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For West Indians, explained Ojah, having fun means going to parties, not sitting around playing cards. He felt that the small size of the university also made it more difficult. He thought that moving students into one residence was a good idea except that, as Mrs. Stocker said, it upsets things when people have to move out for three weeks. Said Ojah: "The whole big deal is that the university is closed down for the Christmas holidays, and when the university closes down, the whole campus goes down." His final suggestion was maybe some broads can volunteer to keep the boys happy over the Christmas holidays."

Henry Chong, head of the Chinese Students Association, suggested that even if people would take some students let them stay in their homes over Christmas it would really be fine." He said "Needless to say, they get very homesome at Christmas." Chong thought the idea of a package meal plan for the nation would meet with approval.

He thought it would be a good idea to have one party on campus at Christmas, one at New Year's, and one or two in between. He also approved of the idea of a skating party. His association obtains money from the SRC for an annual

Christmas party. This year, approximately \$120 is to be used in this manner.

Chong said that many of the approximately 65 members of his association travel at Christmas, if they can afford it. Some of the popular destinations are Toronto, Montreal, and the Northeastern United States. He has spent Christmas breaks both on and away from campus, and said it gets "pretty quiet" around here. He suggested that trips to places such as Northern New Brunswick be arranged, and added that the participants would be willing to help finance such a venture. He said that in the three years he has been at UNB, he has never once been in the northern part of the province.

James Dashe, like Henry Chong, said that things get "very quiet" at UNB during the Christmas vacation and that he stays indoors most of the time. Dashe is head of the African Students Union.

He said it would be "quite helpful" if foreign students received invitations to Fredericton homes and had a chance to meet some people. At the present, said Dashe, "there isn't anywhere to go, isn't anything to do." He said that a couple of years ago, members of the staff had asked foreign students to their homes. Or another occasion, high school

students had entertained foreign students at a church hall. Schemes like this provided some good entertainment.

Dashe approved of the idea of having pubs or skating parties during the break, but felt that staging a pub would not be easy. He thought that Mrs. Stocker's party last year was okay, considering she had to arrange it herself.

About 30 of the African Students' Union's 45 members stay here at Christmas. Some travel, said Dashe, but very few leave the province. The students who stay here sometimes get together in each others houses for parties.

Would the package meal plan be a good suggestion? "I think quite a few would be interested," said Dashe. He said that the Christmas buffet provided by Saga last year was a "very weak arrangement" and that the food was very cool.

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Obviously, Christmas isn't very merry for UNB's foreign students. Let's hope that this year, the SRC, the students in general, and the citizens of Fredericton can alleviate this situation.

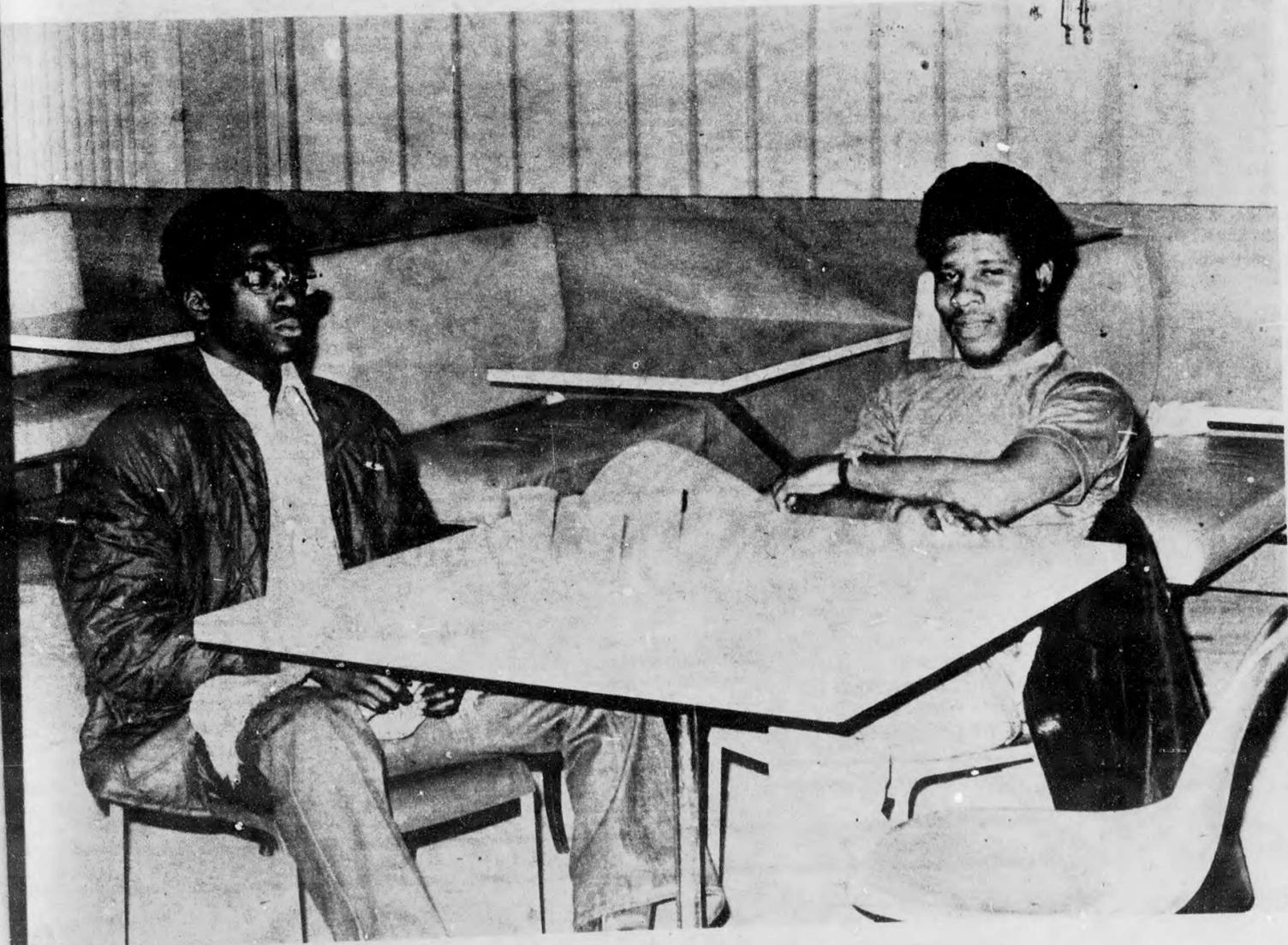


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