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what we've got here is the Ostrich Syndrome," said Edwards.

Canadian geneticist David Suzuki criticised the nuclear establishment for ignoring the dangers of radioactive contamination, and doubting the possibility of meltdowns. "There will be accidents in nuclear plants," he said.

Suzuki also stressed the importance of finding alternative energy sources before it is too late.

Sister Rosalie Bertell, one of the central figures in the American anti-nuclear movement, protested against the Canadian government's position

DIE Board, from page 1

This year's DIE Board has not yet been established, and this is creating problems for Gruber

and Thorkelson. The formation of a DIE Board, a responsibility of the Administration Board, has

that nuclear power is safe. She informed the crowd there is no law requiring civil authorities to notify the public in the event of a nuclear accident.

been hampered by lack of applications for the positions open.

According to SU president Dean Olmstead, the Administration Board hopes to have a DIE Board formed within a week.

National Notes

Balance billing increases in PEI

OTTAWA (CUP) — Prince Edward Island's medicare program has deteriorated to the point where almost half of the province's doctors no longer belong to the program.

The high "opting out" rate in PEI is the result of a conflict between the medical community and the provincial government, a common problem in provinces across the country.

The problems started at the beginning of this year when the Island's doctors began "balance billing", or charging their patients an extra amount above and beyond the fees set down under the province's medicare plan.

The provincial government and the doctors had discussions earlier this year about a fee increase within the medicare plan. After the election of a new provincial government however, PEI's doctors found themselves looking at a unilateral settlement imposed on them.

The settlement calls for a nine per cent increase in the fee schedule, but balance billing would no longer be allowed under the medicare plan.

"Balance billing, which has never been practiced in this province before, was in the government's view an unnecessary and unfair charge and limited access for patients," says health minister Fred Driscoll in defence of the move.

Many doctors have opted out of the program and continued to charge their patients extra fees.

"A lot of doctors here are for the first time dealing with their patients in a more real way, where they actually sit down and talk to the patient and think about what their services are really worth," said Grant, president of the PEI medical society.

According to a recent report, PEI's doctors are adding as much as 30 per cent on top of the standard medicare fee.

Before the PEI doctors began balance billing, they had a lower average income than doctors in any other province, according to Revenue Canada figures.

Students demand fees

MONTREAL (CUP-PEQ) — Despite a confrontation with the Montreal riot squad Oct. 9, students at Quebec Ahuntsic CEGEP remained determined to make the college's administration turn over \$11,500 in student fees to the students' association.

A general assembly of 400 students Oct. 11 gave the Ahuntsic association (AGECA) a mandate to continue to seek official recognition as the full representative of Ahuntsic students.

They will also investigate the possibility of legal action to force the administration to release to AGECA student service fees paid by Ahuntsic's 9,000 students at registration.

The month old conflict between the administration of the Montreal north CEGEP and AGECA climaxed Oct. 9 when 50 students occupied the administrative offices to protest the slowness of negotiations and the "lack of any serious offer" from the administration.

AUCC protests W5 show

OTTAWA (CUP) — More protests have been lodged against the public affairs program W5 that claimed foreign students are crowding Canadians out of university programs.

The Association of Universities and Colleges of Canada (AUCC) has filed a strong protest with the president of the CTV network and the producers of the W5 show.

The show, which was aired Sept. 30, claimed that international students are forcing thousands of Canadian students out of post-secondary education programs such as engineering and medicine and are costing Canadians millions of dollars.

And a spokesperson for the University of Toronto International student centre said W5 "misused the statistics we gave them".

Figures released in a report "Citizenship of Students and Faculty in Canadian Universities" prepared by the Council of Ontario Universities for AUCC indicate that in 1977-78 less than 5 per cent of total university admissions were visa students. The statistics, which are based on actual enrolment figures, indicate that in 1976-77, 21.5 per cent of the 18,304 visa students were from Hong Kong, 20.4 per cent from the United States and 15.2 per cent from the United Kingdom.

"The program was built around a particular case which was entirely unfounded," said Alan Earp, president of Brock University in St. Catharines and current president of AUCC.

Rodeo a lot of bull

The Edmonton Inter-collegiate Rodeo Club held its second meeting on October 3. The club is for any interested men and women who take a liking to rodeo. There are many attractions for both competitor and spectator in this fast moving and active sport. You do not have to be a performer to participate. Whether you are taking entry fees or pulling bull ropes you are welcome in this club.

The events planned at the October meeting were a rodeo dance, roping clinics, bronc and roping clinics and a bullriding session. To keep in shape an El Toro mechanical buckner has been located for interested persons.

Nine rodeo sport events are promoted in the club. They are: saddle bronc riding, bareback riding, calf roping, steer wrestling, team roping, goat tying, barrel racing, and bull riding. The club has had practises and clinics to make ready for the Olds College rodeo at the Bowden arena at 7 pm October 20 and October 21 at 2 p.m. If you are interested in competing, phone Brent Fletcher at 437-1969. Also, the president of the club is John Walton and can be reached at 465-2233.

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