

Blanket liquor license in offing

By SHEEANGH MURPHY

The possibility of a blanket liquor licence which would be under university jurisdiction is presently being considered by the executive of the University of New Brunswick here. Vice-president (administration) Eric Garland said in an interview last week that "the spad work has been done, the decision just has to be made".

He said that last spring the university decided to "wait and see" how the licence recently went at Mount Allison in Sackville and Universite de Moncton, worked out.

Garland said that a licence of this nature would be more work for university personal but one person would probably be in charge of the licence. He indicated that Manager of Food Services and Conferences, Howard Goldburg would be that man.

Garland said the licence is practical in that people who wish to hold a liquor event will not have to personally solicit a liquor licence and buy their own liquor but will instead, apply to the university who will also, once the application has been confirmed supply the liquor.

Stipulations of the licence would include the usual inventories of liquor after each event and university bartenders being used. Garland said that those bartenders would probably be students.

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He does not feel that the university would "move drastically to increase security" and in fact, that a liquor licence of this sort could make money for the university.

Berube said that although organizations would have to hire university bartenders there is no reason that different organizations such as residences cannot have several of their own members trained in that capacity.

He said that officials from Mount Allison and Universite de Moncton have indicated that the new system is working well.

Berube said the Goldburgs contract has a stipulation which indicates he will be in charge of the system. He said that one person being in charge may mean that events will be better co-ordinated, and having five or six pubs on one night can be avoided.

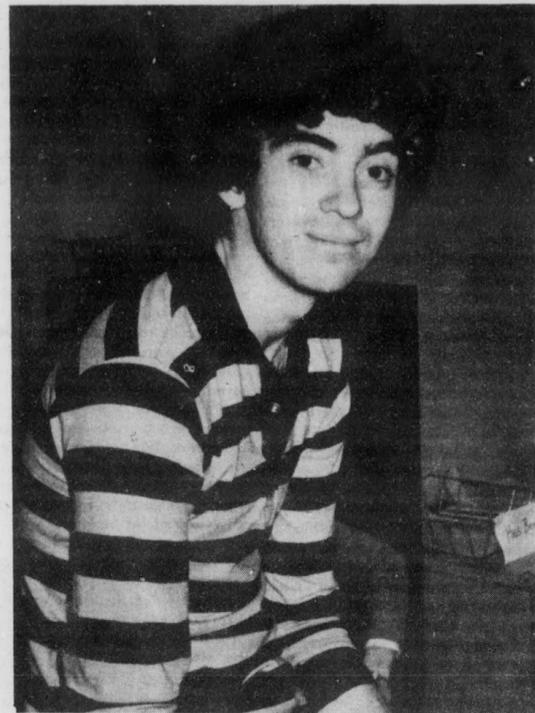


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Foreign students adjust well

By LINDA HALSEY

There are approximately 400 overseas students at UNB this year and according to Overseas Student Advisor, Doreen Kissick, most are

"adjusting well to Canadian life, but added she would like to see "more integration with the foreign students on campus."

The overseas student program is mainly concerned with students from developing countries who do not supply their own Universities or have extremely limited enrolment. The majority of these students come from Europe, China, Venezuela, Nigeria, Malasia, and a few from the United Nations.

Financial means for these students to attend University is often supplied jointly from the Canadian International Underdevelopment Agency C.I.D.A. (in conjunction with the Canadian Government) and the government of their country, however in some cases, their government will finance all expenses, stipulating a specific job they will return to after their degree is completed. Kissick stated that "a few" of the students parents have paid the bills and often "go into debt" to ensure their son or daughter receives a "good education." Included in this category are the majority of students from Malasia, China and Europe.

The majority of overseas students get "good marks" according to Kissick who adds, "that's quite good considering their second language is English." The Student Advisor said that students must be able to speak English and pointed out that this year Venezuelan students attended and English school in Ontario for a year before they were even permitted to go to a University in Canada.

Most overseas undergraduates reside in Canada for 4 years until the completion of their degree. The majority of these students do not go home during these 4 years which is, according to Kissick, "very difficult for them, since most are very close to their families." These students either can not afford to go home or remain during intercession, taking extra courses to complete their degree earlier. None of the overseas students are permitted to work in Canada, however summer jobs involved with their related field of study is occasionally obtained in their own country which enables some to return home for the summer months.

Kissick said that it is a "very difficult time for a foreign student in Canada, especially in first year," but added that most of the students are adjusting well to the "different" culture, language, food, climate, and people of this country.