

No deal for students

OTTAWA (CUP) — Canadian students will be at least \$340 poorer if federal finance minister Michael Wilson's unpopular Goods and Services tax is put in place.

The reform package includes a tax break for low-income earners, while imposing a nine per cent sales tax on most goods and services.

The reform, to take effect in 1991, also provides an extra tax

credit for single, independent people earning between \$6,175 and \$13,175. The credit would mean an extra \$140 for low-income earners.

But most students won't earn enough to be eligible for it.

"A lot of students make less than \$6,175," says Havi Echenberg, executive director of the National Anti-Poverty Organization.

Advertising research on post-

secondary students shows that about 65 per cent live away from home. About half of all post-secondary students earn less than \$7,000 per year.

"There's no reason for it," Echenberg says. "It's the only credit based on a minimum earned income in the whole reform package," she says.

Department of Finance officials say students don't need the tax credit.

"What students are spending money on, things like tuition,

convinced.

The tax credit would grow annually at three per cent less than inflation each year after 1991.

"For the first year, most people do wind up ahead," Echenberg says. But in the following years, the tax credit won't keep up with inflation.

"People who are in a weak bargaining position — single parents, people in the service industry and non-unionized workers — if there is inflation,



Radical Feminists are messy

POUGHKEEPSIE, NEW YORK (CPS/CUP) — Two Vassar College women have formed a club called "Future Housewives of America" to counter the women's college's "radical feminist" faction, which they say opposes "traditional values".

Under the mottoes "Coming out of the closet — with a mop in your hand" and "Together we stand, united by Lysol", Regina Peters and Jennifer Harriton plan to offer the 2,300 students at the school Tupperware parties, a dating service and cookbooks.

The two say the last straw was the campus women's centre, which they found "disgustingly sloppy."

"The centre was a pig sty, and that seemed wrong because at the very least, the place where women gather should be pleasant," Harriton said.

The club, which has 15 members, will also tackle wife-beating, violence against children, and drug abuse, and will try to "bring the family back", Peters said.

Harriton said, "We want to promote the art of homemaking so people will realize that it's okay not to want to run out and become a lawyer or doctor."

The two said they have lined up a professor to speak next fall on "The Impact of Tupperware on U.S. Society".

Let them eat cake

rent and food, aren't going to be taxed," said Finance official Rick Byers. "So there's not the need to have the credit in that case — students aren't hit that hard by the goods and services tax."

Canadian Federation of Students researcher Mike Old estimates the new tax will cost students an extra \$200 per year. And while Byers says with the tax credit students and other low income earners will come out ahead, Echenberg isn't

chance are that they're not going to keep up," she says.

"Students are almost always working in these kind of jobs," she adds.

Byers says the government could not afford to extend the credit to single people earning less than \$6,175.

"The tax reform isn't meant to be a social program," he says. "It's just meant to make sure that the tax affects everyone equally."

Sleep or fail

WASHINGTON (CPS/CUP) — Students who party hard on weekends may be losing as much as 30 per cent of what they learn, a Trent University professor says.

Psychology professor Carlyle Smith says people appear to lose

new-found complex knowledge if they experience even mild sleep deprivation just after learning.

"It appears skewing the sleep cycle by just two hours can have this effect," he said.

Staying up late the night following a class and then sleeping in can make students lose about 30 per cent, said the researcher, who presented his findings at a June meeting of the Association of Professional Sleep Societies.

According to Smith, loss of sleep up to the third night after learning produces the same results.

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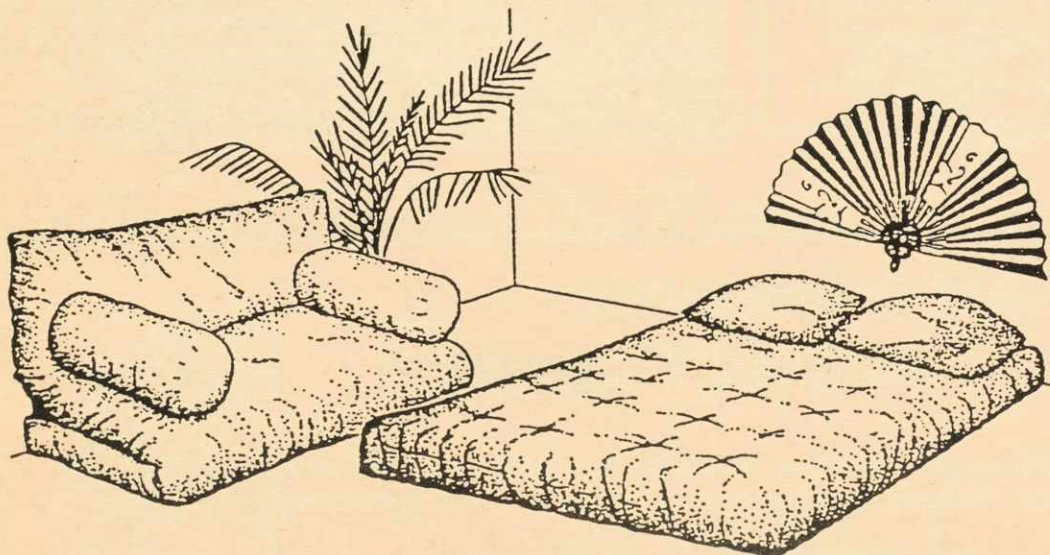
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