

# CANADIAN UNIVERSITY PRESS NEWS

## DANGER

**NUCLEAR ENERGY: PLUTONIUM SHIPMENTS COULD ENDANGER MONTREAL AND TORONTO, SAY CRITICS:**

Montreal (CUP) -- Montreal or Toronto could be held for a billion dollar ransom if a shipment of deadly plutonium to Canada were to fall into the hands of terrorists, anti-nuclear critics have warned.

Nine kilograms of plutonium--the key ingredient of the atom bomb--are to be flown secretly to Montreal or Toronto this year from France and Italy for experiments at the Atomic Energy of Canada reactor at Chalk River, Ont.

Fred Knelman, co-founder of the Coalition for Nuclear Disarmament, warns that terrorists could use public documents to build a crude atomic bomb that could flatten either city.

Gordon Edwards, Chairperson of the Canadian Coalition for Nuclear Responsibility, said Canada is a likely target for plutonium thieves because of the country's unfamiliarity with tough security measures. "Something as major as this should be a matter of public accountability," said Knelman.

"One millionth of a gram of plutonium is dangerous."

One one thousandth of a gram, if ingested, could cause death within hours. Only 1.3 kilos were used in the bomb that destroyed Nagasaki in 1945.

## SHORTAGE

**EDUCATION:** Canada will experience severe shortage of researchers unless immediate action taken to attract more Canadian students towards careers in research and development, according to the Natural Sciences and Engineering Research Council.

This NSERC estimate is based on the premise that the Federal Government is committed to spending 1.5 per cent of the gross national product on research and development by 1983.

"Given the current static or decreasing enrolment in masters and doctoral courses at Canadian universities, it will not be possible to meet that growth from Canadian sources within the short time-frame called for. In fact, our R and D

initiatives could be stunted to well below that target unless action is taken immediately," according to the council.

The NSERC estimates that almost 26,000 new researchers will be needed to maintain Canadian research and development within three years. Half of these researchers will require specialized training at the post-graduate level.

The long-term problems in the area of research and development are even more serious.

For a 10 to 15 year period after 1982-83 the number of new faculty appointments will be very low and after 1985-86 they will approach the zero level. This, according to the NSERC, will be due to the decline in enrolment expected to begin in 1982.

Government figures indicate that the number of students will decline from 3.36 million that year to 2.65 million in 1996. After 1996 post-secondary school enrolment is expected to make a slight recovery.

## DAL STRIPPER

**SEXISM: ENGINEERS CANCEL EVENT, RESIDENTS OUTRAGE DALHOUSIE INSTEAD.**

Halifax (CUP) -- Despite the cancellation of the Dalhousie engineers' "Stag and Stein" night, the battle against sexism on campus has just begun.

The engineers had originally scheduled a strip show, but protest by human rights and women's groups on campus was responsible for its cancellation, according to some organizers.

And now the campus is up in arms over a recent party at the men's residence at which a stripper was raffled off.

Education professor Toni Laidlaw, was dismayed at the residents' behaviour in view of the protest over the engineers' proposed bash.

"I'm just wondering why they did it. Weren't they aware of the whole question with the engineers?"

Laidlaw was one of the people behind the protest against the engineers' event.

"It exploits the women doing it and is a slap in the face of all women," she said.

Christine Ball-MacKean, president of the Dalhousie Women's Faculty Organization said the engineering society's desire to bring in the strippers reflects a larger problem of sexism at Dalhousie.

Laidlaw was annoyed at the lack of student response to the two incidents.

"The thing that bothers me the most is why aren't students getting upset? We just can't keep speaking out alone. The students have to start speaking out themselves."

A spokesperson for the men's residence council said the council did not know a stripper would be at the March 8 party.

"This is the first time that a stripper has ever been brought in," he said. The party was private and not sanctioned by the council he added.

The spokesperson did not think the party was harmful. "The people who organized it didn't mean any harm. We need some more spirit in the hall and they wanted something a little different for entertainment.

C.O. Norwood, dean of men's residence, said some disciplinary action might be taken against the organizers and expulsion is a possibility.

## MEN BANNED

**STUDENT HOUSING: MEN PROHIBITED AT SAINT VINCENT:**

Halifax (CUP) -- Despite protest from students, men will not be allowed to visit female students in their residence rooms at Mount Saint Vincent U. The university's board of governors voted unanimously Feb. 21 to endorse the decision of the university's corporation, the Sisters of Charity. The Corporation believes the students' request, that men be permitted to visit residence rooms, is contrary to the moral, ethical and religious codes of the Sisters of Charity. The Corporation's statement says, "The civic community still identifies Mount Saint V. University with the Sisters of Charity and because of this they have certain expectations of this university, especially in the area of ideals and values." It further states that "persons who come to the Mount do so knowing its philosophy and objectives as well as its regulations."

## TENURE BAD

**EDUCATION: TENURE MAY LOWER QUALITY OF EDUCATION SAYS OFS**

Toronto (CUP) -- Tenure for post-secondary professors may lower the quality of teaching at universities, says Ontario Federation of Students (OFS) Chairperson Chris McKillop.

Speaking at Toronto McKillop said the tenure system which grants job security to professors may be a detriment to universities because tenured professors are seldom dismissed.

"There is little incentive to improve teaching once tenure is granted," said McKillop.

Michael Finlayson, president of the University of Toronto Faculty Assoc, said U of T faculty members must undergo a rigorous review to become tenured. He said the criteria for the granting of tenure includes achievement in research, effectiveness in all aspects of teaching, assessment of possible future development and university participation.

While Finlayson did say that tenured professors can be dismissed for extreme delinquency, he added that they are seldom fired.

Finlayson defended the tenure system for guaranteeing academic freedom during research.

"In the course of their research (a professor) will not be dismissed for propagating controversial views," he said.

Although he said administrations should not have the right to dismiss faculty members without justification, McKillop thought incompetent professors should not be allowed to continue to teach.

The OFS is calling for mandatory reviews of tenured professors every five years and stronger instructional programs to aid professors in maintaining their teaching abilities. University professors do not undergo formal training.

Professor Charles Pascal, director of the Ontario University Program of Instructional Development, said tenure may be misused to protect poor teaching and research. He said universities have not made good use of the system.