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Applications are now being accepted for the following DSU positions:

- Elections Returning Officer
- Winter Carnival Chair
- Orientation Chair
- Member at Large
- Course Evaluation
- Grad Class President

Applications can be picked up in Room 222 of the SUB from now until September 24.

Interviews will be scheduled once all applications have been submitted.

Down and out on student aid

by Geoff Stone

According to recent statistics, student loan debt loads for Nova Scotia students have increased from last year.

Statistics from average debt loads given by the Students' Union of Nova Scotia show the average loan to students has increased, while the average bursary has decreased for the 1986-87 academic year.

Sue Drapeau, SUNS staffperson, said there are two reasons for the problem. "The federal contribution in loans has kept pace with inflation, but the bursary has not... and the amount

of money allocated per week is just ridiculous," she said.

Drapeau said the only increase in loan allowance during the past few years has been for room and board. But all of the allowances are well below the real cost of living. "There is a six dollar per week allowance for transportation. That won't even pay for the cost of the bus," she said.

In recent talks with the provincial education minister, SUNS has been promised a raise in bursaries to \$2,200 from the \$1,700 ceiling provided since 1980-81 by the provincial government.

Compared with most other provinces, Nova Scotia is doing poorly, said Drapeau.

Drapeau said Newfoundland, Ontario and other provinces have better bursary programs, including less loan before bursary, and a loan remission scheme.

"Newfoundland has the first \$1,800 as loan, and the next \$2,000 as bursary. Married students and single parents can get \$2,500 in bursary, plus loan remission," she said.

New Brunswick has a remission scheme as well, which pays 25 per cent of money owed over \$8,000 in loans.

Lepreau possibly shelved

FREDERICTON (CUP) — Environmental activists who were afraid New Brunswick was being used as a guinea pig for an untested CANDU reactor now believe plans for the province's

second nuclear power plant have been shelved.

"Unofficial sources have told us that (the Lepreau 2 nuclear generating plant) is on the back burner because of the opposition, though it's a little premature to make any final judgements," said Janice Harvey, executive director of the 99-member Conservation Council of New Brunswick.

Harvey estimated some 29,000 post-cards condemning Lepreau 2 have been sent to politicians. The protest came to a head in June when approximately equal numbers of pro and anti-nuclear power marchers demonstrated during a meeting of the CANDU and Nuclear Association and the Canadian Nuclear Society in Saint John.

The 150 pro-Lepreau demonstrators pointed to N.B.'s unem-

ployment rate — which Statistics Canada says hit 11 per cent in August — as a major reason to favour the creation of the new plant.

But the council says studies show that the same amount of money needed to create one job in nuclear construction could create eight manufacturing or 17 service sector jobs.

But the corporate director of public affairs for Atomic Energy of Canada Ltd. (AECL), Ian Mumford, said negotiations are continuing.

Mumford said the corporation's analysts are recommending the 300-megawatt system to meet the province's energy needs, projected to increase an average of 2.9 per cent every 12 months to the year 2000. Lepreau 1 is a 600-megawatt generating plant.

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