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Thurs-Sat

April 1st-3rd

Applications are now open until **April 2** for the following Student Union positions:

- 1 Treasurer
- 1 Member at Large
- 1 Recording Secretary
- 1 Chairperson

Applications for the following positions are now open until April 16:

- 1 Vice-President (Academic)
- 1 Vice-President (External)
- 1 Director of Photography
- 1 Pharos Editor
- 1 Community Affairs Secretary
- 1 Orientation Chairperson
- 1 Handbook Editor

Applications may be picked up at the Council Office, Rm. 222, Dal SUB.

Professors protest with Week of Concern

OTTAWA (CUP) -- The Canadian Association of University Teachers (CAUT) is holding a Week of Concern March 24 to 30 to protest federal and provincial undermining of the post-secondary education system.

CAUT President J.G. Foulks said that "Canadian universities are in danger of going the way of the Avro Arrow (a fighter plane discontinued by the federal government in 1959)." He said the federal and provincial governments greatly expanded their support for education during the past 25 years, allowing Canadian universities to develop high quality teaching and research, but now they are abandoning that support.

"Our governments have a habit of developing projects to world standards and then shooting them down before they have a chance to fly," said Foulks.

The Week of Concern comes as Parliament is debating Bill C-97, concerning federal-provincial fiscal arrangements. Current arrangements expire March 31, and a new policy must be in place by mid-April when equalization cheques are due to the provinces.

The federal government wants to cut transfers to the provinces

\$5.7 billion over the next five years, mainly by eliminating the revenue guarantees plan. Some of the lost revenues to the provinces will be made up by tax changes, but the net revenue loss will still be at least \$3.5 billion, according to CAUT.

Nova Scotia faculty associations have been presenting briefs to MLA's on a regular basis, as the government considers what funding increase it will implement for universities next year. The Nova Scotia College and University Faculty Associations sponsored a wine and cheese party March 11 which was a successful way of making their concerns known to key politicians, according to Dr. Philip Welch, External Vice President of the Dalhousie Faculty Association.

"The political perception is it's easier to take (federal funding cutbacks) out of the backs of universities instead of medical programs, paving roads or buying airplanes, for that matter." Welch said the DFA is urging the provincial government to comply with the Maritime Provinces Higher Education Commission's recommendations to increase funding to post secondary education 14.75 per cent.

Nova Scotia is in a dangerous position with respect to federal cutbacks to transfers to the provinces. Nova Scotia has more universities and students per capita than other provinces, and in addition, as a have-not province, it is less able to compensate for reduced funding, Welch said. He referred to the CAUT calling for the continuation of the current federal provincial funding arrangements to 1984, to facilitate a public inquiry into the funding of post secondary education.

"Nova Scotia has already agreed to this. It would be nice

if all the provinces supported this proposal," he said.

Donald Savage, executive secretary of CAUT, said he does not expect the federal government to reinstate the revenue guarantee plan "because that would be asking it to lose face."

But CAUT wants the federal government to make up the net loss in provincial revenue through some means. Provincial governments have said the cuts to fiscal transfers will reduce their ability to fund post-secondary education.

Meanwhile, negotiations on Established Programs Financing (EPF), which funds higher education and health care have been delayed following the extension of the program to April 1983.

The federal government has said it will extend EPF further, to April 1984, if the provinces agree to two conditions: they must increase funding to higher education as much as federal EPF transfers: 11.7 per cent in 1982-83 and 11.9 per cent in 1983-84; and they must agree to discuss methods to achieve national education goals, including accessibility, accountability, mobility, cooperative planning and bilingualism.

CAUT contends that:

- EPF should be extended to April 1984. During the first year, they want federal and provincial inquiries, preferably jointly-held, into post-secondary education. In the second year, a deal would be negotiated
- the federal-provincial split in funding should remain the same during the negotiations
- no province should suffer significant decreases in total fiscal transfers from the federal government during negotiations, because this would reduce the ability to finance advanced education
- the universities are responsive to changing student needs, and warned of impending shortages of scientists and engineers before it was fashionable to do so
- educational quality should be equalized as much as possible across the country

The CAUT sent telegrams of congratulations to the governments of Saskatchewan, Manitoba and Alberta for their 1982-83 university funding increases of 17.0 per cent, 15.7 per cent and 14.5 per cent respectively. Savage said increases of 12.2 per cent in Ontario, and those expected in British Columbia and especially Quebec will be inadequate. The picture is not yet clear in the Atlantic, he said.

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(RNR/CUP) The California state legislature is thinking of tacking an extra five dollars onto the price of a marriage license, to fund shelters for battered wives.

The increase has already been approved by a senate committee and could, according to sponsors, raise a million dollars for the shelters.