

Policies on foreign students studied

The Canadian Bureau of International Education (CBIE) has established a commission to study the policies of Canadian universities and colleges on foreign students.

The 12-person commission will present recommendations to Canadian universities and colleges concerning the direction and content of policies on foreign students. The commission, which will work over the next six months, will consult with other Canadian organizations and agencies which are involved in education or international affairs.

Heroism lauded

Fifteen Canadians, in recognition of their acts of heroism, will receive bravery decorations from Governor-General Edward Schreyer at a ceremony at Rideau Hall, March 10. Two Stars of Courage and 13 Medals of Bravery will be presented.

The two recipients of the Stars of Courage are Sharon O'Brien of Saint John, New Brunswick and Dr. Hugh Cameron of Toronto.

On December 6, 1979, Mrs. O'Brien rescued four-year-old Charles Sutton from drowning in the St. John River. Charles and Mrs. O'Brien's son were playing in a rowboat on the shore of the river when it was cast adrift by a high wind; the boys panicked and leapt into the water. Mrs. O'Brien's son drowned before she was able to swim out to the children's rescue; she saved Charles.

On New Year's day in 1980, Dr. Cameron and William Endress of Toronto (who will be awarded a Medal of Bravery) rescued Glen Ross who had broken through the ice while skating with a friend on Rice Lake, Ontario. Only Mr. Ross stayed afloat; his friend, John MacDonald drowned. Hearing cries for help, Dr. Cameron called upon Mr. Endress for assistance. While Mr. Endress ran to get a life-jacket, Dr. Cameron broke the ice and swam out to Mr. Ross, who grasped him so tightly around the neck that in order to loosen the grip, he had to dive under. With the life-jacket that Mr. Endress brought, the two men were able to save Mr. Ross.

There are three Canadian decorations for Bravery: the Cross of Valour, the Star of Courage and the Medal of Bravery.

Special immigration measures extended for earthquake victims

Special measures introduced in December to assist Italian earthquake victims are being extended to include family members of Canadian citizens and permanent residents not previously covered, Canada Employment and Immigration Minister Lloyd Axworthy has announced.

The measures will also allow between 500 to 700 victims who are now in Canada as visitors to apply for immigrant status from within Canada, and to work and be eligible for social services pending the processing of their applications.

The minister said that following the earthquake the immediate concern was to assist the close relatives of Canadian residents, but explained that it has now become clear that the movement will not be as large as was originally expected.

As of January 9, from a total of 990 applications submitted by Canadian residents on behalf of 2,293 relatives in Italy, 377 immigrant visas and 148 minister's permits had been issued. Immigration officials have been unable to contact some of the victims and others have indi-

cated that they wish to rebuild their lives in Italy.

Immediately following the earthquake, financial requirements for Canadians bringing in relatives were eased, the immigrant selection criteria were relaxed and the discretionary powers provided in the Immigration Act were fully utilized. Immigrant processing was speeded up and in most cases immigrant visas were issued within a few days. An immigration officer was stationed in Naples to be closer to the scene, and the Rome office advertized widely to locate relatives sponsored by Canadians. Persons not wanting to immigrate, or not able to wait for the outcome of immigrant processing, were assisted in coming forward as visitors.

"More distant relatives, such as cousins, have not benefited from these special measures. Now that the closer relatives — our most immediate concern — have been adequately dealt with, I have decided that these special measures should apply equally to all extended family members," said Mr. Axworthy.

Pipe band performs at "Canada Days" in California



The Pipes and Drums Band of the Canadian Scottish Regiment (Princess Mary's) play for tourists at Disneyland near Anaheim, California. While in California, the band also performed at San Diego for the annual "Maple Leaf Days" and in Los Angeles where they were greeted by the city council.