

# Mosaic

The average woman now lives to 78.9 years, almost a decade longer than the biblically allotted threescore and ten. By the year 2021, more than one out of every five Canadians will be older than 65. Ten years after that, more than one in four. Whether the taxpayers of that decade will want to spend the stunning amounts of money that will be necessary should the health care system remain unchanged, is a frightening question. In February 1986, a conference of geriatric specialists concluded that "there has to be a place for the senior citizen who is capable of caring for him/herself, and values independence, but just cannot carry on alone. What we need are more good buildings for seniors with wardens on duty". Health care committees are studying the recommendations.



Fienke Vandwezwan

**The Bionic Woman** on display at the Ontario Science Centre in Toronto illustrates what experts are able to recreate for individuals. 18 parts of her body are prostheses and Canada is becoming known for its expertise in the field. The latest technology, as developed by Jim Foote of U.B.C., is a computer which stores a mathematical model of the area requiring a prostheses, then the data drives a milling machine that carves an exact model of it thus ensuring a perfect fit. Terry Fox and Steven Fonyo have further publicized Canadian technology and now people like Fienke

Vandwezwan from Holland are coming to Canada to receive the prostheses they require. Mrs. Vandwezwan searched everywhere for a comfortable, reasonably priced artificial hip and leg and concluded that Canada is the place to find it.

## EDUCATION

**Foreign students** must bring in \$12 000 in addition to tuition fees for every year they plan to study in Canada — twice the amount required previously. That coupled with the great increases in tuition (from \$600-\$1 200 in 1982 to \$4 200-\$10 200 in 1985) and the ban by the immigration department on foreign students taking part time work, has resulted in great declines in enrolment. The decrease in Ontario in the last two years has been 20.5% (18 749 to 14 898). In Quebec the drop has not been so radical because higher fees are not charged to students from French-speaking countries.

"A review of foreign student policy should be completed by fall 1986," said Immigration Minister McLean, after which he hopes cabinet discussions and federal-provincial talks will follow.

## PEOPLE

**Bill Bennett's** resignation this summer marks the first time since the 1952 election of his father, W.A.C. Bennett, that the B.C. Soereds have been without a Bennett at the helm. Asked whom he expects to succeed him, Bennett replied, "I won't speculate on that. I could think of 20 (candidates)".

**Sharon Wood and Dwayne Congdon**, two members of a Canadian climbing team have conquered the world's highest peak. Tuesday, May 20, after battling severe winter storms for several days, they reached the summit of Mount Everest. Wood, the only woman on the 11-member climbing team, also became the first woman from North America to scale the 8 848-metre peak.



**Carling Bassett**, since the death of her father in May, is more determined than ever to excel in the sport that he loved so much. Now ranked 13 in the world, her performance lately has been impressive, including the quarter finals in the French Open championships in June.

**Shirley Carr** was elected president of the 2.1 million-member Canadian Labor Congress, May 1: the first woman to head a major labor federation in the world. She replaces **Dennis McDermott**, who is now Ambassador to Ireland.

## OTTAWA-HULL

**Ottawa Airport.** Looking more like a chic shopping mall than an air terminal, the new phase of the Ottawa International Airport was unveiled at a ceremony May 1.

Airport General Manager Kim Current describes the spacious concourse as having a "Byward Market" look about it, complete with trees and street lamps.

The concourse, which is lit by an overhead skylight, leads to an observation deck that provides the public with a view of 80 per cent of the tarmac. Upstairs, the expansive security and departure lounge, with 14 gates, also overlooks the tarmac.

**Carlingwood Shopping Centre.** Ottawa Council has approved a \$15-million, 50-store, expansion of Carlingwood Shopping Centre despite strong opposition from the surrounding community. The developer, Trizec, plans to build a new wing on the south side of Carlingwood between Sears and Loblaws.

**Hull Outdoor Market.** The Byward Market is to have competition across the river this summer when Hull opens its outdoor fruit and vegetable market on the site of the old Canada Packers building on Montcalm Boulevard.

If the market, to open June 5 until the end of August, is popular enough it could become a permanent, year-round facility.

Shirley Northrup, manager of Ottawa's Byward Market, said the Hull market would be a "super addition" to the region and provide "healthy competition" for the vendors downtown, most of whom come from Cumberland and the Ottawa Valley.

She said an average of 10 000 customers are served by Byward Market vendors on a Saturday or Sunday, adding there would be enough customers for both markets to do brisk business.



**Park-and-ride lots.** By the fall, commuters living in outlying areas should be able to park their cars at three park-and-ride lots and take the bus downtown.

The western park-and-ride lots will be at the southeast corner of Eagleson Road and the Queensway, and at Baseline Road and Woodroffe Avenue; the eastern, at Champlain Street and the Queensway next to Place d'Orleans.

If the three lots prove successful, they will be made permanent and others could be set up along major bus routes.

The one in the east will be free. It's planned to charge \$1 a day at the western lots.