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1 ASSOCIATION ACTIVITIES

1.1 President's Message

With the pressures of registration, the beginning of a new academic session and its attendant responsibilities, my message for this issue will focus on the upcoming conferences.

The 1988 Conference will be held in Toronto, at the Royal York Hotel, June 26-29, 1988. Both the program and organizing committees under the leadership of the co-chairs, Kelvin Andrews, University of Toronto and Sandy McNeil, York University, have put together a conference with the theme "Challenge of the year 2000 - Will Your Registrar's Office be Ready?" Sessions have been designed to appeal to those working in the many areas of the Registrar's/Admissions/Liaison Offices for both the university and college communities.

The keynote speaker will be George Kellar, of Maryland, a leading educational analyst and strategic planner. Not only will he offer the keynote address, but he will also be conducting workshops later that day. Other sessions will include topics such as Enrolment Planning and Retention; Union/Labour Relations; Non-traditional Students, Managing Human Resources. Each morning the assembly will be addressed by a CEO from the business and/or the educational community.

Because Toronto is home to the Blue Jays, the Ontario Science Centre, Casa Loma and many fine dining spots, the program has made allowances for this, in that the committee has not programmed every available minute but has left some free time for the delegates to pursue their own interests. The conference hotel has agreed to extend the conference room rate to delegates arriving earlier or staying later than the specific conference dates.

Early indications are that it will prove to be a profitable conference, and I urge you to set aside these dates and make plans to attend in June, 1988. Look for your pre-registration information to arrive in January, 1988.

The 1990 conference will be held in Quebec City hosted by Laval University, in a venue yet to be determined. Pierre Allard, Jacques

Loiselle, assisted by colleagues from other Quebec institutions, have already begun planning for this event, 3 years down the road.

These conferences are the most visible parts of your organization, and I urge you to plan to attend and become involved whenever you may.

If you have concerns or issues that should be addressed by the association, please keep us informed. Some of these may be appropriately raised by letters to the editor of Contact or by articles submitted for publication, I am certain, Jim Boniface would be pleased to receive your correspondence.

Best wishes for a successful 1987/88 academic year.

1.2 A.R.U.C.C. Executive

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1.3 Membership News

St. Thomas University

Father John Jennings took over as Assistant Registrar on July 1, 1987

Carleton University

Victor Chapman was appointed Director of Admissions and Academic Records effective June 15, 1987. Vic brings to this position more than 20 years of experience at the University, including 14 years of senior managerial responsibility in the registrarial area.

Old College

Cathryn Crump is now the Associate Registrar at Olds College.

University of British Columbia	<p>The following appointments have been made:</p> <p>Alan McMillan - Acting Registrar Gaylea Good - Acting Assistant Registrar, Records and Registration Susan Peters - Admissions Officer Mary Cooney - Admissions Officer Lois Bishop - Acting Admissions Officer.</p>
Mount Royal College	<p>Arunas Alisaukas has left the University of Calgary, and has taken up the position of Registrar and Director of Admissions at Mount Royal College. He will continue to coordinate the Netnorth Directory for ARUCC.</p> <p>* Thanks Arunas!</p>
University of Guelph	<p>Chuck Cunnigham was appointed Assistant Registrar, Liaison in August at the University of Guelph. Chuck was previously the Assistant Director of Secondary School Liaison at the University of Waterloo.</p>
Athabasca University	<p>Following a two-year leave, Assistant Registrar Diana Pryde has resigned to accept a position in New Zealand</p>
Simon Fraser University	<p>Flemming Larsen has been appointed Director of Registrar's Systems. Flemming replaces David Smithers who has joined Computech Ltd.</p>
University of Victoria	<p>Cled Thomas is the new Administrative Registrar at the University of Victoria. Cled has been the Director of Records at the University for the past nine years.</p>
University of Waterloo	<p>Jennifer O'Rourke became the new Manager of Course Development Services in the Correspondence Office as of August. She replaces the now retired Clem Sochasky.</p>
University of King's College	<p>Dr. Patricia Howison has been appointed the Registrar replacing Dr. Henry Roper who will remain a faculty member at King's.</p>

1.4 Fee Reminder

It's membership fee time again; membership fee statements were mailed in August along with information about updating the ARUCC Directory. Your speedy attention to your renewal and directory update would be greatly appreciated.

2 CONVENIENCE CALENDAR

2.1 Computers in Education 87 hands-on show and conference, October 21,22 and 23, 1987, Arts, Craft, Hobbies Building, Exhibition Place, Toronto.

The Seminar series attached to the Conference will be divided into two parts: a smaller presentation theatre where companies can hold hands-on presentations of their products and the main theatre where a select group of speakers will make longer, more formal presentation.

The Main Theatre presentations will involve subject areas of particular interest and use to educators.

Computers in Education Magazine. If you would like a free subscription, contact V. Kenneth Marskell, Publisher, Moorshead Publications, 1300 Don Mills Road, North York, Toronto, Ontario, M3B 3M8

2.2 CSSHE First Call For Papers - Conference '88

The Canadian Society for the Study of Higher Education (CSSHE) will be holding its annual conference June 1-3, 1988 at the University of Windsor. The CSSHE is currently seeking papers for presentation at conference '88. The conference theme "New Directions For Higher Education: A Role for the Community?" promises to be an exciting forum for sharing ideas about the future of higher education. While contributed papers related to the theme are especially welcome, all papers addressing issues of importance to higher education will be reviewed.

Since the deadline for receipt of papers is October 23, 1987, if you are serious about submission you should contact:

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3 GOVERNMENT RELATIONS

3.1 Role of University Sport and Athletic Scholarships under Discussion

On June 16, Fitness and Amateur Sport Minister Otto Jelinek informed the annual meeting of the Canadian Interuniversity Athletic Union (CIAU) that he had been discussing the role of universities and university sport with his provincial colleagues and that they have subsequently agreed on the need for a major study of the subject. The Minister noted that he would be discussing the study with the provincial sport and recreation ministers in the early fall. CIAU was assured by the Minister that it would be consulted over the next few months as the terms of reference for the study are developed.

In his address to the annual meeting, the Minister referred to the report on athletic scholarships which was distributed in mid-May to university executive heads, deans and directors of athletics, provincial sport ministers and provincial ministers responsible for higher education. The Minister noted that the report and his recent public comments underscore his belief that the availability of athletic scholarships to young Canadians with the appropriate combination of athletic and academic qualifications will help keep Canadian student athletes at home who might otherwise opt for a scholarship from the United States on football, basketball and hockey scholarships.

The report proposes the establishment of a Canadian Athletic Awards Foundation which would "encourage quality Canadian student athletes to pursue postsecondary education in Canada, increase the awareness of Canadian university athletics, improve the level of performance in Canadian interuniversity athletics, and maintain the academic integrity of Canadian universities." The proposal indicates that, if funding is available, "a Canadian athletic scholarship program could be created which would meet sport objectives, serve the needs of athletes and avoid the perceived and real pitfalls of some programs currently operating in the United States." The Minister informed CIAU that his department is close to securing the necessary funding from a variety of partners, including the private sector. He indicated that he would soon be bringing together representatives of CIAU, senior levels of university administration, national sport bodies and Sport Canada to discuss in greater depth and detail proposals for an athletic scholarship program.

The AUCC Board of Directors discussed the Sport Canada proposal at its meeting on June 25 and referred the matter to its ad hoc committee on interuniversity sports for review and recommendations.

3.2 Copyright Act Gets Overhaul

The government has introduced legislation bringing the Copyright Act into the computer age. The Act has been more or less legislatively dormant for 63 years. But with the technological progression from radio through television, photo copying, video taperecorders, computers, satellites and the like, the Act has been long due for a major overhaul.

Under the amendments package, computer programs will be defined as literary works and will be eligible for full copyright protection for the life of the creator plus 50 years.

However, those persons who legally possess a computer program will be allowed to alter it to suit their personal needs or to adapt it without infringing copyright.

Limited making of back-up copies will be allowed, which, in effect, is legalizing what has become standard practice in the industry.

The new legislation cracks down on commercial piracy of films, records and computer software. The current penalties which range from \$10 per copy to a limit of \$200 per transaction will be replaced by penalties for a summary conviction of a maximum fine of \$25,000 or up to six months in prison, or both.

Penalties for an indictable offence will be a maximum fine of \$1 million or up to five years in prison, or both.

Any person who sells, distributes exhibits or imports for sale any infringing copy of a work will be guilty of an offence.

3.3 Continue as Network, Després Says

The universities, schools and institutes that make up the Université du Québec should strengthen their collaborative efforts and continue to work as a network, says a recently released report on the future of the university. The report was issued by a task force appointed last year by the provincial government and headed by former Université du Québec president Robert Després. Contrary to a recommendation made in 1984 by another group, the Després task force rejected the idea of any special status or autonomy for the Université du Québec à Montréal. Instead, UQAM should use its professional and technical resources to contribute to the "vitality" of the entire Université du Québec network, and not just to the Montreal area, the task force says. Among the 44 recommendations made by the group: more emphasis on general rather than specialized university programs; a special grant to the universities of Chicoutimi, Rimouski and Abitibi-Témiscamingue to compensate for increased costs due to their distance from major centres; and the establishment of an internal committee to oversee the development of joint services and activities within the university network.

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Le Groupe Després: Maintenons L'UQ En Réseau

Les universités, écoles et instituts qui constituent l'Université du Québec devraient resserrer leur collaboration et continuer à fonctionner en réseau, selon un rapport récent sur l'avenir de

l'université. Le rapport émane du groupe de travail que le gouvernement de la province a formé l'an dernier et que dirige l'ancien président de l'Université du Québec Robert Deprés. Contrairement à une recommandation formulée en 1984 par un autre groupe, celui-ci rejette l'idée d'accorder un statut particulier ou l'autonomie à l'Université du Québec à Montréal. L'UQAM devrait plutôt utiliser ses ressources professionnelles et techniques pour contribuer à la "vitalité" du réseau tout entier et non seulement dans la région de Montréal. Parmi les 44 recommandations, mentionnons: plus d'insistance sur des programmes généraux plutôt que spécialisés; des subventions spéciales aux constituantes de Chicoutimi, Rimouski et Abitibi-Témiscamingue pour compenser des coûts de fonctionnement plus élevés en raison de leur éloignement des grands centres et enfin, la création d'une commission interne chargée de la mise en commun de services et d'activités au sein du réseau universitaire.

3.4 British Columbia Announces New Student Aid Programs

British Columbia Minister of Advanced Education and Job Training Stanley Hagen recently announced new student financial assistance programs which will among other things reduce the student debt to \$12,000 for students who successfully complete a postsecondary program; provide new equalization funds to assist first and second year students who must live away from their families; provide parents with tax breaks for education savings; match private donations to scholarship/bursary endowments; and provide financially needy students with summer employment vouchers.

The package was developed by the provincial government in response to a recent comprehensive review of student assistance programs.

3.5 Ontario Budget Promises Interest Relief Plan for Students

In his budget statement of May 20, Ontario Treasurer Robert Nixon acknowledged that "accessibility to postsecondary education can be hindered by concern over the rising burden of loan repayment facing students upon graduation." To respond to this concern, the government will introduce a new interest relief plan for those having difficulty repaying Ontario student loans. Mr. Nixon noted that "unlike the Canada Student Loans plan, Ontario's plan will be closely geared to the graduate's actual income." Ontario will ask the federal government to extend its interest relief provisions to graduates in low-paying, part-time, and internship positions.

In addition to the interest relief plan, the government will assist 1,000 "highly qualified graduate students from outside Canada by reducing their tuition fees to the level for domestic students." the budget sets aside \$5 million for this purpose.

4 READING OR REFERENCE

4.1 National Universities' Week 1987: Canadian Higher Education Speaks Its Mind

This fall universities across Canada will mount a nationwide program to show Canadians why investing in higher education makes good sense. During National Universities' Week 1987, October 24 to November 1, the 83 members of the Association of Universities and Colleges of Canada will be inviting the public to open houses, lectures, exhibits and other special events in an effort to underscore the importance of higher education to community, regional and national development.

Kenneth L. Ozmon, President of Saint Mary's University and co-chair of the program's organizing committee, explains the reason behind the week. "Universities are an important part of the day-to-day lives of all Canadians", said Ozmon. "We may not always see the connection between the work going on in our universities and our own well being--as individuals and as a society. This program is simply a means of helping people make those connections."

The week is a cooperative effort of national, regional and provincial university associations, national faculty and student organizations and the Public Affairs Council on Education. In addition to the special events that are being planned for individual campuses, a series of nation-wide initiatives are being undertaken by the week's organizing committee around the theme "Investing in our future". These include television and radio public service announcements, special supplements to major news publications and a program of public speaking engagements by university presidents.

Ozmon says public interest in higher education and related issues--particularly research--is growing. He says universities may eventually need to translate that interest into political action.

"For the past decade or so, higher education right across Canada has been harmed because of insufficient levels of support", says Ozmon. "Universities have done their best to keep up with increased demand--both in terms of teaching and research--with inadequate funds. This is a situation that cannot go on indefinitely and if it continues, we're going to have to make Canadians see higher education as an election issue. We're confident that Canadians have the foresight to know that eating next year's seed crop is a false economy. We're also confident that when they understand how inadequate levels of university funding are affecting their own future and the future of this country, they'll be ready to tell their politicians it's time to rethink priorities."

For more information contact: Mark Giberson, Information Officer, AUCC, 151 Slater Street, Ottawa, K1P 5N1 (613-563-1235 ext. 238).

Semaine nationale des universités 1987:
Le Secteur de L'enseignement supérieur au Canada dit ce qu'il pense

L'automne prochain, les universités d'un bout à l'autre du Canada mettront sur pied un programme d'envergure nationale pour faire voir aux Canadiens pourquoi il en vaut la peine d'investir dans l'enseignement supérieur. Durant la Semaine nationale des universités 1987, du 24 octobre au 1^{er} novembre, les 83 membres de l'Association des Universités et Collèges du Canada inviteront le public à des journées de visite, des conférences, des expositions et autres événements spéciaux dans l'intention de souligner l'importance de l'enseignement supérieur pour le développement communautaire, régional et national.

Le Recteur de l'Université de Montréal et coprésident du Comité organisateur du programme, M. Gilles Cloutier, explique la raison qui motive la Semaine. "Des sondages d'opinion effectués récemment révèlent qu'il existe, partout au pays, un ample appui du public à l'égard des universités. Toutefois, certains de ces mêmes sondages donnent à entendre que les Canadiens n'ont pas une idée absolument claire de l'envergure de l'entreprise universitaire. Le programme susmentionné vise à relever ce degré de compréhension."

La Semaine est une entreprise à laquelle collaborent les associations nationale, régionales et provinciales d'universités, les organisations nationales de professeurs et d'étudiants ainsi que le Conseil des affaires publiques pour l'éducation. Outre les événements spéciaux prévus pour les divers campus, le Comité d'organisation de la Semaine est en train de mettre en branle une série d'initiatives d'envergure nationale, qui s'inspirent du thème "Assurons l'avenir". Il s'agit notamment d'annonces d'intérêt public à la télévision et à la radio, de suppléments spéciaux dans de grandes publications d'information et d'un programme de conférences publiques prononcées par des recteurs d'université.

M. Cloutier mentionne que lui-même et ses collègues sont encouragés par l'attention accrue que les media accordent à l'enseignement supérieur et à la recherche. A son avis, cette attention reflète un intérêt grandissant de la part du public à l'égard des réalisations du Canada dans les domaines de la recherche et du développement.

Selon le mot de M. Cloutier, "Les gouvernements de notre pays n'ont pas accordée une priorité particulièrement élevée à l'enseignement supérieur et à la recherche. En conséquence, l'aptitude des universités à répondre aux demandes accrues, tant au chapitre de l'enseignement qu'à celui de la recherche, s'en est trouvée lésée. La situation au Canada, en ce qui concerne l'appui à la recherche est de beaucoup inférieure à celle de nos partenaires commerciaux internationaux et il devient de plus en plus évident que les répercussions économiques et sociales de ce genre de politique sont graves. A mesure que nos concitoyens comprendront mieux l'importance des universités pour leur avenir et celui de notre société, nous croyons qu'ils seront davantage portés à dire aux politiciens qu'il est temps de changer de politique."

Pour obtenir de plus amples renseignements, communiquer avec M. Mark Giberson, Agent d'information, AUCC, 151, rue Slater, Ottawa, K1P 5N1 (613-563-1236, poste 238).

4.2 Cross Canada

York University has sold 20 acres of campus land to a local developer who plans to build a residential community. The university will receive about \$33 million for the land, thereby providing some of the capital required for its own program to build academic, recreational and student housing facilities.

The University of Saskatchewan will disband its college of home economics by July 1, 1990. Although the college's nutrition and dietetics program will be retained and transferred to another college, the family and consumer studies division will be phased out over the next three years. Students already enrolled in the program will be allowed to complete their degrees. Internal and external academic reviews of the college has found the program "inappropriate for current conditions".

Xerox Canada and NSERC are each contributing about \$500,000 over five years to set up an industrial research chair in McGill University's chemistry department. Appointed to the chair is Robert Marchessault, vice-president of research at Xerox. Dr. Marchessault says his priority will be the development of new paper products for Canada's pulp and paper industry.

The Technical University of Nova Scotia has begun a major research project in fibre optics communications. The project is being funded by grants of \$250,000 each over three years from NSERC and Bell-Northern Research.

The National Research Council will build a \$10.6 million wave generation at NRC's Institute for Marine Dynamics located on the Memorial University campus. The wave generator will simulate the ocean environment to allow for scale-model testing. The NRC is providing just over \$7 million toward the project, with another \$3.5 million coming from the Canada-Newfoundland Offshore Development Fund Agreement. Construction of the facility is expected to be completed by June 1990.

Ryerson Polytechnical Institute has established a Centre for Tourism and Hospitality Studies to conduct applied research and provide professional development seminars for companies involved in tourism programs.

Le Tour Du Canada

La York University a vendu 20 acres de son campus à un promoteur local qui veut y construire un ensemble résidentiel. L'université touchera environ \$33 millions qui constitueront une partie du capital nécessaire pour réaliser son propre programme de construction d'installations d'enseignement et de loisir et de logements pour les étudiants.

L'University of Saskatchewan dissoudra son collège d'économie domestique d'ici le 1^{er} juillet 1990. Le programme de nutrition et de diététique sera conservé et confié à un autre collège mais la division des études sur la famille et la consommation disparaîtra progressivement d'ici trois ans. Les étudiants déjà inscrits pourront continuer jusqu'à l'obtention de leur grade. Des examens internes et externes de l'enseignement du collège avaient trouvé le programme "inopportun dans les conditions actuelles".

Xerox Canada et le CRSNG verseront chacun quelque \$500,000 en cinq ans pour créer une chaire de recherche industrielle au département de chimie de l'Université McGill. Le titulaire sera M. Robert Marchessault, vice-président de la recherche chez Xerox. M. Marchessault donne la priorité au développement de nouveaux produits de papier pour l'industrie des pâtes et papiers du Canada.

La Technical University of Nova Scotia a entrepris un grand projet de recherche sur les communications utilisant la fibre optique. Le projet bénéficie de subventions de \$250,000 chacune, réparties sur trois ans, du CRSNG et de Bell-Northern Research.

Le Conseil national de recherches construira un générateur de vagues au coût de \$10.6 millions, à son institut de dynamique marine situé sur le campus de la Memorial University. Le générateur simulera un environnement océanique qui permettra des essais de modèles réduits. Le CNR fournit un peu plus de \$7 millions au projet et \$3.5 millions viendront du Fonds de développement extracôtier Canada-Terre-Neuve. La construction doit être terminée vers juin 1990.

Le Ryerson Polytechnical Institute a fondé un centre d'études sur le tourisme et l'hospitalité où l'on effectuera de la recherche appliquée et donnera des séminaires de perfectionnement professionnel à l'intention d'entreprises qui participent à des programmes de tourisme.

4.3 Admission To Medical Schools Increasingly Difficult

It's getting harder to go to medical school in Canada. The Association of Canadian Medical Colleges reports that about two-thirds of all Canadians who applied to medical school in 1986-87 were rejected. By comparison in 1965-66, almost half of all Canadian applicants were accepted. According to APMC, the number of applicants is increasing rapidly at the same time as faculties of medicine are cutting enrolment. APMC notes that it has never been as difficult to gain admission to a Canadian medical school as it is now.

4.4 Foreign Student Drop Cited As Economic loss

Canada has been losing more than \$70 million a year for the past five years as a result of the decrease in the number of foreign students at its universities, according to a University of Windsor economist.

Professor Reuben Green, who is studying the spending patterns of foreign students, found that they injected more than \$300-million into the economy during the 1984-85 academic year.

The 33,500 foreign university students in 1984-85 spent about \$9,000 each, including tuition fees, and created 7,200 to 9,500 jobs on and off university campuses, the Windsor study says.

The study, which canvassed 400 foreign students at 12 universities across the country, was completed last September and is being prepared for publication in the fall.

It concludes that although taxpayers in most provinces subsidize the cost of educating foreign students, the overall benefits amount to a net gain for Canadians.

The long term cost of adding a student, foreign or domestic, to the university system was about \$4,900 in the 1985-86 academic year. On average, the foreign student fee covered that cost in Ontario and Quebec, but not in other provinces, the study says.

In Quebec, foreign students pay \$4,700 to \$6,200 for tuition, compared with an average fee of \$700 for domestic students, according to the Canadian Bureau for International Education.

In Ontario, foreign fees range from \$3,100 to \$8,400, compared with a domestic fee of \$1,500.

Manitoba, Saskatchewan and Newfoundland do not have differential fees, but most foreign students are in Ontario and Quebec.

The Windsor study says the number of foreign students has been steadily decreasing, while differential fees have continued to rise. Foreign student enrolment has dropped 23 per cent since 1982.

The study suggests that worsening economic conditions in home countries, as well as a decision by the United Kingdom to modify its own fee policy, contributed to dwindling numbers of foreign students.

The authors suggest that it would be "highly undesirable" if other provinces followed the example of Ontario and Quebec and that it would be "a further barrier to the most economically vulnerable of the foreign student population."

The fees already discriminate against foreign students with less money, the study says. Only 2.6 per cent of Canada's foreign university students come from developing countries.

Economically, they contribute to foreign trade and tourism in Canada.

Politically, they are "a virtual army of (goodwill) ambassadors."

4.5 Exchange Opportunity With College In Australia

Noel Burnett is the Registrar at Hawkesbury Agricultural College of Advanced Education, Richmond, New South Wales. He is very interested in trying to arrange for an exchange opportunity with Canada.

His areas of responsibility at Hawkesbury include academic admissions, course development and personnel administration. As Registrar he would be particularly interested in gaining some insights and experience in strategic planning and personnel practices and policy in Canada.

Hawkesbury is more than an agricultural college and therefore it would not be essential for Noel to arrange some sort of exchange or program with an agricultural school.

He can be reached at the College, Postal Code 2753

4.6 University of Toronto Cuts Screening in English Proficiency

Budget cuts have forced the University of Toronto to cut English Proficiency tests used to screen out high school students lacking adequate literacy skills.

The university is eliminating the tests for the arts and science program this fall. But other universities are implementing such tests, saying some Ontario high schools are producing graduates lacking in basic reading and writing skills.

Last year, about 8,500 students wrote the English tests at U of T's St. George, Erindale and Scarborough campuses.

Professor Barry Smith, the vice-dean of the faculty of arts and science, said the university firmly believes there is still a need for entrance tests - faculties of engineering, pharmacy, nursing and physical education will continue to use them - but his faculty "we can no longer afford it."

It costs the faculty \$80,000 to run the tests.

Last year, 11 per cent of students who wrote the entrance tests failed - a rate Smith describes as "shockingly high." The lowest failure rate in the seven-year old tests was the 9.5 per cent recorded in 1983.

Students who failed the test would receive remedial English courses and have 24 months to pass the proficiency examination. About a dozen students each year eventually fail and are barred from continuing in the arts and science program, Smith said.

The entrance test required that students write a 300 word essay answering one of three questions.

The faculty's \$70 million budget, Smith said, sustained a \$1 million cut this year and will be hit with a further \$3 million cut next year.

The faculty is struggling to maintain up-to-date equipment, reduce class sizes and replace retiring professors, said Smith, chairman of the university's English proficiency committee.

Smith stressed, however, writing and communication skills will continue to form part of a student's final mark in the arts and science program.

Students lacking in literacy skills will be urged by professors to take remedial courses, he said.

The university is also counting on the Ontario Academic Course program to produce more literate high school graduates in the coming years. The program replaces Grade 13 in September for university-bound students.

4.7 Reference Material

- a) The fourth edition of the Association of Commonwealth Universities' (ACU) useful booklet, Grants for Study Visits by University Administrators and Librarians has just been released. It contains updated information about sources of money that senior staff at Commonwealth universities may take advantage of for study visits abroad. Its aim is to enable such staff to extend, deepen and share their experience and expertise for the benefit of their home universities. Although the funds for such movement between countries are small (this is the thinnest of the four volumes in the ACU awards series), there are enough sources listed to indicate that the need for increased management skills, greater professionalism and the gaining of wider perspectives is increasingly recognized by both developing and developed countries. Price (English pounds) 3.50. Available from ACU, John Foster House, 36 Gordon Square, London, England WC1H 0PF.
- b) The Canadian Federation of Deans of Management and Administrative Studies (CFDMAS) has just released the 1987 Factbook of University Management and Research: A Statistical Review of the seventies to mid-eighties. This 100 page reference publications shows the changes which have occurred in university based management education over the last 15 years, with emphasis on current information. Its six sections deal with enrolment, degrees, faculty, salary information, research funding and a comparison between U.S. and Canadian management schools, as well as other information about tuition fees and community college management programs. Copies of the 1987 Factbook are available (7.50 for members and \$10 for non members, and U.S. \$10 abroad) from CFDMAS, c/o Faculty of administration, University of Ottawa, 275 Nicholas Street, Ottawa, Ontario K1N 6N5.
- c) "Few issues in higher education are as vulnerable to hearsay, speculation, and uninformed opinion as is student borrowing," say Joseph Marr Cronin and Sylvia Quarles Simmons, editors of Student Loans: Risks and Realities, a new Auburn House book.

In this timely volume, educators, guarantee agency administrators, and state and federal officials analyze such major student loan issues as student indebtedness and repayment of loans.

They evaluate how five other industrialized nations structure grants and education loan programs and confront the challenging problem of extending opportunities for higher education to low income students. The vital need for student counseling, from application for aid to debt management, is discussed, as is a

program for innovative private sector support.

A necessary resource for everyone concerned with higher education issues, Student Loans concludes with recommendations to strengthen the future of the Guaranteed Student Loan program and other sources of financial aid.

Student Loans: Risks and Realities, edited by Joseph Marr Cronin and Sylvia Quarles Simmons. Published August 24, 1987 by Auburn House Publishing Company, Dover, Massachusetts. 192 pages. ISBN 0-86569-165-7 \$24.95 hardbound.

- d) The Secretary of State and Statistics Canada have released A Profile of Postsecondary Students in Canada, a summary of national data from the 1983-84 postsecondary student survey. The survey collected data about basic characteristics of college and university students and as well looked at specific issues including students' income and expenditures, mobility, language usage and interest in Canadian studies. A companion report summarizing provincial data gleaned from the survey is also available. Copies of both are available free from the communications branch, Department of the Secretary of State of Canada, Ottawa, Ontario, K1A 0M5, (819) 997-0055.
- e) The Canadian Association for University Continuing Education (CAUCE) is pleased to announce the publication of the 1987 edition of the Canadian University Distance Education Directory.

This handy reference book summarizes information on degree and non-degree university courses offered through correspondence (including print and audio and video tapes); teleconference (both audio and audio-visual); and computer conferencing.

Indexed by university, the Directory provides background information on the distance education of each university and includes basic information on such matters as admission requirements, application deadlines, course length, and tuition fees. This Directory is designed so that information is easily retrievable, providing an indispensable aid for those concerned with continuing and distance education.

The Directory is available for \$15 from AUCC Publications, 151 Slater Street, Ottawa, Ontario, K1P 5N1.

4.8 Key Porter To Publish University Guide

Hitting the bookstores Sept. 12 was Linda Frum's Guide to Canadian Universities. The book, written by journalist Barbara Frum's daughter, is designed to help prospective students choose the "right" university to attend. Ms Frum bases her comments on such aspects of universities as academic programs, athletic facilities, campus political attitudes, social life, housing, libraries and typical student dress on her visits to 45 anglophone and bilingual universities across the country. The Guide does not include information about French-language institutions;

as well, a number of other AUCC member institutions are not covered. Included in the book are lists such as most (and least) attractive university campus, best (and worst) school spirit and best and (worst) library. The Guide, published by Key Porter Books Ltd., will retail for \$12.95 and will be published in paperback only.

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Key Porter publie un guide des universités

A compter du 12 septembre, on trouvera en librairie Linda Frum's Guide to Canadian Universities. L'auteur, fille de la journaliste Barbara Frum, veut aider les futurs étudiants à choisir la "bonne" université. Mlle Frum fonde ses observations sur des points tels que les programmes d'études, les installations d'athlétisme, le climat politique du campus, la vie mondaine, le logement, les bibliothèques et la garde-robe typique des étudiants sur ses visites à 45 universités anglophones et bilingues. Le guide ne mentionne pas les universités de langue française, non plus que divers autres établissements membres de l'AUCC. On y trouve par contre des listes des campus les plus et les moins attrayants, ceux où règne le meilleur ou le plus mauvais esprit, et enfin les meilleures bibliothèques et les plus médiocres. Le guide, publié en édition de poche chez Key Porter Books Ltd., sera vendu \$12.95.

4.9 "Charge It" ... With UWO

The University of Western Ontario has issued its own credit card, available only to UWO alumni, faculty and staff. The "Westerncard", which will incorporate the university's crest and purple and white colors, is actually a Canada Trust MasterCard gold card. The university will receive funds from Canada Trust for each Westerncard issued and for each purchase made with the card. The card, offered for the first time in September, was available at a reduced rate from the usual card fee. According to UWO officials, such affinity bank cards are common in the United States, but Western is the first Canadian university to introduce the card.

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"Portez à mon compte"...à l'UWO

L'University of Western Ontario a maintenant sa carte de crédit, réservée aux anciens, aux professeurs et au personnel. La "Westerncard" qui portera les armoiries et les couleurs de l'UWO, pourpre et blanc, est en fait une carte d'or MasterCard de Canada Trust. L'université recevra une somme de Canada Trust pour chaque carte Westerncard émise et pour chaque achat payé avec la carte. Celle-ci offerte dès septembre, à un tarif inférieur à celui des autres cartes. Selon l'UWO, les cartes bancaires "maison" sont chose courante aux Etats-Unis mais Western est

la première université canadienne qui en ait une.

4.10 So You Want A Day Off !!

LET'S TAKE A LOOK AT WHAT YOU ARE ASKING FOR.

THERE ARE 365 DAYS PER YEAR AVAILABLE FOR WORK.

THERE ARE 52 WEEKS PER YEAR IN WHICH YOU ALREADY HAVE TWO DAYS OFF PER WEEK; A TOTAL OF 104 DAYS, LEAVING 261 DAYS AVAILABLE FOR WORK.

SINCE YOU SPEND 16 HOURS EACH DAY AWAY FROM WORK YOU HAVE USED UP 174 MORE DAYS, LEAVING ONLY 87 DAYS AVAILABLE.

YOU SPEND 30 MINUTES EACH DAY ON COFFEE BREAKS, WHICH ACCOUNTS FOR 16 DAYS EACH YEAR, LEAVING 71 DAYS.

WITH 3/4 OF AN HOUR FOR LUNCH YOU HAVE USED UP ANOTHER 25 DAYS, LEAVING ONLY 46 DAYS AVAILABLE FOR WORK.

YOU NORMALLY SPEND 6 DAYS PER YEAR ON SICK LEAVE, REDUCING YOUR AVAILABLE WORK DAYS TO 40.

WE COMPASSIONATELY GRANT YOU 3 BEREAVEMENT DAYS PER YEAR, AND GIVE YOU 5 ADDITIONAL DAYS IN WHICH TO DEAL WITH DOCTORS, DENTISTS, OPTOMETRISTS, CHIROPRACTORS, REPAIRMEN, SICK FAMILY MEMBERS, MOVING ACTIVITIES, LAWYERS, LOAN MANAGERS, AND OTHER SUCH PROBLEMS, INCLUDING TIME FOR IDLE GOSSIP AND CHATTER, LEAVING YOU 32 DAYS.

WE HAVE 11 STATUTORY HOLIDAYS PER YEAR, SO YOUR WORKING TIME IS DOWN TO 21 DAYS.

WE GENEROUSLY GIVE YOU 20 DAYS VACATION EACH YEAR WHICH LEAVES ONLY ONE DAY AVAILABLE TO WORK AND I'LL BE DAMNED IF YOU ARE GOING TO TAKE THAT DAY OFF TOO!

4.11 **Did it at last**

Second-hand, we hear the story of a proud PhD graduate on the day of convocation late in May was strutting around his living room in the red-and-green gown which goes with that degree, being fussed over and photographed by his proud wife. Proud graduate to six-year old daughter: "Do you know why Daddy is dressed up like this today? And six-year old, who has been listening to Mommy and Daddy's conversation in recent weeks, has no doubt of the right answer, as she looks Daddy straight in the eye: "You got a job!"

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Si oui, veuillez remplir la rubrique ci-dessous et l'adresser à l'éditeur de
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