

News briefs

Deputy Prime Minister and Secretary of State for External Affairs Allan J. MacEachen and Minister of State for Multiculturalism Jim Fleming have announced that a chair of Gaelic studies will be established at St. Francis Xavier University in Antigonish, Nova Scotia. The chair is being established as a result of a \$300 000 grant from the endowment assistance program of Multiculturalism Canada. This is the fifth chair to be funded under the program.

The federal government will provide \$400 000 in funding for seven new projects designed specifically for unemployed youth between the ages of 15 and 19. These projects, under the federal Outreach program, are in addition to 21 others now in place.

The University of New Brunswick has become the first law school in Canada to join the international law fraternity Delta Theta Phi. Membership in the fraternity offers many benefits to law students and law school graduates and provides a link with 75 000 other law professionals in several countries. The fraternity also offers special insurance plans, travel discounts, student loans and a quarterly

news magazine. Delta Theta Phi was founded in Chicago in 1900. In the past 83 years it has established more than 100 student and alumni chapters in the United States, Puerto Rico, Iceland and, now, Canada.

Petro Canada International Assistance Corporation, the development arm of Canada's national oil company Petro Canada, has increased its assistance to Thailand for development of that country's oil and gas industry. The Canadian company has raised its funding to \$8.75 million from the \$5.5 million earmarked earlier this year for oil and gas projects in Thailand.

Health and Welfare Minister Monique Bégin has announced approval of 12 funding agreements worth \$522 238 for health research projects. The funds come from Health and Welfare Canada's national health research and development program which will award \$16 million over the next year for research into issues bearing on the health care system, environmental health hazards, health related behaviours and the health status of Canadians.

The Export Development Corporation (EDC) has signed a \$10-million line of credit with the National Westminster Bank of London, to support the sale of

Canadian goods and services to Britain. The line-of-credit agreement will assist Canadian exporters competing for sales in Britain by providing their buyers with a simple and easily-accessible credit facility through the National Westminster Bank. Contracts to be considered under the line of credit may be in US or Canadian dollars or in pounds sterling and will be considered by EDC on a case-by-case basis.

The federal and New Brunswick governments have signed a letter of understanding clearing the way for joint federal-provincial job creation initiatives under the new employment expansion and development program. The agreement provides for \$9.3 million from the federal government and \$3.1 million from the provincial government, for a total of \$12.4 million for the joint program. It is expected that more than 1 600 jobs will be created.

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torical, artistic and scientific themes, entertainment and concerts — one of them by the Montreal Symphony Orchestra in Paris in April 1984. A special postage stamp will even be issued for this four-hundred-and-fiftieth anniversary. It will have the distinctive characteristic of bearing the same illustration in France and in Canada.

"Keeping in mind that this anniversary is also a celebration, we will send you teams of young musicians to play on public squares, streets and beaches, while you will send teams of athletes to participate in summer games.

"The coming year will be a time to celebrate together a great moment in the history of our two countries."

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Ontario Industry and Trade Minister Gord Walker addresses an oil and gas seminar held recently in London, England. The seminar was aimed at involving British companies in a \$35-billion development of Canadian Arctic and offshore oil fields over the next seven years. Representatives from 50 Canadian companies also met with some 350 British firms to discuss mutual opportunities that would help to close the technology gap in Canada's offshore oil and gas industry. Mr. Walker said the Canadian firms were interested in joint venture and transfer of technology arrangements with British companies.

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