sharp thorn in your side, depending on the seasonal forecast and whether you have a summer job lined up. If you do not, read on.

There are unknown opportunities out there which the diligent and persistent may uncover. But, these are limited. So, as is the Canadian way, the federal and provincial governments are giving the economy a little performance enhancing shot for the benefit of the student population. You should know about these shots, or rather programs, so you can seek out the opportunities they provide.

This summer, the federal government will invest over 7 million dollars in Nova Scotia through the Summer Employment/Experience Development program. SEED, a component of the Challenge 89 program, provides wage subsidies to employers in the private, non-profit and federal government sectors. Randy Tallon, Programs Consultant for Job Development/Entry for Employment and Immigration, says SEED is expected to create 4,100 student jobs.

The Native Internship program is another component of the Challenge 89 program. It provides summer employment opportunities for Native post-secondary students within the Employment and Immigration Canada.

Last summer, close to 250 Nova Scotia students were employed

with the Government of Canada through the Career Oriented Summer Employment Program (COSEP). Marian Kennedy, the Assistant COSEP Co-ordinator for the Department of Employment, says that while the deadline for applications has passed, she will accept further applications. However these will receive secondary consideration only.

The provincial employment program for students is known as Job Experience Training for Students. JET aims to provide post-secondary students with work experience related to their field of study. The program begins May 22. Eligible employers include the private sector and universities.

Through the Youth Entrepreneurial skills program, it is also possible to receive a loan of up to \$2,000 to set up and operate your own summer business. This loan would be interest free until October 2. During the summer of 1988, 119 students operated 98 businesses as owners or partners. The application deadline for YES is April 28.

To find out about SEED opportunities contact your Student Employment Centre. Jobs created by the JETS program will



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also be posted at Student Employment Centres as well as at Department of Small Business Development Service Centres. Information about the Native Internship Program and COSEP applications are available at any Employment Canada office. Finally, if you are an entrepreneur and want to find out more about the YES program, call Fred Evans (Mr. Evans is also responsible for the JETS program) at the Department of Small Business Development (424-2720).

Student Employment Centres in Bedford, Dartmouth and

Halifax are scheduled to open on April 17th. Centres across the province should open about this time as well. In Bedford, the office will be located in the Sunnyside Mall. The Dartmouth Centre will be in the K-Mart Shopping Plaza on Tacoma Drive, and the Halifax Centre will be in Tower I of the Halifax Shopping Centre. The staff at these centres will be able to tell you about opportunities available through the various programs.

So, you see, getting a summer job needn't be a thorny issue after all.

## Contemporary studies program Degree proposed

by Lyssa McKee

A proposal for a new degree program in Contemporary Studies is currently being considered by the Maritime Provinces Higher Education Commission (MPHEC). If approved, the program would be offered at the University of King's College, commencing in September 1990.

The proposed program would be interdisciplinary, involving an integrated combination of lectures, seminars and tutorials at King's, and a number of electives at Dalhousie. Studies would be concentrated in three spheres: social and political, scientific and technological and cultural. Students would be required to take

courses in each of the spheres.

The Foundation Year Program (FYP) currently offered at King's would constitute the first year schedule for the new degree. FYP is a one-year four-credit interdisciplinary course. It covers the history of western developments in philosophy, history, sociology, economic theory, literature, and science from the classical era up to the twentieth-century.

Dr. Angus Johnston, King's Vice-President, says "in a way, FYP can't treat the contemporary. We bring students up to the contemporary, and we think that after an overview program like FYP, an interdisciplinary Honours program could add to the options available to students."

Johnston says that the interdisciplinary character of the new program, its method of team teaching and its emphasis on tutorial participation will combine to make the Contemporary Studies program an option that is not now being provided on the Dalhousie/King's campus.

King's currently grants only two degrees: a four-year Honours degree and a one-year graduate degree, both in Journalism. Students in other disciplines receive their degrees from Dalhousie.

The proposed program would be supported by an endowment from the Maclean-Hunter Chair in Journalism and Contemporary Studies, and a matching grant from the province to create a new program.

Johnston expects that the enrollment in the four-year Bachelor of Philosophy in Contemporary Studies would be 20 students a year. "It may take a few years to get that many," says Johnston. "Starting a new program is a risk, for King's and for students. It's hard to say if anyone will be interested."

The University of King's College expects to hear from the MPHEC by the end of April.

Advice from above

## Register by mail... early

by Lisa Clifford

Registration week last year left many Dalhousie students with a headache. Long lines and frustrated students were seen everywhere on campus during the early days of the fall term. University Registrar Gudrun Curri readily admits that registration week did not go particularly well last September but she places some of the blame on the students themselves, many of whom waited until late summer to fill in and mail their registration forms.

Advises Curri, "don't wait until August 18 to mail your forms." No problems were reported by those students who registered early. Sez who?

Curri also recommends that students go to their major or honours department and seek advice on the necessary courses for their various degrees. Curri says that this did not occur last year and major confusion was the result.

Though plans are not yet finalized, Curri believes that the registration process this September will be much the same as last year with several major improvements to cut down on problems.

Again, registration will take place by mail and, as always, Curri says that June is the best time to return your completed form. Next year, students may pay with a post-dated cheque which will hopefully eliminate many horrendous lines, cranky students and sore feet.

Season's greetings.

The staff of The Gazette would like to take this opportunity to wish you a very happy Examination Season.

P.S. See ya next year.

