

## Orientation methods to change

By JOHN HAMILTON  
 Committee orientation draft re-Orientation activities in future years may include fewer pubs, a greater variety of social events and more free time for new students, if recommendations of the Senate Student Services that a major reason for student

### Thailand

## Students demonstrate

Nine months after Thailand's military coup, the country's universities and students are still under strict surveillance according to the news report in "The Times Higher Education Supplement".

The new military regime which seized power in October 1976, came to power after several days of student unrest at Thammasat University. It made it clear that it did not intend to tolerate any form of protest from the country's universities. On October 6, the campus at Thammasat was surrounded by police and right-wing activists; in the subsequent battle many were killed, hundreds wounded and over 3,000 arrested. A few hours after the battle, the coup was announced and the National Administrative Reform Council took charge.

The government has introduced strict censorship of the press and the banning of assemblies of more than five people, and of all political parties. So far, several thousand people, many of them students, have been arrested. Books, pamphlets and newspapers considered subversive have also been seized and burnt.

History shows that since the first mass demonstrations of 1940, students have played an ever increasing active part in Thai politics.

At the end of 1940's, and during the 1950's and 1960's the students' demonstrations dramatically increased. The students were constantly in conflict with the military who have ruled the country on and off under various leaders since Thailand ceased to be an absolute monarchy in 1932.

In 1969, the National Student Centre of Thailand, (NSCT) was formed which was involved in national events and in dealing with student issues. The students had a massive participation in an uprising in 1973 which resulted in the toppling from the power of general Thanon Kittikachorn. When the general returned from exile in the autumn of 1976 the students and the other progressive forces in the country vehemently demanded his expulsion. Using these protests as a pretext the army seized power declaring martial law in the country and abolishing the National Constitution — Thailand's first democratic charter adopted in 1974 — and all political parties and daily newspapers. The regime also reimposed the repressive 24-year-old Anti-communist Law; anyone found guilty of breaking it is subjected to death penalty. These laws are today still in power.

withdrawals from college was poor initiation into university life, both academically and socially.

Other recommendations in the report include:

1) A spring academic advising for all students who expect to return to school in the fall.

2) Informal receptions with faculty advisors, upper classmen from various faculties, parents and freshmen.

3) The scheduling of "Freshmen Beef Nights" during the fall term, to bring problems into the open before situations worsen.

4) Selection of interested and concerned faculty advisors, who will familiarize students with university rules and who will be available to students for certain scheduled hours.

5) First term marks to be made available in sealed envelopes through the faculty advisors, to provide opportunity for discussion and a saving on postage.

6) Pre-registration either in spring or summer, should be considered.

The report is an initial draft, so nothing is finalized yet. Prof. Dwight Scott, chairperson of the sub-committee, would like some feedback on the report. He can be reached in writing through the department of mechanical engineering, Box 4400, Fredericton.

## Space bunny

A Dalhousie Post Graduate student, Kathryn Sullivan has been one of six women chosen by the U.S. space agency who will fly U.S. space shuttles in the 1980's.

Sullivan is a United States citizen whose parents live in Cupertino, California.

This is the first time that women and minority-group members have

joined the astronaut corps. The group of 35 is the largest list of astronauts ever selected and the first group named since 1969.

All of the women, to of the blacks and the Oriental will be among 20 mission specialists in the new astronaut class. The other black is one of 15 pilots named. The National Aeronautics and Space Administration said the new

## TRAVEL TALK



by Brenda Johnston

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BARGAINS AND BAGGAGE is the topic this week so hopefully this will be helpful now that many students have five tripfuls of clothes and books here, to take back home in one trip.

"Air Canada has announced . . . Economy passengers will not be allowed more than two pieces of free luggage with total dimensions for either bag not exceeding 62 inches. Total combined dimensions for the two bags cannot exceed 107 inches. (Weight limit on any bag cannot be more than 70 pounds.) Passengers will be permitted carry-on luggage provided the combined dimensions do not exceed 45 inches and can be stowed under the seat."

Campus Travel is offering a BARGAIN to Fort Lauderdale after exams for two weeks. The price, which includes, air fare, accommodation transfers to and from hotel and cocktail party from FREDERICTON is only \$339.00 plus tax (quad rate). There are only a few seats remaining so please see me soon if you plan to go.

Air Canada has a BARGAIN from Halifax to London . . . it is the new charter class fare but you must book early. You must book at least 45 days in advance though I suggest at least two months. You must also pay at least 45 days in advance and if you change or cancel you loose \$100.00 (unless you buy \$8.00 insurance). Prices from Halifax are as follows until May 17 Mon to Wed \$269.00; Thur & Sun \$279.00; Fri & Sat \$289.00 after May 17 prices increase by \$20.00; after May 31 prices increase an additional \$30.00 from June 22 to July 29 add another \$50.00.

Try to book as early as possible and remember you must stay at least 14 days and no more than 60 days.

Well, that's it for bags and bargains . . . see you next week.

The New Brunswick Coalition of Students will be meeting at Mount Allison University this Saturday.

The meeting is open to any interested persons, and some transportation will be provided. Mt. Allison will be providing a lunch.

For more information contact the SRC office and ask for Susan Shalala.

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astronauts will report July 1 to NASA's Johnson Space Centre in Houston. They will join 27 astronauts already on flight status.

The large number of new astronauts reflects NASA's belief that by 1985 it will be launching as many as 60 space shuttles a year, each with up to seven crew members. (Telegraph-Journal)

### Stice to speak

Jim Stice, director of the Centre for Teaching Effectiveness at the University of Texas at Austin, will be the featured speaker at the University of New Brunswick's Effective Teaching Institute (ETI).

The institute will run April 10-11 at the Alumni Memorial Centre on the Fredericton campus, and participants from several other institutions are expected.

This will be the second time in its seven-year history that the ETI has been led by Prof. Stice, an engineer and authority on improving instruction.

The ETI is sponsored by UNB, the American Society for Engineering Education and the Atlantic provinces inter-university committee on the sciences. The program is geared to teaching situations in post-secondary institutions, and will include lectures and demonstrations by Prof. Stice as well as active workshop sessions.

The cost for the two-day institute, including supplementary materials, two luncheons and a banquet, is \$45.

Information and registration forms are available from Michael Miller, UNB School of Computer Science, P.O. Box 4400, Fredericton, N.B. E3B 5A3.



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