

News briefs

Minister of National Defence Gilles Lamontagne has announced details of a new \$75-million youth training and employment program for 5 000 young Canadians. The program is open to male and female volunteers in the 17 to 25 year age group. Regular Force selection standards will be used and participants will be chosen from regional quotas which will be derived from the current pattern of youth unemployment across Canada.

Telesat Canada, the country's domestic satellite operator, reported its net earnings increased 10.6 per cent in 1982. Last year was Telesat's busiest year ever, with profits of \$16.7 million.

Team Canada took third place and the bronze medal at the world hockey championship held recently in Munich. The Soviet Union won the gold medal while Czechoslovakia finished second.

University of Toronto student Felicity Smith of Ottawa has won a Commonwealth Scholarship and a University of Toronto alumni scholarship for \$6 500 to study econometrics in Manchester, England, next year. She graduates this spring from the University of Toronto, where she is the president of the student body at St. Hilda's.

Montreal Expos' first baseman Al Oliver has been named Canada's baseball man-of-the-year for 1982 in a combined ballot of the Toronto and Montreal chapters of the Baseball Writers' Association of America. Under a formula designed to balance different voting structures in the two chapters, Oliver had 520 points compared to 420 for Steve Rogers, a 19-game winner with the Expos, and 408 for general manager Pat Gillick of the American League Blue Jays.

Seven Ontario manufacturers of hospital and medical equipment participated in the Hospitec/Medelec Trade Exhibition in Geneva, Switzerland from May 3 to 7. Their participation in the four-day show is co-ordinated by the Ontario Ministry of Industry and Trade.

The federal and Newfoundland governments have announced the signing of exploration agreements for \$500 million in work offshore Newfoundland/Labrador. The ten agreements were concluded with Petro-Canada Exploration Incorporated as operator of the Labrador Group. Each of the five-year pacts require the eight-member consortium to drill ten wells in an area of over 9-million hectares.



Two-year-old Matthew Day of Bramalea, Ontario seems a little skittish about his encounter with a young goat at the Chinguacousy Park animal barn in Brampton, Ontario.

CANAPRESS

The Export Development Corporation has signed four financing agreements totalling \$1.3 million (US) to support sales of Canadian goods and services to the People's Republic of the Congo and Israel.

Agriculture Minister Eugene Whelan recently presented a \$9.06-million cheque to the Western Grains Research Foundation to permit the farm group to support additional research for the western farm community. The cheque covers unused funds from the Prairie Farm Emergency Fund. The money was collected from western farmers under the Prairie Farm Assistance Act to provide a fund to protect farmers from loss of income due to crop damage or failure.

Health and Welfare Canada will provide a \$25 000 grant over two years to the Canadian Co-ordinating Council on Deafness in Ottawa for the first comprehensive dictionary of the sign language used by the deaf in both English and French Canada. The dictionary will be of use to the deaf as well as those communicating with them, e.g. parents of deaf children, professionals serving the deaf, interpreters, teachers and students of sign language.

The Natural Sciences and Engineering Research Council (NSERC) has announced that, as a result of its annual competition for scholarships and fellowships, record numbers of awards are being offered to graduate students in science and

engineering across Canada. As part of NSERC's continuing program for the training of highly qualified Canadian researchers in science and engineering, the council has offered 2 486 post-graduate scholarships valued at \$10 500 annually. This is a 22 per cent increase over the number of awards offered last year.

The Ontario government is sponsoring a low-cost management consulting service for Ontario businesses, involving 250 senior business students. Through the university small business consulting program, students at 12 universities will provide assistance on request in such areas as financial planning, inventory control, marketing, promotion and production scheduling. Full-time consulting by the students began May 1 and continues for 16 weeks. The service continues through the fall and winter on a part-time basis.

A consortium of Canadian firms has made a significant oil discovery in the Beaufort Sea on lands held by Esso Resources Canada Limited. Seventeen drill-stem tests were conducted over 11 zones. During the most significant tests, the well flowed oil at rates up to 2 500 barrels a day and gas at a rate of 22.1 million cubic feet a day. Denis Mote, oil analyst for Levesque Beaubien Incorporated, said the test results are promising and additional drilling may confirm the presence of a commercially feasible oil reservoir.

Canadian ski team member Gerry Sorensen of Kimberley, British Columbia, wrestler Egon Beiler of Kitchener, Ontario and high jumper Ian Hume of Melbourne, Quebec, have been inducted into the Canadian Amateur Sports Hall of Fame. The inductions were made by the Canadian Olympic Association at its recent annual meeting.

Canada Weekly is published by the Public Affairs Branch, Department of External Affairs, Ottawa K1A 0G2.

Material may be freely reprinted. A credit would be appreciated. Photo sources, if not shown, will be provided on request to the editor, Joanna Kerr.

Cette publication existe également en français sous le titre Hebdo Canada.

Algunos números de esta publicación aparecen también en español bajo el título Noticiario de Canadá.

Alguns artigos desta publicação são também editados em português sob o título Notícias do Canadá.

Canada