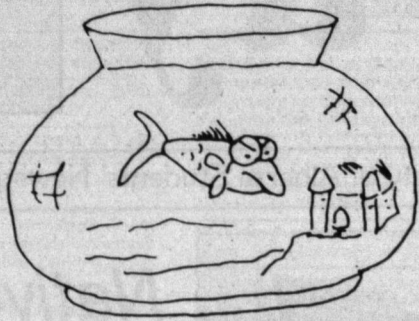


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Students bleed for quake victims

(This is the second article in a series of articles received from the Baumanets student newspaper at the Moscow Higher Technical School.)

by Mikhail Maslov

MOSCOW (ISIS) — In the small hours of December 8, 1988, students living at the MVTU hostels were alerted to the emergency.

They were needed to give blood for the victims of the earthquake in Armenia, which had occurred the day before. Until then, the real scope of the disaster was not known.

That early morning appeal meant it was very serious. Soon 300 students had donated blood and a special Aeroflot flight was delivering it to the earthquake zone. Bauman students were among the first Muscovites to respond to Armenia's tragedy.

The student-run cooperative cafe, which served coffee and

buns to the blood donors, soon turned into a sort of all-night club where students collected money and clothing as well as blood. By the next day, another 360 students had given their blood.

That day I saw a group of students with backpacks, tents and boxes of canned food getting ready to leave for Armenia. More than half, I knew, were Armenians who probably had relatives in the earthquake zone.

I talked with Levon Mirumyan, who comes from Leninakan — the worst-hit city. He didn't know whether his family was alive or not. He was going to help with

the rescue work, clear debris — anything.

Thousands of MVTU students applied to go to Armenia to help in the disaster at their own expense. They also set up a student aid centre and collected everything the homeless people might need — clothes, food, household utensils etc. One of the acute problems was trying to feed tens of thousands of homeless residents in the open air.

And they sent money. Starting early December 8, the sum collected from MVTU students soon topped 8,000 roubles, (about \$16,000 Canadian).

Differential fees drive foreign students away

by Jamie Boyes

WATERLOO (ISIS) — Canada is lagging far behind other major developed nations in its efforts to market its post-secondary education resources to foreign students.

The United States, Britain, France, West Germany, Australia, New Zealand and Japan reported increased foreign student enrollment in 1988, but Canada reported a slide in enrollment for the fourth consecutive year.

The Canadian Bureau for International Education (CBIE) stated in a report that the number of foreign or 'visa' students studying at Canadian universities decreased by about 2.2 percent.

The CBIE's report cites several factors as contributing to the decline, the most obvious of which is the exorbitant costs incurred by foreign students studying in Canada.

It is simply far cheaper for students to study in countries other than Canada, the report suggests.

At the University of Waterloo foreign students registered in the

Faculty of Arts must pay \$2,661 per term for tuition alone, while for the same period of time their Canadian counterparts pay only \$705.50

The inflated — or differential — fees, when added to the cost of housing, transportation, and medical insurance, allow only the wealthiest of foreign students to study in Canada, concluded the CBIE report.

In response to criticism about the foreign students studying in Canada, the CBIE report suggests these students contribute to Canada's economic welfare, as well as to its educational environment.

CBIE's executive director, James Fox, says each foreign student brings between \$15,000 and \$20,000 into Canada.

"If we are to educate our youth in post-secondary institutions," Fox says, "they need to be exposed to other cultures. I don't mean the multicultural reality of Canada; they also need to meet representatives from those other countries with whom we'll be competing and cooperating in the future."

Computer conniving

by John MacFarlane

WATERLOO (ISIS) — A University of Waterloo computer was used as part of an elaborate scheme to break into the files of a U.S. defense contractor. How the password to the guest account on the computer was obtained and who performed the break-in are still unknown.

The guest account, which was accessible to anyone who knew the password, was used late last November to enter Internet, a network of some 50,000 computers.

A smaller, military system called Milnet, was accessed from Internet and used to break into the files of Mitre Corp. which deals with the U.S. military in the area of electronic information systems.

Some files were altered on Mitre's computer but no classified information was stored on it.

Bill Ince, the software manager of U of W's computer facilities, says the password to the guest account was most likely obtained through word of mouth since, as he says, "it was not guessable by normal pro-

grams (used to break into computers) because it was a combination of words and not one found in the dictionary."

He notes that while he has a list of those people who originally knew the password, they were allowed to pass it on to anyone interested in using the account.

Since literally anyone could have obtained the password and accessed the account, Ince says "It might or might not be possible to track the person down." He has passed a list of known users on to the FBI which is spearheading an investigation.

Whoever did break into the defense files, did not need to use the U of W computer, said Ince. Four other universities had their computers broken into before U of W; the person responsible was probably trying to cover up his or her tracks by using many different computers, he said.

The bugs used to break into the files at Mitre were similar to those which caused the so-called "computer virus" in the U.S. last November.



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