## University of Alberta NSERC Undergraduate Student Research Awards Summer 1990

Value: \$3,200.00/4 Months

STUDENTS INTERESTED IN THE NATURAL SCIENCES OR ENGINEERING:

Spend the summer working on an exciting and challenging research project here at the University of Alberta.

Valued at \$800/month (which can be supplemented by your supervisor or department), a NSERC undergraduate award can provide you with valuable research experience you might not otherwise receive.

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Opportunities are also available to students who wish to complete a project at another institution. Return travel is provided by NSERC.

#### Eligibility:

#### A candidate must:

- be a Canadian citizen or permanent resident

- be currently registered as a full-time student in an eligible undergraduate program in the natural sciences or engineering.

- be registered in a bachelor's degree program leading to an honours degree or a degree with a major.

- not be registered in a general or professional degree program.

- as of May 1, 1990, not have more than 4 terms of academic work remaining for completion of a bachelor's degree.

not have started a graduate program.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT EITHER THE OFFICE OF STUDENT AWARDS - 252 ATHABASCA HALL OR YOUR FACULTY/ DEPARTMENT OFFICE.

## English Club

We will be publishing a literary journal at the end of the year.

If you'd like to contribute call

Teresa at 479-3778 or

drop off contributions in Box #5 SUB

or come to a meeting!

(Check footnotes for dates)

Nominations invited for Faculty of Arts Undergraduate Teaching Awards

In the interests of recognizing excellence in teaching and to encourage teaching of the highest quality, the Faculty of Arts gives up to three Undergraduate Teaching Awards annually. The Faculty of Arts Undergraduate Teaching Awards Committee is interested in receiving nominations for this award. Permanent staff with at least five years of full-time teaching experience are eligible. Nominations can be made by students, colleagues and/or department chairs. Because each department is permitted only one nomination and documentation is required, interested persons should discuss possible nominations with the appropriate department chair. The deadline is January 15, 1990. The Faculty committee also selects from the nominations it receives the Faculty of Arts' nominees for the University's Rutherford Awards for Excellence in Undergraduate Teaching.

### Bookstore fights GST

by Pat Kiernan

The University of Alberta Bookstore has joined with booksellers from across the country to fight the introduction of the 9 percent Goods and Services Tax.

Nearly one thousand students have signed the anti-GST petition, which has been posted at Bookstore checkouts since mid-November. Cashiers report that "very few" customers have decided not to sign.

Bill Quick, assistant director of the Bookstore, says finance minister Michael Wilson's proposal would tax the printed word for the first time in Canadian history, so the GST is "flying in the face of tradition."

The nationally circulated booksellers petition asks that the finance minister exempt all magazines books and newspapers from the tax. Quick says that's an ideal goal, but as a college bookseller he's more concerned "about the fact that there is no provision for the exemption of textbooks."

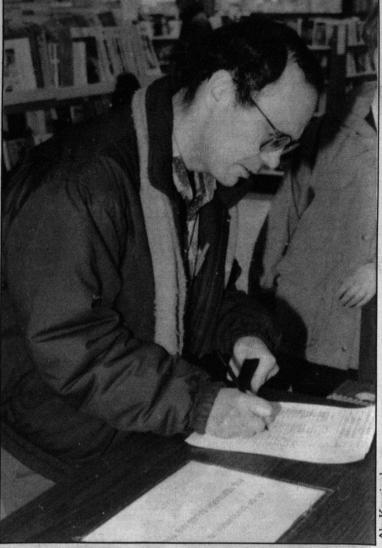
Quick is surprised that the Students' Union hasn't taken a strong stance against the GST. The tax will hit students wallets in the same way that tuition increases and the "library and computing" fee have.

Yet the GST hasn't captured the attention of SU leaders like the other issues have. "I think they should be more knowledgeable about it," said Quick.

Quick says students would be hard hit, because the cost of their required textbooks would instantly rise by 9 percent. But the Bookstore's sales of other items would be seriously affected as well.

"The textbook proportion is less than 50 percent of our operation," said Quick. Items like computer sales, optional textbooks, U of A monogrammed products, and general interest books make up the majority of the Bookstores' sales.

It's still unclear what type of administration and accounting procedures Revenue Canada will require to collect the GST. Quick is



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confident that the cash register system would handle the calculations, but thinks his accounting staff would be hard pressed to deal with the added paperwork.

Michael Wilson has repeatedly said that he doesn't want to consider exemptions of some items from the tax. Quick admits it will be difficult to make a compelling argument for tax-free status on general books and magazines, acknowledging "the debt has to be addressed."

Saying that the government is "taxing education," Quick is adamant in his opposition to a GST for textbooks. The government has said that students will recover much of the tax through their income tax returns, but Quick doubts the payback will come close to 9 percent.

Bookstore managers from across Canada will be meeting in March, and members have already asked that the GST issue be placed high on the agenda.

### **Bernard Ominayak speaks**

Bernard Ominayak, the Little Buffalo Lubicon Indian chief, will be speaking on campus this Sunday.

Ominayak has been leading his Indian band in a fight against the federal government over reservation land rights. More recently, the band has been battling federal oil companies over oil wells on Lubicon land. Ominayak will speak on the latest issues, as well as showing "Our land, our people," a film about the Lubicon reserve.

Ominayak was asked to come and speak on campus by the Social Action committee of St. Joseph's college. "We want to make the public aware of what is going on (with the Lubicon reserve)," said the committee's Maurice Prefontaine, adding that the group would be asking Ominayak to return in the new year for a larger scale presentation.

Sunday's event will commence at 12:15 in St. Joseph's Newman Hall.

# CORRECTION NOTICE

The advertisement that ran on December 5 for the Department of Housing and Food Services was headlined "Residence and Life Division".

Should have read "Residence Life Division".

#### CALVARY CHAPEL

Worship Service

Sunday 10:00 a.m.

SUB 158A

Coffee and fellowship at 11:00 a.m.

sponsored by Pentecostal Campus Ministries