

CROSS CANADA

Merger threatens research

OTTAWA (CUP) — Educators and graduate students fear the merger of a federal research council with a national arts body will squeeze research funding.

Calling it a cost-cutting measure, last week's federal budget folded the Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council and the Department of External Affairs arts programs into the Canada Council.

SSHRC — created in 1978 to take over programs administered by the Canada Council — was formed to highlight research in the humanities and social sciences. The federal government provides the council with money to fund university-based research through grants and doctoral fellowships.

Details are sketchy about administrative changes slated for the merger, but SSHRC officials expect to maintain the annual budget of \$89 million.

Fiona McQuarrie, chair of the National Graduate Council which represents 40,000 graduate students, said she is worried funds that should be going to research will instead be poured into administrative costs.

Summer job? Think again!

HALIFAX (CUP) — The Nova Scotia government has slashed its summer jobs program by 16 per cent, leaving students angry and uncertain about employment prospects.

Eight hundred jobs have been axed, leaving only 5,100 for students to compete over.

Scott McCrossin, chair of the Students' Union of Nova Scotia, said this setback would result in a lower standard of living for students.

"There will be more students on student aid, some won't be able to attend university, and some who will attend but will face incredible stress from having to work during the semester to foot the bill for university," he said.

Statistics Canada reported a 20 per cent unemployment rate for returning Nova Scotia students for 1991. New Brunswick rates were a little higher, and Newfoundland students topped the chart at 25 to 30 per cent.

Saner students react

SASKATOON (CUP) — Students have become pawns in a debate over the development of a nuclear industry in Saskatchewan.

Nuclear proponents, playing on students' fears of dismal job prospects, are promising prosperity, while opponents are warning of environmental disaster and calling for renewable energy development.

Tim Smith, a student of computer engineering at Kelsey Technical Institute in Saskatoon founded Students Advocating Nuclear Energy (SANE) in January.

Developing a nuclear industry in Saskatchewan is the only way to keep highly skilled workers in the province, he said. Sixty per cent of last year's graduating class at Kelsey left Saskatchewan, he added, and many of them went to Alberta.

Cathy Sproule is a first-year law student at U of S who formed SANER (Students Against Non-Nuclear Energy Resources) in response to SANE.

SANER members have set up an information table at U of S and are asking students to sign a petition asking the NDP government to scrap the deal, and spend money on renewable energy research.

Picking up the pieces (of trash)

TORONTO (CUP) — The ecology of the world's highest peak is being threatened by a growing mountain of garbage at its foot.

Jill Sharp, organizer of the Canadian Youth to Everest program, is taking 25 student volunteers to the flats of Mount Everest during May to collect garbage that has been accumulating since Sir Edmund Hilary's 1953 climb.

Since 1988, 8,000 kg of waste have been removed from the area by Youth to Everest volunteers.

"People don't think about it. They just throw it on the ground or leave it where it is," said Sharp.

She said 60,000 tourists visit the area every year, creating a heavy burden on the ecosystem by leaving garbage behind. The area is threatened by both waste pollution and forest deletion.

The group emphasizes teaching environmental management within the context of cultural awareness. It stresses the need to understand the culture of the Sherpas, a Tibetan tribe inhabiting the higher region of Nepal. Many of the guides are Sherpas.

The group will fly to Lukla, Tibet on May 7, remaining on the mountain for 21 days with a New Zealand group.



Volleyball Victories

BY SUZY KOVINSKY

Dal rules. The Dalhousie Tigers were crowned the queens and kings of east coast volleyball, convincingly capturing the Atlantic University Athletic Association championships last weekend.

The women thrived in Moncton bringing the home team Blue Angels down to earth in the final match 12-15, 15-8, 15-8, 15-9. After a fluke loss in the first game, AUAA coach of the year Leslie Frie was able to direct her Tigers to victory.

AUAA MVP Tara MacIntyre led the Tiger pounce with 15 kills, 5 aces and one stuff block. The 6'1" mid-blocker from St. Johns added AUAA/Pepsi Cola player of the week to her cavalcade of athletic awards.

Another Tiger hero was power hitter Christine Frail who dominated the bumbling Blue Angels with 18 kills and two aces.

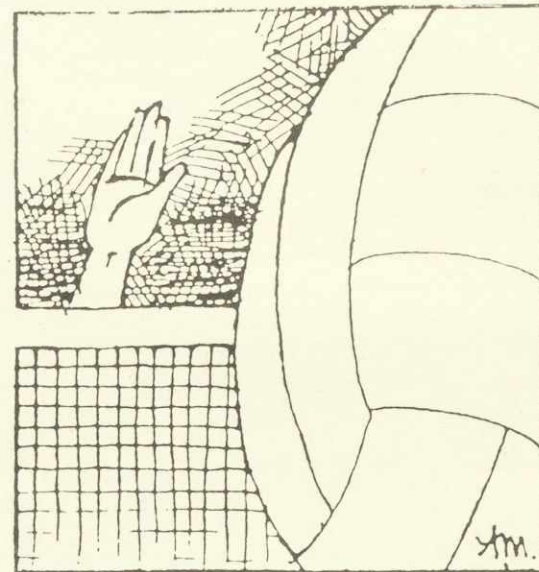
The Tigers, who displayed solid passing all weekend, advanced to the finals by annihilating the Saint Mary Huskies 15-11, 15-4, 15-5. Moncton reached the finals with an unconvincing 15-6, 15-6, 7-15, 17-15 win over the Mount Allison Mounties.

The women will now represent Dalhousie at the Canadian Interuniversity Athletic Union volleyball championships in Toronto March 13-15.

In men's action, it took a mere sixty thrill-filled minutes for the Tigers to level the Memorial University Seahawks 15-8, 15-1, 15-7.

This completed a 2-0 sweep in the series which came as no surprise for Tiger devotees who have been basking in the glory of a 16 match undefeated season.

AUAA MVP Paul Villeneuve provided the mature leadership which was instrumental for the Tigers to capture their sixth straight AUAA title. The Black and Golds have domi-



nated the division in 12 of the last 13 years.

With help from Villeneuve's strong gene pool combined with hard work, his brother Eric was chosen as the AUAA rookie of the year.

Aggressive hitting by Dwayne Provo and valiant blocking by Kirk Yanovsky earned them selections to the AUAA all-star team. Provo recorded 16 kills and Rose had 12 with two aces on Friday as the Tigers danced through a 15-4, 15-13, 15-9

win over the Seahawks.

Thursday, the Tigers will face a tougher challenge when they travel to Winnipeg to participate in an 8 team national championship. The Tigers, who play Calgary first, are prepared for a higher caliber of play than they are used to facing.

Although they are underdogs, the Tigers can not be counted out for victory. Last year the top three teams were eliminated in the first round.

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DALHOUSIE ATHLETES OF THE WEEK

FEBRUARY 24 - MARCH 1

TARA MACINTYRE - VOLLEYBALL

The Women's Volleyball Team captured the A.U.A.A. Volleyball Championship this past weekend in Moncton, NB. Leading the way was league MVP, Tara MacIntyre. Tara was solid both at the net and in the back row; the 2nd year middle blocker serve received, on average, 2.39 during the tournament and added 13 stuff blocks and 29 kills. The team qualified for C.I.A.U. Championships in Toronto, March 12-14.

EVERETT ROSE - VOLLEYBALL

The Dalhousie Men's Volleyball Team are heading to Winnipeg for the C.I.A.U. Championships on March 5-7, 1992. The Tigers qualifeid when they dominated and defeated Memorial in a best 2/3 match final/ Right side hitter and tournament MVP, Everett Rose led the way with 7 stuff blocks, 2 service aces and 24 kills.

Varsity Action this Week...

MEN'S BASKETBALL

DAL vs UCCB Sunday, March 8 2:00pm

* Full-time Dal students admitted FREE with valid I.D.

FOLLOW THE TIGERS!

