

New ballet in New York

Balletomanes in New York this summer will have the opportunity to see *Alice*, a new work commissioned for the National Ballet Company of Canada, as it will be included in a repertoire of seven performances at the Metropolitan Opera House from July 22-27.

Alice, choreographed by Glen Tetley, premiered to critical acclaim at the O'Keefe Centre in Toronto in February this year. Anna Kisselgoff of the *New York Times* called it "Tetley's best ballet", and Toronto *Star* critic William Littler said it was "one of the most interesting ballets to come our way in a long time".

Fiction and non-fiction

The ballet is based on David Del Tredici's Pulitzer Prize winning composition *In Memory of a Summer Day* (for soprano and large



Kimberly Glasco (right) with Donald Dawson dance in the National Ballet of Canada's successful new production of *Alice*.

orchestra) which in turn was based on a poem by Lewis Carroll, the author of *Alice in Wonderland*. It deals with the fictional Alice and the "real" characters, Alice Pleasance Liddell (for whom *Alice in Wonderland* was originally written), her husband Reginald Hargreaves and Lewis Carroll.

The sets and costumes for *Alice* were created by internationally renowned designer Nadine Baylis and lighting design was created by Michael Whitfield who is currently resident lighting designer with the Stratford Festival.

The National Ballet of Canada last performed in New York City in 1979 at the State Theatre, and at the Metropolitan Opera House in July 1977.

The National Ballet of Canada

Federal focus on space research



François Roy, Le Droit

Astronauts Bjarni Tryggvason (left) and Steve MacLean examine a celestial globe.

The National Research Council (NRC) has established a Space Division to consolidate the management of elements of Canada's continuing space research program.

The new division will be responsible for:

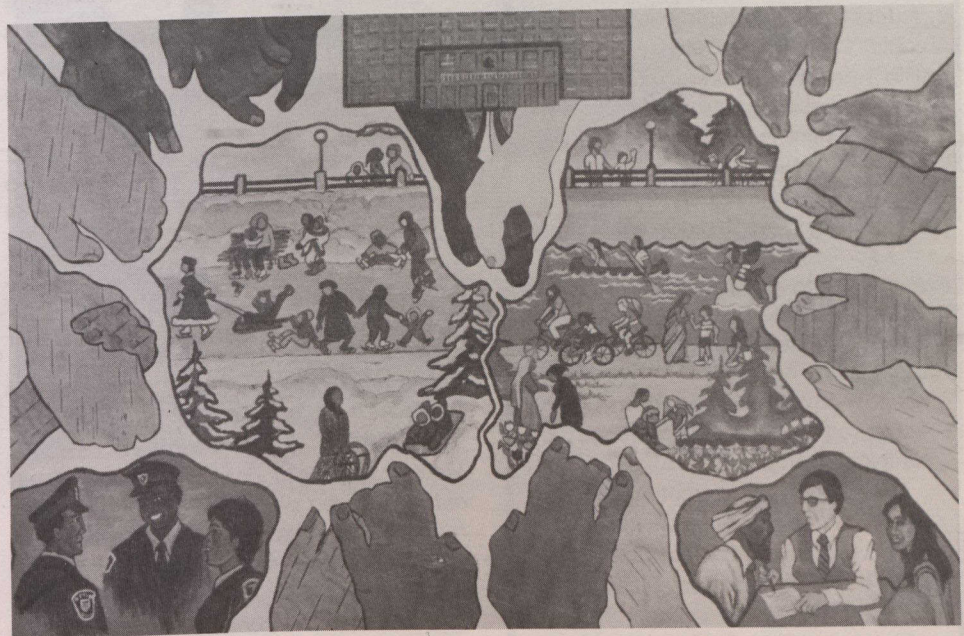
- Canada's contribution to the US Space Station which is to be operational by 1994;
- a user-development program for the development of Canadian industrial capabilities for space-based manufacturing;
- the Canadian astronaut program; and

- a space science research program.

The Mobile Servicing Centre, a key element in construction and maintenance of the Space Station, will focus on a new generation of robotics technology and control systems.

The Canadian astronaut program has six astronauts. Marc Garneau was the first in space and Steve MacLean will fly on a second Canadian mission which will focus on space sciences and a computerized space vision system developed by NRC.

Winning poster highlights canal activities



Pat McGrath, The Citizen

Janet Kaponicin, an Algonquin Indian artist, won first prize in the city of Ottawa's multicultural poster contest for her drawing of activities including skating, bicycling and canoeing on the Rideau Canal. Hands made of birch bark encircle the poster and represent people of various cultures.