

Skaters set marks

Canadians set world marks at a speed-skating competition held recently in Davos, Switzerland.

Skating on the natural-ice speedskating oval at Davos, Gaetan Boucher of Ste. Foy, Quebec set two world records. Boucher clipped 0.21 seconds off American Eric Heiden's world record over 1,000 metres, winning in 1:13.39. His world record helped Boucher, Canada's Olympic silver medalist, to better another mark held by Heiden, the points total for the sprinter's four events. Boucher totalled 148.785, an improvement of 1.465 over the previous mark. Boucher also set a season's fastest time over 500 metres in 37.23 seconds.

In addition, 17-year-old Jean Bichette, also of Ste. Foy, skated to three junior world records.

University exchanges with China

The University of Regina has announced a number of planned and ongoing programs of exchange between the University of Regina and the People's Republic of China.

The programs include faculty exchanges, a Co-op work/study program for 25 Chinese students and a plan of "twinning" the University of Regina with

Shandong University in Jinan.

The announcement was made at a ceremony during which the University was presented with several gifts from Nankai University in Tianjin by Dr. Robert Cosbey, a University of Regina professor of English, who has recently returned from a year of teaching in China. The gifts include a three-volume Chinese Encyclopedia, a 20-volume set of the works of Lu Xun and a traditional Chinese painting.

The University of Regina, like many other Canadian universities, is making a special effort to foster exchanges with China. Currently there are seven Chinese scholars studying at the University of Regina. Three University of Regina professors have recently spent time studying and teaching in China.

The University of Regina is currently setting up a program under which five Chinese students each year for five years study in Regina and work four to eight months a year in a Canadian business or government agency. The students, selected by the Chinese government, would take part in a regular four-year Bachelor of Administration program with the work/study component.

University of Regina president Lloyd Barber will be going to China this month to discuss a projected program of twinning the University of Regina with Shandong University in Jinan. The twinning project would foster several cultural and educational exchanges.

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Voluntary sector strengthened

Secretary of State Francis Fox recently announced a number of federal initiatives designed to strengthen voluntary work programs in Canada.

Initiatives announced by Mr. Fox in a speech to the National Voluntary Organizations (NVO) in Ottawa included:

- the establishment of a resource centre which would provide public access to research studies and other material relevant to the development of voluntary action programs and policies;
- the updating of the *Sources of Federal Funding for Voluntary Organizations* directory;
- the reorganization of the Assistance to Community Groups Program which will be renamed the Voluntary Action Program. This program will be responsible

for the day-to-day liaison with the Coalition of National Voluntary Organizations and will act as an initial entry point for local and national voluntary organizations wishing to work with the federal government;

- the Voluntary Action Program will also co-ordinate the development of a new, comprehensive voluntary action policy within the government, taking into account the discussions of Consultation '81 and the plan of action that will be developed jointly with the NVO; and
- an examination of the National Voluntary Organizations' tax credit proposal.

As advocate minister within the Cabinet for the voluntary sector, Mr. Fox assured the NVO that a thorough examination at all levels of government would be given to the tax credit proposal which could encourage Canadians to support the voluntary organizations of their choice in addressing local and national concerns.

New Canadian oil company

Dome Petroleum Limited has announced formation of a new oil company with a Canadian ownership of more than 75 per cent, qualifying it for the maximum level of grants provided in the national energy program.

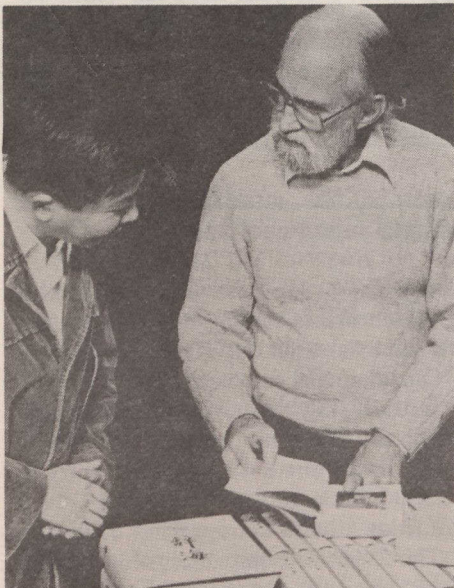
The new firm, Dome Canada Limited will carry out Dome Petroleum's exploration in Canada, including the Beaufort Sea, for a minimum of three years in return for a 50 per cent interest from those lands.

The move allows Dome Canada to receive maximum grants for Beaufort Sea drilling, something Dome Petroleum could not get with its 35 per cent Canadian ownership. The affiliate company was expected to do some \$2 billion in drilling over the next few years.

Dome Petroleum said also it would encourage Canadians to buy its shares in order to increase its Canadian ownership to 75 per cent. It would then be eligible for maximum grants of 80 cents an offshore exploration dollar.

Of the Dome Canada shares issued, about 55 per cent will be offered to Canadians. Dome Petroleum will subscribe for the remaining 45 per cent.

As part of Dome Petroleum's payment for Dome Canada's shares, it will transfer to the new company half its 20 million shares in TransCanada PipeLines Limited.



You Jin-yuan (left) and Dr. Bob Cosbey with some of the books donated to the University of Regina Library by Nankai University.