

Educational awards program

The World University Service of Canada (WUSC) has signed an agreement with the Department of External Affairs to administer for the department the Government of Canada Awards Program.

On behalf of the Canadian government, External Affairs offers approximately 150 annual awards (graduate scholarships and post-doctoral fellowships) to nationals of 18 countries. The countries concerned are Belgium, Brazil, Denmark, Finland, France (scholarships only), Federal Republic of Germany, Hungary, Italy, Japan, Mexico, the Netherlands, Norway, Poland, Portugal, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland and Yugoslavia.

Responsibility for administration of the awards program since it began in 1964, rested with the Canada Council and, in recent years, with the Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council (SSHRC). In December 1979 the SSHRC informed the Department of External Affairs of its decision to give up the administration of the program. Proposals to replace the SSHRC were received from three Canadian non-profit organizations. On the basis of the evaluation of the proposals by the Department of External Affairs the proposals from WUSC were accepted.

The awards are offered to graduates of high academic standing and are tenable only in Canada. Proposed programs of study and research must bear on a Canadian subject or be in a field where Canada has special experience or in which Canadian expertise is widely recognized. Included in the program are all areas of the arts and humanities; the social, physical and biological sciences; and engineering.

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News briefs

Toronto has been chosen as the site for *Sitev America*, a major international automotive industry trade development show which will be the North American equivalent of the Sitev auto parts trade exhibition held annually in Geneva. *Sitev America* will be held in the halls of the Canadian National Exhibition, June 16-18.

The federal government will provide a maximum \$6.5 million to assist southwestern British Columbia communities damaged by floods at the end of December.

A Canadian may be fighting in a world heavy-weight championship bout for the first time since George Chuvalo stepped into the ring against Muhammad Ali on March 29, 1966. Don Kerr, manager of Canadian heavyweight title-holder Trevor Berbick, said his fighter probably would meet World Boxing Council champion Larry Holmes of the United States some time in March.

The *Globe & Mail*, Toronto, now calls itself Canada's first space-age newspaper after successfully starting a method using satellite transmission that enables simultaneous printing of the same edition in Montreal, Toronto and Calgary. Each page of the edition produced in Toronto is scanned electronically and then chopped up into 386 million bits of information. This is transformed into radio

signals vibrating 6,000 million times a second and is beamed via Canada's *Anik A3* satellite, hovering in space over the equator and back to the receiving stations in the two cities.

The **Sword of Hope Award**, the American Cancer Society's highest honour, was presented in *absentia* recently to Terry Fox, the 22-year-old British Columbian who ran more than halfway across Canada despite the loss of one leg to bone cancer. Terry, who lives in Port Coquitlam, near Vancouver, is being treated for lung cancer.

The **Export Development Corporation** (EDC) and the Bank of Nova Scotia has announced the conclusion of a \$9-million (U.S.) financing agreement to support the sale of a *DHC-5D Buffalo* aircraft and spare parts by de Havilland Aircraft of Canada Limited, Downsview, Ontario, to the Republic of Ecuador. EDC will provide \$7.65 million (U.S.) and the Bank of Nova Scotia \$1.35 million (U.S.) towards the financing of the sale.

Agriculture Minister Eugene Whelan recently announced the appointment of Carol Teichrob from Saskatoon, Saskatchewan, as a member of the Farm Credit Corporation Board. She will be the first woman and the second sitting farmer representative on the five-member board. Ms. Teichrob is president of Plains Poultry Limited, a poultry processing plant located at Wynyard, Saskatchewan.



Cam Forman of Edmonton can get into some tight spots with his battery-powered chair — fortunately for Tom Harder whose battery went flat, just out of reach of a tow truck. Cam saved the day with a boost.