

The Foreign Student (from page 11)

first write to External Aid for authorization to work outside of their studies, and then Immigration and Manpower secondarily authorize or withhold authorization upon recommendation of External Aid. Wives of students on External Aid may not work, although many are at this time working illegally. Both Immigration and the University are aware of this, and it was announced on Oct. 1, 1967, that starting in the fall of 1968 there will be a crack-down on illegal employment. Those who are independently financed and are in Canada on a students visa may be authorized for employment by Immigration and Manpower, but again, no regulations can be found other than in the Civil Service Handbook, which may not be released to

the public or apparently not even be seen by the public.

RELIGION

There are problems also concerning religion. Although many foreign students are Christians and have been invited to attend Christian Churches, there are many Moslems and Hindus, and those of other faiths who have no opportunity to worship together, other than privately. A group of Moslems occasionally go to St. John where they meet with other Moslems to worship, but this happens only a few times each year, although worship is very important to devout Moslems.

Another problem is that of student advisors. Although advi-

sors are appointed, most students don't even know who they are, and must turn to friends who are often no better informed than they themselves.

A POSITIVE STEP

Something positive has been attempted by WUSC. At a meeting held in the Tartan Room Sunday, February 25, a number of foreign students (regrettably a small number) aired their complaints to Mr. Douglas Mayer, National Secretary of WUSC. Many pertinent questions were raised in addition to the question of accommodations. Is there discrimination downtown?

Yes. Foreign students are looked down upon on Queen Street on Friday nights. Salesclerks will not try to understand their accented English, after already having left them waiting for a long time. And those nice ladies who invite foreign students for Christmas dinner, often specify that they want only Christians, or more specifically Presbyterians. And Christmas comes only once a year. But, the foreign students feel (justly or unjustly) that they are only being used by those who want to feel self-righteous — they are victims of dogooders or just conversation pieces. They want friends, not charity. The public attends International Night, but that only drives home the image of exotic savagery. The Nigerians are on

show — they play the drums well — so savage, from the African wilderness — not realizing that when the Nigerians are off their stage they are civilized suit-and-tie gentlemen, like the man who carries his briefcase to work in an office.

WHY?

Why are they asked whether they came to Canada because their home country's education standards are so low? Do people not realize that many foreign universities have higher standards than Canadian universities? Is it not logical, for example, that a Kenyan will come to Canada to learn forestry?

Overseas students are equated with French Canadians in the popular New Brunswick myth of inadequacy, and inferiority. Witness the Frenchman jokes, (or the Italian jokes, or the Polish jokes, or the Hungarian jokes ad nauseum)

Why are not foreign students roomed together in residence if at all possible? Why has the Administration, The Rotary Club, etc., repeatedly turned down appeals to help finance an International House? Why has Mrs. R. Stocker run into to blank walls at all sides for the past four years in this effort?

What is WUSC, as the organization which should be most con-

cerned with foreign students, doing?

Maybe the foreign students themselves are also partially at fault. Maybe they should assert themselves more. Maybe they should join social groups or act to gain their rights. Maybe they should draw attention to themselves and their problems, despite rationalizations that the External Aid Program might dislike their assertions. Although to be even partially accepted he must put forth a great effort, and be an almost undefatigable extrovert, maybe he should put forth this effort.

But the foreign students cannot do this by themselves. The SRC should DO something. The GSA, having the larger foreign student radio should DO something. The PCOS, besides sympathizing unproductively, should DO something.

Lance editor fired again - obscenity

WINDSOR (CUP) — The co-editors of the University of Windsor *Lance* were fired Tuesday, the second time in two months the paper has lost its editors.

Student council Tuesday accepted a board of publications decision to fire Marian Johnstone and Hugh Doyle. The board objected to the language in an editorial and an editorial page column in last Friday's *Lance*.

The editorial discussed religion and the attitudes of their Catholic university towards obscenity and sex. The editorial said religious people and the university authorities wrongly equated the two.

The column, by Frank Sehovic, satirized residence rules and sex. Both the editorial and the column used colorful four-letter words in their examples.

Last January the Senate Committee on Student Conduct, Activities and Discipline (SCAD) threatened to expel editors Marian Johnstone and John Lalor if they did not resign first. They had printed "the student as nigger" and other articles judged obscene by many on campus.

Student council president Joe Bardswich Tuesday asked the board of publications to fire the editors for irresponsibility in printing the two Friday articles and for a third article Sehovic had written two weeks earlier.

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