Med grants frozen - No increase for research

WINNIPEG (CUP) - The Medical Research Council Grant, the main source of medical research funds in Canada, is being affected by government anti-inflation policy.

According to Dr. Alex Sehon, head of the U of M's Immunology Department, the Medical Research Council grant has been frozen to last year's level. Although he believes "research should be included in the anti-inflation guidelines," he says, "The grant should be allowed a ten percent increase which is permissable within the guidelines."

The grant was less than fifty million dollars for 1975-1976. The freeze at this level would result in lasting damage to Canadian medical schools and hospital research and could necessitate technical and support staff layoff.

Normally, research funds are based on five percent of the related industry's budget - in this case, five percent of the health-care industry (\$2.6 billion) or \$130 million.

"In the past few years, the

progressive slowdown of funding for research has resulted in inadequate support of rising costs, and a decline in the number of laboratories engaged in research and in the level of research activity," says Dr. Frank LaBelle of Pharmacology and Therapeutics.

Building up a research program, says Sehon, takes twelve to fifteen years of continuous effort and capable people. However, very little time is needed to destroy productive research. If funding does not rise with the cost of living increases, the quality of Canadian research will drop considerably.

Sehon felt the issue is not only important to the technicians and support staff (whose jobs are at stake) but also to students and the general public as a social problem.

"The government is not giving enough support for research," said Sehon, "we are in danger of getting into a stage of mediocrity and the training we will receive will not match that of other countries."

Alternatives to life style

"Alternate Lifestyles" is another program in a series on male-female roles in contemporary society being offered by the Continuing Education Division of Grant MacEwan Community College. This particular program is jointly sponsored by the Faculty of Extension, University of Alberta.

There are many people around us who are attempting to live a lifestyle that is different from the norm. This series of four evening seminars offers interested participants an opportunity to explore several attempts at "alternate" lifestyles. Resource people will outline for the group the style of living they have chosen or found themselves in, exploring how and why they came to their lifestyle, what problems (with or without solutions) they have encountered and what the advantages and disadvantages are. Participants will be encouraged to share in the discussions and exploration.

The resource people will bring to the group a variety of lifestyles: people who have opted out of urban living, given up "high-power, high-pressure" careers; people who are attempting to live in a group

situation, people grappling with parenting roles - both one parent and two parent families, people attempting unusual methods of balancing parenting and careers and people working at different forms of marriage.

The alternate lifestyles program begins Monday, February 16th at Corbett Hall, University of Alberta and runs

for four Mondays from 7:00. 9:30 p.m.

Registrations should be received not later than February 13th and should be accompanied by the fee of \$15.00. Registrations should be sent to the Registrar, Assumption Campus, Grant MacEwan Community College, 10765-98 Street.

Volunteers!

There are a number of openings for volunteers throughout the city, some of which are listed below. For information on any of the following, contact the Volunteer Action Centre at 482-6431.

City Parks and Recreation requires a volunteer for a tenweek period to be available either Tuesday or Wednesday evening to supervise adolescents in gymnasium activities. The main emphasis of this programme is recreation but some low-key counselling may be necessary.

A volunteer that speaks Ukrainian is required to visit a senior citizen in the Mill Creek

A male volunteer is required to help a mentally retarded man adjust to living independently in the community. The volunteer will give direction and support to this handicapped man.

Edmonton Big Sisters requires volunteers to work on a one-to-one basis with adolescent girls. Orientation and training is provided.

Idylwylde Social Services requires a mature adult to help a

7 yr. old boy with speech problems.

A warm female volunteer is required Wednesday afternoons to supervise a small group of pre-school children in playground activities. Training is provided and your own child is welcome to attend.

Lynnwood Auxiliary Hospital requests adult volunteers to work with patients in recreation, arts & crafts, and to assist patients to doctor and hospital appointments.

Dr. Angus McGugan Nursing Home requires volunteers Monday, Wednesday, and Friday mornings to assist patients in arts & crafts.

Grandview Auxiliary Hospital requires volunteers for small group activities such as: a music group, cribbage, and teaching nail care.

Marydale Residential Treatment Centre for emotionally distured children requests volunteers to take an individual child out of the Marydale setting, on a regular basis. This provides a one-to-one contact with the child and his volunteer. The volunteer role is one of a big brother or sister, commitmentis essential

Hayne's takes artist's chair

Douglas Haynes will be the new chairman of the department of art and design, Faculty of Arts effective July 1, 1976.

Currently an associate professor in the department,

439-5878

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Professor Haynes studied at the Alberta College of Art in 1958 and at the Royal Academy of Art, The Hague, Holland, in 1960-

He was elected an associate of the Royal Canadian Academy in 1970 and has exhibited his paintings at numerous art shows throughout Canada.

While working as architectural artist and art adviser for the department of public works from 1961 to 1970 he actively encouraged the development of a viable art program for government buildings.

In 1967 he received the Canada Council Senior Arts Award for painting and research on relationships of art and architecture.

Mayor maced during meal

DENVER (CUP) - Patrons of a small restaurant in Aspen, CO, were served an unusual entree recently: chemical mace.

Impatient with the slow service, one of the customers. William D. Noonan brought out a can of mace and wafted the dining room. Among those who were seated at the time were the Aspen mayor and city manager.

"They'll never tell us there's an hour-and-a-half wait there again," Noonan told his friends as they fled the teary scene. Later in the evening, Noonan turned himself in to the police.

The mace spraying was "stupid" admitted one of Noonan's friends, "but it should be every citizen's right to spray politicians with mace from time to time."

Grab a Tiger by the tale

Thursday and Friday this week, Dr. Lionel Tiger, associate professor of anthropology at Livingston College, Rutgers University, New Brunswick, New Jersey, will speak at the University of Alberta.

Dr. Tiger, who was born in Montreal and is a graduate of McGill Univesity and the London School of Economics, is best known for his controversial opinions on human and animal behavior and his books, Men in

Groups, The Imperial Animal, and Women in the Kibbutz, his most recent publication.

Dr. Tiger will be taking part

in "Access" Encounters" organized and videotaped by the Alberta educational media system. Anyone interested in questioning, challenging or arguing with Dr. Tiger's expressed opinions is invited to take part.

The "Encounters" will take place in room 2-103, the Kiva, in the North Wing of the University of Alberta Education Centre. They are scheduled to begin

at 7 p.m. Thursday, February 12, and at 10 a.m. Friday, February 13.

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