

Canadian studies boom in US

The Association for Canadian Studies in the United States (ACSUS) has announced the publication of a report: *Canadian Studies Activity in the United States: A Profile*.

The results presented in this report are based on a nation-wide study that was conducted during the past year. The results of the study show that over 400 institutions of higher education in the US now offer courses in Canadian studies. Over 1 100 different courses were offered during the 1982-83 academic year involving more than 18 000 students.

Copies of the report (\$2 (US) for members; \$3 (US) for non-members) are available from the ACSUS secretariat, 1776 Massachusetts Avenue, N.W., Suite 222, Washington, D.C. 10036, USA.

Canada aids Nicaragua

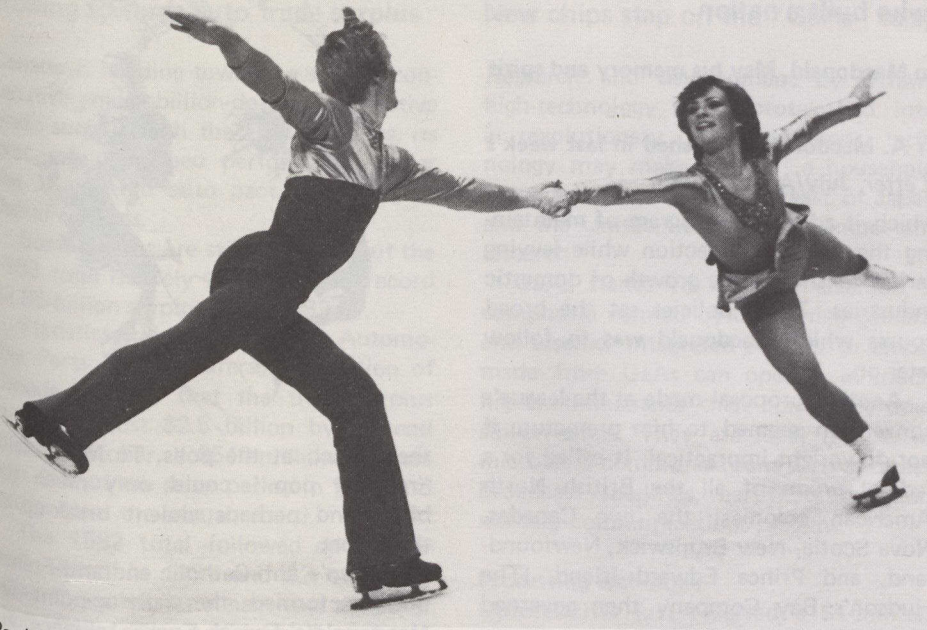
Canada is providing Nicaragua with a \$13 400 000 line of credit for agriculture to help reduce basic food shortages.

This allocation, to be administered through the Canadian International Development Agency (CIDA), follows Canada's decision in 1982 to triple development assistance to Central America over five years.

CIDA's program, including matching grants through Canadian voluntary agencies, supports the government of Nicaragua in its continuing efforts to address the basic needs of its poorest citizens through food and agricultural reform, health and education. To this end, CIDA's current line of credit will allow Nicaragua to purchase Canadian goods, such as fertilizers, farm equipment and calves, which are all crucially important to its over-all agricultural program.

CIDA's current line of credit follows a \$655 000 food strategy project, and two emergency food aid agreements. One provided \$4.5 million of Canadian wheat in 1981, and the other supplied \$3 million of Canadian wheat (11 000 tonnes) which arrived in Nicaragua last November. A further line of credit of \$5 million for potable water systems is in the planning stage.

The Canadian government has also contributed \$7.4 million to development projects in Nicaragua, mainly through non-governmental organizations, during the past three years.



Paul Martini and Barbara Underhill, top figure-skating pair, are ranked three in the world.

a year later, and were bronze medal winners at the 1983 World Championships.

• **Brian Orser**, men's singles contender from Penetanguishene, Ontario is ranked third in the world. The 22-year-old Orser was Canada's senior national champion for the past three years and has been winning internationally since 1979. Sarajevo will be his first Olympics, but his hopes have been bolstered by a third-place finish at the 1983 World Championships and a victory at Skate Canada in Halifax last October.

• **Kay Thomson**, 18, women's singles skater is another hope for Canada. Ranked seventh in the world, the Toronto-born skater will take to Yugoslavia two consecutive senior national titles to her credit and the memory of a 1981 victory at Skate Moscow.

Cross-country skiing

• **Pierre Harvey**, 26, from Rimouski, Quebec, took up cross-country skiing only nine years ago and did not compete until he was 19. Since then, the self-taught skier has enjoyed remarkable success on the North American scene, and hopes to make a major breakthrough at the Olympic Winter Games.

In the past seven years, Harvey has won the Canadian senior men's Shell Cup three times. Last March, he won both the 15- and 30-kilometre titles at the North American Championships. In 1983, he ranked twentieth in World Cup points in the 15-kilometre and 30-kilometre races and twenty-first in the 50-kilometre.

A mechanical engineer from the Uni-

versity of Laval in Quebec City, Pierre Harvey credits much of his success in cross-country skiing to his involvement in other sports. He was an elite cyclist in Canada until retiring from that sport four years ago, and remains an accomplished runner, swimmer and canoeist.



Pierre Harvey, the self-taught skier who hopes for a major breakthrough at Sarajevo.

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