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Donations pour in

by Suzette C. Chan

A spokesman for OXFAM Canada says donations to help relief efforts in drought-stricken northern Africa are pouring in at an unprecedented rate.

In a telephone interview from Saskatoon, OXFAM's Western Canada Regional Director Mike Murphy said the influx of Canadian donations through OXFAM is "overwhelming. Our target is \$100,000 by early December, but that's fairly flexible. At the rate things are going now, we might revise the figure to \$250,000."

He said the seriousness of the famine reached the public through the media. "Media support is essential. The phone went crazy after the CBC item Thursday. Having a Canadian reporter talking to the Canadian people about it has an enormous impact."

But he said while Ethiopia is attracting the most attention, that is not the only African country that desperately needs aid to stave off famine.

He said Mozambique is suffering "second most. That's where most of our efforts are concentrated."

Murphy said the question he is asked most is why people waited so long before recognizing the magnitude of the African famine.

He said there are a number of factors contributing to why the problem was left to grow to such serious proportions.

He said governments were so

negligent of food needs and agriculture that "there is nothing left to eat."

Murphy said, "International agencies have been warning" of a situation like the present. "There has been a drought in Northern Ethiopia for the past 18 years and a drought in the rest of Ethiopia for the past four years."

Asked how the famine could possibly be alleviated, Murphy said, "There needs to be so many things. There should be a massive increase in world aid. Right now, donations are overwhelming, but it needs to be about six times the level it is now."

"There needs to be the settle-

ment of the wars, which is a complicating factor in Ethiopia that is overlooked. There has to be a stockpile of food for all African countries.

"There has to be a dramatic increase in long-term development programs, which we (OXFAM) work on. There should be agricultural co-ops and better irrigation so that even under very difficult circumstances they can grow food."

Murphy said emergency donations should be sent directly to the OXFAM Canada national office, at 251 Laurier Ave., Ottawa, K1P 5J6. Donations going specifically to Ethiopia should be marked "Ethiopia" on the envelope.

photo Doug Olsen



The Chicken cheered the basketball Bears on to their fifth victory while flapping his way to an \$8000 cheque. The gory details on page 13.

Report probes Charter violations

by Suzette C. Chan and CUP News Services

Université de Moncton administrators will likely face harsh criticism in December when Canada's nation-wide teachers association releases its final report investigating the university's alleged abuses of freedom of expression.

A preliminary report leaked to the *Globe and Mail* two weeks ago says administrators expel more students in proportion to its population than any other university in Canada and that many of these are students politically active on campus.

The inquiry, prepared by the Canadian Association of University Teachers for the U de M's association of librarians and professors, follows the expulsion of 15 students in the spring of 1982. They occupied the administration building in protest of a massive tuition fee increase.

According to *The Globe and Mail*, the report says the conditions under which eight of the 15 students were allowed to return violated Canada's Charter of Rights and Freedoms.

The report also investigated the

activities of one dean who created an uncomfortable academic environment and difficulties for professors wanting tenure.

Brenda Cote, one of the students expelled for her leadership role in the occupation, says she is not surprised by the report's conclusions.

"We were always being aware of faculty and students rights being denied at the U de M," she says. "It's been a major problem since the (university's) creation."

Cote, who was also chair of the Canadian Federation of Students the year following her expulsion,

says more pressure must be placed on the administration to make the university democratic.

"I don't trust them. They will have to change the whole administration to ensure democracy. There should be a test, a student demonstration (to see if it has improved.)"

Cynthia Maillet, U de M student council vice-president, says the timing of the report is strategic because December marks the end of several administrators' terms, including that of university president Gilbert Finn.

"It's going to come down with one big wallop. They're going to get hit with all of it," she says.

Faculty association president Donald Poirier says he hopes the administrators do not seek another term in office. "I don't know if any of them intend to seek another term. Hopefully they won't."

CAUT executive secretary Donald Savage says he will not comment on the inquiry's findings until the final report is made public in December. Investigations are still underway.

Savage says CAUT's academic freedom and tenure committee, under whose auspices the inquiry was conducted, sent a preliminary report to the concerned parties at the U de M for an official response.

Any other actions, such as the imposition of censure, would be undertaken at the CAUT's general meeting in May 1985, he says.

Neither Pam Plaskitt, the secretary for Campus Law Review, or Ed Blackburn, the interim student disciplinary officer, can recall a student being expelled from the U de A because of political activity.

Blackburn says a revised version of the Student Code of Behaviour, to be presented to General Faculties Council next week, includes a clause preventing the university from expelling students for political purposes.

Students may have to pay bit by bit

by Audrey Djuwita

Computing Services will begin collecting a fee of \$20 per registration per term in the 1985-86 year, for the use of micro-computers, MTS and PLATO terminals.

"This policy will affect any student registered in courses which use the services for five hours or more per term," said Associate VP Academic R.D. Bercov.

This means students may have to pay up to a maximum of \$40 per term.

Bercov said the fee is necessary "to cover the increased operating and maintenance costs of new computer facilities available in January 1985."

He estimated that the extra costs will be around \$100,000.

Current operating costs for computer services come from the university's operating budget and computer time sold to other educational institutions or commercial enterprises.

There will be five new rooms for microcomputers: three in CAB, one in Chemical Engineering and one in the Business Building.



Bright-eyed students may soon pay for use of bright, new, high-tech computers.

These labs will be used for introductory computer courses currently using the MTS terminals.

Asked what students think of the

policy, Bercov said: "Undoubtedly, not all students like this fee, but people recognize the need for funding to maintain better services.

Randy Kopack, computing science undergraduate representative and president of the U of A Computing Society, admits that students are aware of the need for funding however, "We do not feel that the concept of lab fees is the best solution."

Kopack said the undergraduates who will be affected by this policy are concerned about its fairness.

"Since the Mac labs are intended for the teaching of introductory computer courses, undergrads taking higher level courses will not be using them for course work, and are therefore forced to subsidize the labs for others."

"The other major concern is that the labs are public in nature, and the students are being singled out to pay for maintenance of public equipment," said Kopack.

Bercov agreed and said: "We are asking for a grant from the government for future expansion."

Kopack hoped "the income from these fees will result in a good selection of Mac software available in the labs as well as extended hours of lab availability."