

## OUR PEOPLE

The "People" column in Mosaic may tend to favour the famous, yet, there are people right here in our own Department that should be recognized as well. People like:

**JIM KERR**, from GAT (African Trade Section) who has just been named the "Big Brother of the Year" plus has been nominated as the "Ottawa Citizen of the Year". He has been involved in the Big Brother Organization for 11 years — (nine on the Board of Directors and two as President.). During this time, he has had two "little brothers" — David, whom he was with for seven years and who has just left for his first year at Queen's University, and Michael, 12, whom he has been with for four years. "There are at least 300 other 'little brothers' out there who are looking for 'big brothers'," he says, "and it is a rewarding way to spend those few hours you can spare."



Jim Kerr with "little brother" Michael.

**COCO DORÉ**, who is a sculptor, painter, writer and one of a small group of male foreign service spouses. His career lends itself readily to this wandering way of life and so far, he has had six solo exhibitions and four group exhibitions in four different countries — Canada, (Quebec), Bangladesh, France and most recently, in April 1984, in the "Galeria Pluma" in Bogota, Columbia, where his work was extremely well received.

There must be others among us who deserve some recognition. If you know of someone, please let us know.



Sculpture by Coco Doré

## Letters, we get letters . . .

*Foreign Service Families, this newsletter is for you. If it is to be of maximum interest and use to you, it needs your input. We welcome any and all suggestions and comments about this issue. Please write to: Community Liaison Section (Liaison), Posting Services Centre, Lester B. Pearson Building, External Affairs, Ottawa K1A 0G2.*



In your teen talk questionnaire I scored 0. I was glad to be educated on the meaning of today's 'teen-talk'. But what about explaining to our children why we deliberately misspell words today?

When I wrote down a word that was misspelt, it looked wrong to me and was immediately corrected. But today, words like 'nite', 'kornor', 'krazy', 'lite', 'luv', 'quik', etc. are spelt that way because they look good on a heading. In foreign countries we laugh at misspelt words and have been known to take photographs of signboards and pinch menu cards for a good laugh. But in Canada these mistakes are artistic or poetic licence. Let us then, not blame our kids for writing bad 'kolumns'.

Jill Lundy,  
Washington, D.C.

(Editor's note: You're right. Thank you for pointing it out to us. Please note that the title for our children's column has now been changed to "Foreign Service Tots and Teens".)

Dear Friends,

Thank you very much for sending me regular issues of *Liaison*. I find the articles useful and entertaining ... keep up the good work.

Yours sincerely,  
Linda Hardinge, Manila

I would like to congratulate you on this publication. For those of us abroad, it comes as a refreshing, enriching, Canadian breeze.

Luce Doré,  
Bogota, Colombia

## DID YOU KNOW?

— that the recent campaign at External Affairs to raise funds for the Children's Hospital of Eastern Ontario has achieved total contributions (from both headquarters and posts) of \$24,542. The Hospital sends its thanks to all those who gave so generously.

## MURPHY'S LAWS

- When working towards the solution of a problem it always helps if you know the answers.
- If you understand it, it's obsolete.
- The more trivial your research, the more people will read it and agree.

## PHOTO CREDITS

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