

Malaysian focus

By EDDIE TANG
A Point to Ponder

A small percentage of the students at UNB consists of students from Malaysia and they are students on visa and as the idea goes, here for educational purposes. Have thoughts ever been given to such a minor group of students striving to survive in Fredericton? I have and in my opinion it's not up to what should be expected of them attending such a high institute of education.

I am positive this is not the first question of this nature published. I have read a few articles which have already said most of what I have to say. I would like to add to the collection of opinions that things have changed, not for the better but for the worse.

Being a small part of the population of UNB as well as of Fredericton, we should live in harmony and be united. It has never happened and is due probably to some external factors such as academic competition. Have thoughts been given as to whether are we learning or are we just being programmed for a function that awaits us in the real world? Are we, as was said by a fellow UNB student, functioning as, "3L's, lectures, lunch, library or vice versa" or are most of us having the, "who cares!" attitude? Isn't there any more curiosity inside us to urge us to strive for social awareness? Is it just "follow-the-leader" or is it the thought of being stamped political? I quote: "... social awareness which many would classify as politics. Social awareness... to learn and seek for truth..." from a previous article by an M.A. student. Therefore are we willing to accept things, even though we are dissatisfied, without questions raised?

What most of us are filled with is the stomach for gossip as well as the formation of cliques. Is this the type of harmony we want while being far away from home? If it is then, it would be better to stay at home and it's definitely a lot cheaper! We lack the spirit of unity. Why have all the activities, no one participates anyway. Are we willing to see the very society (MSS) that is striving to unite us, be beaten in every effort? Is there no sense of pride in us or are we ignorant of such activities? What has been said so far can concisely and precisely describe our attitude: APATHETIC. Is there no altruistic feeling among us?

If that is what education instills in us, it would be better to be uncivilized than to be able to be given the power to think and not fully utilize it! Is it a taboo to be friendly, sociable, united, live in harmony and peace? That is the main objective of this society to achieve that part of the hierarchy of social relationships but what a wasted effort.

It is about time we become aware of ourselves and our faults, no one can do it but only you yourselves. So please show some sense of "muhhibah" or "unity" in ourselves. Isn't that the theme we seek on the day of independence, August 31st, 1957. As a fellow Malaysian I can only say that I am very disappointed by the attitude of the majority of us. My intention as a friend is to try to change that attitude. Let us live in unity and be harmonious. As we all know "unity is strength."

If there are any viewpoints, the pleasure would be mine to hear it but if it just mere "telling off", it would be better to save your time.

Orientation will welcome frosh personally

By DEBORAH GENEAU

Members of this year's Orientation Committee will be welcoming 82-83 Freshmen to UNB through personal correspondence.

The second general meeting of the Orientation Committee was held last Sunday evening in Tilley 303 where new members of the committee were assigned with names and addresses of next year's frosh.

The purpose of this correspondence is to add a personal element between the committee and potential freshmen. The general idea of the letter is to provide the freshman with an idea of what Orientation week involves, advice as to fall living arrangements, be they residence or off-campus plans.

The main goal of this correspondence proceeding is to let freshmen know there are

students here willing to help them with whatever questions or problems they may have. The Orientation Committee is more than an anonymous organization of unfamiliar faces.

Student participation in the Orientation Committee is good with approximately 100 upperclassmen donating their time and energy to welcoming, but not initiating the fall freshmen.

Arms race lecture planned

By HELEN THOMAS

The tense situation in the world today must worry everyone. Although both the U.S.S.R. and the U.S. have enough weapons to kill us all many times over, both worry about being "behind" in the arms race, and President Reagan has declared his willingness to forego a balanced budget (his chief electoral promise) so that he can "buy peace for the rest of this century". He will "buy peace" by spending eighteen percent more on destructive weapons this year than he did last year (*Gleaner*, March 3rd).

Canada, meanwhile, has renounced the use of nuclear weapons, and will neither possess them for its own military, nor have them stationed on Canadian soil (*Gleaner*, Feb. 26th, Alan MacEachern). Our country is not quite as innocent as this makes us seem however. Our industry contributes to the United States' production of nuclear weapons: most significantly, perhaps, Litton Systems Canada Ltd. of Rexdale, Ontario, makes the guidance system for the insidious first-strike weapon, the Cruise missile.

Dorothy Rosenberg is a

woman who has immersed herself in the facts and figures of the nuclear build-up and the current growth of the peace movements in both Europe and North America. A consultant with the National Film Board, she calls herself a community animator, and lectures frequently on peace, the environment, and women's issues. She

has been a long-standing member of the Voice of Women, Project Ploughshares and the Canadian Committee for Nuclear Responsibility.

Dorothy Rosenberg will be lecturing and leading a discussion on Sunday, March 14th at 2 p.m. at the Monsignor Boyd Family Centre. There will be free babysitting available.

Student forum held

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He concluded there are no cuts in post-secondary education that can be made. The universities have been underfunded for almost a decade, he said, and any further cuts would start cutting flesh.

Gerard Finnan also made the same points. He said some of the best professors are in dire danger of losing their jobs. Some of these are untenured professors, who inherently work harder because

they are in a much higher risk of being laid-off.

Finnan announced a major march to the legislature on March 23, the day the legislature opens. He said he is meeting Sunday with the other university SRC presidents and that the march will be very well organized. Between 1500 and 2500 students are needed, he said.

André Faust said if cutbacks are made, universities will be "only a place for the rich, not for the poor."

WOMEN'S RESIDENCES

The Women's Residences at U.N.B. will have one or more vacancies for Dons during the 1982-83 session.

Interested persons are invited to contact Mrs. J.P. Kidd, the Dean of Women, for more information before March 31.
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