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Gracious, the STU Executive should give themselves a pat on the back. I wonder if supporting SoundCheck was one of their Campaign promises.

Now, don't get me wrong. I enjoy the CHSR station. I listen to many of its' programs and find it a good change from the "conventional" stations of New Brunswick.

All the programs (along with news) are well done and it's a very professional station. My dial is usually on 97.9.

But SoundCheck" I have problems with it. Another advertising newspaper on campus? I'd worry if I was either the news, entertainment, or especially, the Advertising Manager at both *The Brunswickan* and *The Aquinian*.

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**ETHIOPIA**

In the hillsides and valleys of Ethiopia's mountainous terrain, generations of farmers have developed thousands of unique food crops essential to our diet. In fact, Ethiopian farmers, historically, are world-class plant breeders. A combination of thousands of years of farmer cultivation mixed with an extremely variable topography and climates, has made Ethiopia one of the most important crop gene centres in the world.

After the devastating droughts that hit African countries such as Ethiopia, Ethiopian scientists noticed with alarm, that often the most severely affected crops were those planted in modern imported seed varieties. The genetic uniformity of these imported seeds, their requirements for high cost inputs like chemical fertilizer and pesticides, and their low tolerance for drought and vulnerability to disease, made them especially fragile.

In contrast, traditional seeds known as "landraces" developed over centuries under local conditions proved harder and more tolerant to drought conditions. During the drought period of the eighties, "landraces" were fast disappearing as poor farmers were forced to eat their previous harvest, even that which they had set aside for seed for the next year.



**SEEDS OF SURVIVAL**

Today, Ethiopian farmers are working in conjunction with the Plant Genetic Resources Centre, (PGRC), in Addis Ababa to preserve and enhance their invaluable landraces.

Established in 1988, the Seeds of Survival Program, working out of the PGRC, involves Africans directly in developing and controlling strategies to conserve Ethiopia's rapidly depleting crop genetic diversity. Working with Ethiopian scientists and farmers, the PGRC is



collecting, cataloguing and conserving the remaining genetic diversity of Ethiopia's food plants. The program also relies on the women of the farm families. They are traditionally the ones most familiar with the seeds and able to identify and select the best seeds for replanting.

Local seeds stocks are being built up in each region so that farmers will be able to draw on these supplies of locally adapted seeds in years following a poor harvest.

The Seeds of Survival Program aims to increase "landrace" crop yields by five per cent each year without costly inputs and seeks to share these benefits with other African countries. In Canada, the program seeks to transform the perception of Ethiopia as "basket-case" into that of a "bread-basket."

**TODAY**

Today, 26,000 farming families are involved in the Seeds of Survival program. Local seeds are being planted, crops harvested, seeds selected, catalogued and preserved.

Ethiopian farmers have planted a total of 500 hectares in 18 different locations regenerating the precious landraces, the fruit of generations of nurturing farmers. Next year the farmers plan to double the area under cultivation.



For all landrace material farmers have produced, USC will pay the market price and store it, then redistribute it to farmers for the next planting.

Plans including the ye-eb nut exploration, collection and maintenance in Ethiopia are underway. This rare nut grows in the desert and is very nourishing. This plant could be a valuable potential future crop for drought-stricken countries. Research and development of the ye-eb nut is another important step in the Seeds of Survival Program.



**ETHIOPIAN FARMERS**

Ethiopia is an agricultural country. Farming employs eighty per cent of the country's 48 million people. However, in the face of persistent and severe drought conditions, the ability of Ethiopian farmers to feed their people has declined dramatically over the past decade. It is estimated that agricultural production has grown by only 1.1 per cent, while the population has grown at an average rate of 2.9 per cent.



Ethiopian farmers are now faced with the challenge of feeding their own families, of raising the country's agricultural production and of preserving the rich genetic diversity of their food plants.

Ethiopian farmers are meeting the challenge. Ethiopian agronomist, Hattu Gieta, is working with farming families in Welo and Shewa provinces. Today, farmers are raising their agricultural outputs by planting local drought-resistant seeds.

Ethiopian farmers are rebuilding Ethiopia's food self-reliance capabilities!

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