SINGAPORE: An Island Done Sunny Side Up







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The tiny republic of Singapore has often been described in ourely economic terms: one of the Four Dragons of the East; an ecodeveloping country that made it, late, the government has made a etc. Yet, there is another side to sincere effort to promote cultural this little nation that rarely gets development. Consequently, Sintural fabric and great culinary de- the international cultural scene lights. Unknown to many tourists, as a patron of the arts, Singapore offers an ideal mixture often playing host of the old and the new. It is truly to various gathe point where East meets West, las and festiwhere rustic charm blends easily vals. with ultra modernity to form a tropical haven for a balanced life- dition to

Tucked away in the middle of tural Southeast Asia, Singapore flour-richness, ished as an important port-of-call Singapore for several centuries. And in the can best be process, its society was moulded described as a by the infusion of some major cul- true food paradise. tural influences. Today, what seems With countless fast food the island is the close and casual otic restaurants and quaint cafes, it interaction between the four main caters to every palate with gastro- as a melting pot of different peocultures, which are Malay, Chi- nomic delights from all corners of ples. Instead, it is a patchwork of nese, Indian and Eurasian (through the world. One could easily settle vibrant cultures which together intermarriage between Europeans for some Chinese Dim Sum in the form a vivid picture of ethnic harcommon to find gold-domed Primavera for lunch, and feast on or a Hindu temple. All major eth- ing is a favourite past time among

nic and religious festivals are honoured as national holidays and celebrated across the island. Although English serves as the country's official language, the ethnic tongues are still widely spoken and taught nomic fairy tale come true; the in school as a second language. Of much media attention: its rich cul- gapore has carved its own niche in

In adits culmost intriguing when one visits joints, open-air food centres, ex- center and a viable free port. To-

and Asians). Hence, it is not un-morning, tuck into a plate of Pasta mosques in all their spledour nes- exquisite Moroccan cuisine in the tled right next to a Buddhist shrine evening. It is no wonder that eat-

most Singaporeans!

With a population of a mere 3 of October 1993, at the SUB cafmillion and devoid of any natural resource, Singapore continues to thrive in a highly competitive international arena where large nations with tremendous political clout dictate the game. Yet, its road to success was not without pitfalls and tragedies. From a backward former British colony with little hope and few prospects, it trans-

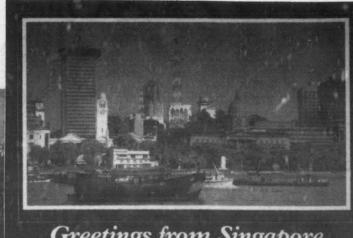
formed itself into a bustling citysheer determination and much hard work. It h a s built a name for itself as an important telecommunications day, Singapore comes across not

> In celebration of this fact, the Singapore Students Association of UNB will be holding an extravaganza called the "Surprising Sin-

gapore 1993" on Saturday, the 2nd eteria from 6:30 pm to 10 pm. Unlike previous years, this event will be a night affair, promising a hearty meal followed by a great show. To impress the audience, the SSA will recreate famous streets from Singapore with some very lively and typically Singaporean characters. Tickets are \$8 or \$10 at the door, and are available at the Student Help Centre. Don't wait until you win the lottery to visit state through Singapore. Come join in the fun and discover the delights that Surprising Singapore has to offer!







Greetings from Singapore