

Student loans to be increased if PC's win

by Jonathan Stone

If Kim Campbell's Tories win the election, her government has promised to upgrade the Canada Student Loans Program by \$1 Billion.

This means the total yearly

Record-breaking sprinter to speak at STU

Press Release

Abby Hoffman, a record-breaking sprinter who competed in four Olympics and many Pan-Am and Commonwealth Games is to speak at St. Thomas University as part of the Guest Lecture series on Monday September 27th at 7:30 PM. in the Ted Daigle Auditorium.

Long before Manon Rheaume, she was the centre of controversy when she played goal for a boys hockey team at the age of eleven. When she decided she would like to become a runner instead, she entered a race advertised as long distance. This was two kilometers. After winning, she was warned by a kindly spectator that she'd better stop this kind of activity if she wanted to have children.

Since then, she taught at the University of Toronto, where she earned her B.A. and her M.A. and worked for the federal government Department of Health. Recently, she was a member of the federal government Task Force on Violence Against Women. She will speak on this topic to sociology classes on Monday morning. Anyone interested in attending should contact the sociology department at STU.

Her evening talk will be on the position of women in sport where she believes that women's interests are better served by separate activities.

GSA Elections

Nominations are now open for the following executive positions on the GSA:

1. President
2. First Vice-President
3. Second Vice-President
4. Secretary
5. Treasurer
6. Arts Faculty Representative
7. Administration Faculty Representative
8. Education Faculty Representative
9. Physical Education Faculty Representative
10. Science Faculty Representative
11. Forestry Faculty Representative
12. Engineering Faculty Representative
13. Computer Science Faculty Representative

Application forms are available from the school of Graduate Studies (contact Mrs. Betty Allardyce). Deadline for nominations is Sunday 19th of September 1993 at 2 P.M. Forms may be submitted to the school of Graduate Studies until the 17th of September 4 P.M. and afterwards at 676 Windsor Street.

amount for a full-time student will rise to \$5100 from \$3300, and a maximum of \$4000 will be provided to part-time students.

"The Prime Minister's initiative is an exciting step forward in improving access to post-secondary learning and in spending taxpayers' dollars wisely," said Bernard Valcourt, Minister of Human Resources and Labour, in a press release.

According to the feds, the program assists about 250 000 students each year.

"It took a lot of fighting and scrabbling," said Canadian Federation of Students New Brunswick Chair Jason Morton.

"Any amount of increase is good," he added.

Loan limits have been the same for the last nine years, while costs of education have increased. In fact, education costs have risen 30% in the last five years alone.

But Morton is apprehensive that the universities may just raise their tuition fees when students get higher loans.

Student Union President Jamie van Raalte chalks this up as a typical election promise.

"Thank you for announcing it now, just before the election, when thousands of students will have to wait until fall 1994, if she gets elected," he said.

Morton thinks that under the new program, the selection of students for loans will probably be at the banking institutions' discretion, not the government's.

"The privatization of loans really makes me worried," he said.

"As a student, you should be very concerned. Banks don't care about access to education. All they care about is making money," he said.

"They're using the philosophy that providing student loans is a way to gain future clients," he added.

Students will still be allowed a six-month payment-free period, although interest begins upon completion of the program.

However, the government did remove the three percent loan

fee. More rigid academic conditions have been set by the feds, including academic standing and course-load stipulations.

Full-time is now considered 80% of a full course load, and a student must successfully complete 60% of a full course load.

Furthermore, timely completion of studies is specified as the length of time required to complete the program, plus one year.

Recognized foreign universities will still be eligible for designation.

The CFS has been the leading political movement concerned with post-secondary education costs.

The CFS's ultimate goal is to eliminate tuition fees.

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