

# CAUT says no to differential fees

The university community in Canada has generally reacted negatively to the actions of the provincial governments over foreign student fees. The Canadian Association of University Teachers has for many years resisted differential fees.

In 1984, faced with their existence, it sought to modify the current arrangements by focusing on the improvement of the situation of foreign graduate students.

CAUT recommends the abolition of differential fees for all graduate students or, failing that, abolition for graduate students from the forty poorest

countries, and those financed by federal or international grants or scholarships.

CAUT recommends that this be combined with permission for graduate students to hold part-time jobs during the regular academic year and full-time ones during the summer unless they are fully funded for twelve months.

It demands the abolition of health care charges, one of the more small-minded manoeuvres of some provincial governments. It also recommends that the federal government increase foreign student assistance along the lines suggested in the Symons/Page Report.

This year, the Association of Universities and Colleges of Canada adopted a statement of principle on Canadian universities and their international

relations which calls on Canada to play a leading role in promoting the international mobility of students and ask both levels of government to

increase the range of exchange scholarships and fellowships.

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## Hull is 'Honorary Big '86'

N.B. Power Chairman Les Hull is giving a boost to the Big Brothers-Big Sisters Association which is set to stage its Bowl for Millions fundraising campaign February 8-15.

"We're very pleased to announce that Les Hull is our Honorary Big Brother for this

year's campaign," said Donna Grant, executive director of the association. "He has been a good friend to our agency for many years."

Hull said he became familiar with the group when he was Social Services Minister and also because his son was a Big Brother.

"Every day the radio, newspapers and TV make us aware of people around the world who need our help, but

Big Brothers and Big Sisters have a way to help someone close to home," Hull said. "They give of themselves and their time to befriend children from single-parent families and I have seen the good they do."

He urged people in Fredericton and Oromocto to get involved in the Bowl for Millions campaign, either by fielding a team or by sponsoring a bowler who calls on them for pledges.

## Reflections on a march for peace

By DAWN LEAVITT

Part III

*Ed. note: Dawn Leavitt, a second year arts student at Saint Thomas, has recently returned from a peace march in Central America. She is writing a four part series of articles relating her experiences there and her views of the situation, specifically in Nicaragua.*

Honduras still refuses to let the March pass. The group goes to the border for the daily demonstration, but I stay in camp to rest. Julio, a friend from Peru, stays behind to keep me company.

**Late Afternoon:** The marchers return in high spirits. Today the Honduran guards exchanged New Year greetings with them across the border (a chain barrier blocks the road).

Although they were not allowed to enter the restricted area, they asked the guards to "shake hands" symbolically as a gesture of goodwill. So, with ten feet between them, the marchers reached out and the

guards responded, smiling and "shaking hands" in the air. A moment of human contact.

**New Year's Eve:** Fiesta! Carlos Mejia Godoy and his musicians are back. The village people, young and old, join in the dancing. Courtly young men step to the music with grace and skill that is hard to match. Later, we go to a party in Somoto, a nearby town.

**Somoto:** Loud music floods the open courtyard which serves as a dance floor. A little boy named Jairo shows off his break dance steps, then sings a romantic Spanish song for me. He has enough charm to be the country's next president. Julio and I dance under the stars in a crush of people. We bump other dancers but nobody seems to mind.

Countdown to midnight - Feliz Ano Nuevo (Happy New Year) Laughter, hugs and kisses all round. A thin young man hugs me tight and kisses me. He says he's a soldier on leave. His compadre (friend) is on duty in the mountains, guarding the frontier. The kiss comes from him, a special greeting for the marchers. I ask

this boy his age - he's seventeen. I tell him I have a son almost that old and give him a big hug, hoping that he'll be around to celebrate next year.

**After midnight...** slow dancing under the moon until very late. On the crowded bus back to camp, I lean on Julio and fall asleep, very tired and very happy. A New Year's Eve I will never forget.

**New Year's Day:** The camp awakens... people call greetings... a soldier gently strums a guitar. Sharing sweet black coffee around the campfire...

Song circle under the hot morning sun... on my left a Canadian girl sings softly, eyes half closed... on my right I hold hands with a tall young man who wears a red Sandinista Kerchief. He sings in Spanish. Later we share breakfast - oatmeal, oranges, and watermelon.

The afternoon is very hot and we go by bus to the nearest river, to bathe, swim, and do laundry. It is heavenly. I shall never again take water for granted.

**Evening:** In a little cafe across the road from our camp, an old lady serves rice and beans with coffee. The place is quiet. Julio and I are her only customers tonight. We listen as Senora Ramirez tells us how it was to live in Nicaragua in the time of Sandino.

She remembers it all - how he opposed the U.S. Marines and how he died. And the massacre of many of his followers that came afterward. Now, fifty years later, the people of Sandino have their freedom and their country.

In this old woman's face I can see how much that means after years of struggle. No one has the right to take that away from her.



Jane Corey, President of Big Brothers Big Sisters Association of Fredericton with 'Honorary Big' Les Hull, NB Power Chairman and 'Big Blue' the agency's mascot.

## Vet school in PEI

By BOB WILSON

The Atlantic Veterinary College nears completion at the University of Prince Edward Island on schedule and on budget. The federal government and the four Atlantic provinces are sharing the cost of the \$36.5 million building. Ottawa is assuming half the cost of construction while New Brunswick, Newfoundland, Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island are sharing the rest of the expenditure.

A long standing shortage of veterinarians involved in research was one of the major reasons for the establishment of the AVC, Canada's fourth veterinary college.

Fifty undergraduate students will enroll in September for courses at the AVC. All that is needed for the

first year's class to begin, is equipment installation and internal finishing. Additions for higher classes will continue to be made until 1989. The majority of seats will be reserved for Atlantic students.

The school will "be of tremendous benefit to Atlantic agriculture and Canadian veterinary practice. The Atlantic Veterinary College will serve as an important resource, keeping skilled persons in the area and bringing others in. Economic benefits will extend throughout the region" according to Dr. Reg Thomson, Dean of Faculty of Veterinary Medicine. A strong research program is in the works as well, including the creation of a Fish Health Laboratory to help contribute to the growing field of Aquaculture.

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