

October 3, 1975.

People have wrong attitude towards development says Simms

The chance to step outside one's usual perspective, said Dave Simms, is the most valuable reward of working in a developing country.

Simms returned Sept. 3 from a three-month assignment in Lesotho—an 11,000 square-mile sovereign enclave in South Africa—with Canadian Crossroads International.

The assignment, he said, was an opportunity for cheap travel but more importantly promoted introspection and a different view towards North American values.

"Many people have the mentality that North American civilization is superior to most others, I'm convinced," he said. "This means we end up looking at other civilizations using the North American values which we've been

raised on and this retards our understanding of what is really going on in these places."

A major precept of Crossroads, he said, was the necessity for volunteers to be well prepared before entering another culture. Volunteers go with the idea that they will "set the world on fire" and overcome problems which are complex and existed for a long time, he said.

Inevitably these people are frustrated, said Simms, and this leads to bitterness and contributes to the downfall of several development schemes. This is avoided in the Crossroads experience due to the short-term nature—three to 10 months—of the assignments.

Orientation by the organization

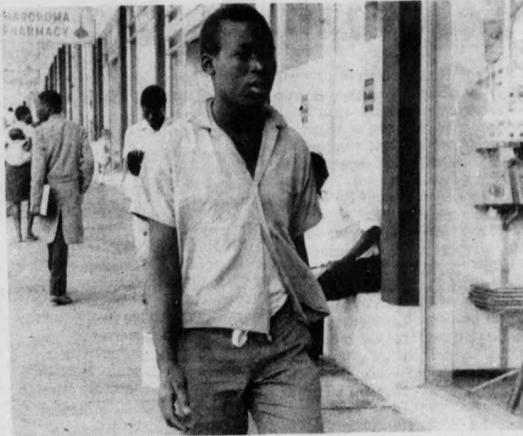
attempts to have the volunteer engage in cross-cultural experiences and attempt to appreciate and learn about the values and mores which exist in another culture rather than adopt the mentality of being an altruistic developer, said Simms.

"Once we attempt to look at something through a perspective other than the one which North American society promotes, we are better able to see ourselves and our own society—and the good and bad in both," he said.

Simms said the change in his attitude after returning from Africa convinced him that development had a meaning for individuals in both the developed countries and the Third World.

Canadian attitudes towards these countries as reflected in individual attitudes and in foreign policy on aid and development indicate that "most know little about the Third World let alone have internalized a development mentality," he said.

"For instance, the United States and Canada are still pumping food aid into Lesotho. No one is starving there—in fact, there's virtually no poverty—but it still keeps coming



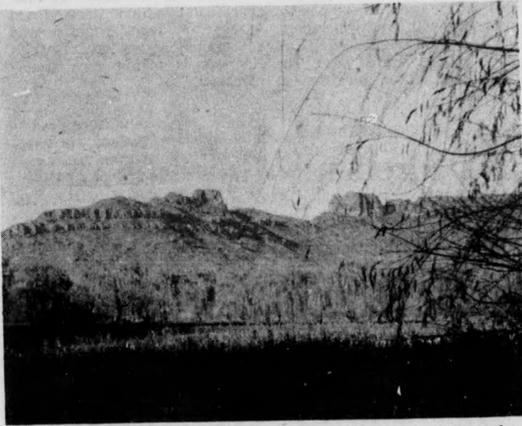
According to Dave Simms, North Americans have the wrong ideas about third world countries and overseas development and aid. He went to Lesotho last summer with Crossroads International.

"All that's accomplished, really, is that people end up working for food aid rather than for themselves. North Americans sit back and feel good when they hear that we're food aid and still don't know or care much about development."

Food aid is a program which channels staples to development projects in Third World countries and these schemes get necessary labor done by paying workers with

this food. Crossroads, he said, is attempting to change the attitudes which exist among North Americans.

The organization is recruiting for volunteers for 1976, he said, with applications deadline set for Oct. 13. He said any interested individuals—students or non-students—could contact him at The Brunswickan office in room 35 of the Student Union Building or call 453-4983.



University of New Brunswick student Dave Simms went to Lesotho, a landlocked country in the middle of South Africa, last summer with Crossroads International. Although there were subtle cultural differences, he said, their lifestyle is surprisingly like ours.

Student's father forced to borrow

By DAVE SIMMS

A man whose parental contribution on his daughter's student loan application the provincial government assessed at \$1,028 has had to borrow to meet that contribution.

The contribution—originally calculated as \$3,970 but lowered to \$1,028 after appeal—had to be paid by Justus Wright if his daughter Janet, a University of New Brunswick nursing junior, was to receive her student loan of \$1,150. The Brunswickan Sept. 19 ran a story saying that her original request for \$1,865 had been turned down due to the government assessment of her father's income for 1975.

She appealed Sept. 22 and three days later assistant aid director W. T. White wrote to tell her they had reconsidered but that the decision was subject to "verification" or a check of her parents' 1975 income tax return.

She said she was grateful for the loan but was opposed to the idea of the parental contribution. Her father, a Victoria County potato farmer who this year lost money due to a poor crop which affected

potato farmers throughout New Brunswick, had to borrow on his retirement fund to meet his required contribution.

"I'm not ungrateful for the loan," she said, "but I'm still very disturbed that my father had to do what he did."

She said she had "no idea" on what basis the government had changed the calculation over 74 per cent.

White said Wednesday the appeal had been changed due to their assessing Wright's gross income for this year on his

statement about expected earnings rather than making a judgement on the basis of the 1974 figure, as they had done previously.

He said the parental contribution was not always necessary for someone to get a loan and that it depended on several factors which the department took into consideration.

Janet said by the end of this year she would have debts of \$3,000 to her father and almost \$3,200 to the province. "I don't think that's really fair," she said, "and it's going to take a long time to pay off."

New association formed

By JAMIE INGREY and LINDA WESTMAN

An international association of students was formed at a meeting September 21. The Associations main aim will be "to promote and foster social and cultural relationships between Canadian and Foreign Students" according to co-ordinator Ashoki Sujanani.

The meeting was attended by a "fair number" of foreign students. Although only three Canadian students were present, Sujanani hopes that, as the association receives more publicity and exposure, more will join.

Last year, Dean of Students Barry Thompson attempted to form a similar association, but due to lack of interest and a late start, it did not succeed in becoming

established.

The main purpose of the meeting was to form a steering committee and to discuss holding a pub before the next meeting. A constitution was drafted at a subsequent meeting of the steering committee. A date for the pub, Friday October

3, was also decided upon.

Mrs. Joyce Stocker, the overseas Students Advisor, and Dr. Passaris co-ordinator of the Canadian University Service Overseas, have both voiced support for the association.

The next general meeting will be held October 5, at two o'clock in room 26 of the SUB. The constitution will be presented and nominations will be accepted for the executive positions of the association.

National union gets support

The UNB students' union gave financial support to the tune of \$800 to the National Union of Students last summer, it was learned at last Monday's regular Student Representative Council meeting.

Council president Warren McKenzie said the money was awarded by a decision of the executive committee. Seven hundred dollars of the money is in the form of an interest free loan which must be paid back by July, 1976 and the other \$100 is a grant.

McKenzie said that other non-NUS members made loans and grants and that NUS members made contributions as large as \$6,000.

NUS's original request was for all grant.

This money will go to pay overhead costs until NUS dues are collected.

Housing survey coming

By DUC DOHERTY

The Dean of Students advisory committee on housing is now preparing for a survey that will begin circulation on or about the twentieth day of this month. This is the annual housing survey, which is processed and conducted by the Accommodations Office.

In an interview with Mrs. Helga Stewart, accommodations officer she stressed that objective input by the student body is imperative to the success of the survey and the

formation of decisions resulting from this study.

In the meantime, if you have any disputes or grievances concerning accommodations, the place to go is the accommodations office in McLaggan Hall, she said.

This office is open throughout the year to aid student complaints, but it is still very important that students complete the coming survey, Stewart said. Your future accommodation problems could be eased by your initiative in this respect, she said.

Only one candidate nominated

Only one person had filed nominations for any the 13 positions up for election on the Students' Representative Council by last Wednesday night said returning officer and science representative Kevin Garland. So far, one person is running for the education seat.

Other seats to be contested are vice-president, two Arts seats, one engineering seat, one nursing seat, one forestry seat, one science seat, one half term physical education seat, one half term post-graduate seat, and one half term business seat.

Garland said that persons interested in running for any of these positions should "get their asses in gear."

About 12 polls will be set up around campus.

October 22 is the date for the election. Those who desire to use Graphic Services to produce posters should have their material in Don Peacock's office not later than 5 p.m. October 6. This work will hopefully be finished by the 14th. Any later work will have a slim chance of being done for 2 weeks.

THE BRUNSWICKAN would like to apologize for inaccuracies in last week's paper.

One mistake was made on page one, in the story concerning the Student Union Building mortgage payments. We regret that the story inferred that UNB comptroller S.S. Mullin was responsible for the mistake.

SRC comptroller Wencelous Batanyita had admitted the mistake originated in his office.

The overpayment was \$17,000, not \$25,000, the figure which was quoted in last week's paper.

We would also like to apologize for any misconceptions which may have been caused by the headline of the story about the appointment of the entertainment chairman on page five.

Applications committee chairman Bill Gould said he did not mean to infer that previous entertainment chairman Gary Wood was "weak" in his position.