

Hong Kong, Jamaica

COLLEGE LIFE IN OTHER LANDS

Today with more and more emphasis being placed on international relations, it is interesting to note how university students live in other countries. Co-eds from Hong Kong and Jamaica have written articles for this issue, but it would be equally as interesting to hear about India, Italy, Indonesia or any one of the many other countries which have students representing them on the UNB campus.

More Work, Less Drinking

By Kathleen Leung

College is a place to train you to work and to use your time. The college students in Hong Kong are a hard-working group. They have built a good reputation for themselves, and they consider being a university student something to be proud of. It is not easy. The competition is so great that once you get into college you treasure your position very much. Here in Canada people have a much better chance to be a University student, and they seem to take it for granted. If they don't feel like it, they may call it quits at any time and come back again when they feel like it. In Hong Kong you have only one chance and if you don't take it, someone else will.

Perhaps Hong Kong students are a bit out of fashion. Only a small percentage of them drink. They have a far better chance than Canadians for there is no censorship of liquor and it is sold in almost any store. As far as smoking is concerned, it is more or less confined to boys. I had a hard time getting used to staying in a room which is always like a foggy morning in London.

The library at Hong Kong University is really a place for studying. You can even hear the sound of a pin dropping. You can not help but tip toeing. From what I gather from my schoolmates in Hong Kong, no one can talk in the library and the atmosphere seems to separate you completely from the rest of the world. Here the library seems to be a social place . . . a place to get the latest news of the college. You can hear some whispering and queer giggling and occasionally some very interesting conversations.

Groups Popular

Group activity is more popular in Hong Kong — not only the societies and clubs but also in ordinary daily activity. In the holidays, boys and girls gather together and do everything in groups. Here it is a paradise for two — but two only. They build their own small world. It seems like an isolated system to me.

The students here are more creative. They compose their own plays, and write their own music. In Hong Kong the plays the students produce are more or less, the efforts of the professors and the students. The Arts faculty usually presents about four plays a year, frequently works by people like Shakespeare or Camus. They learn and have fun at the same time.

The Canadian University student is more independent. Everybody has his own problems. The University students in Hong Kong are more group conscious. They may solicit the advice of their friends before they decide what to do. They are more or less idealists

Weather Only Real Problem

It is my opinion that West Indians would find very little difficulty in fitting into the "groove" of life "up the hill". Most, if not all, my fellow Tropicanians will probably agree with me when I say our main adjustment is a climatic one — making, of course, the usual exception for nostalgia.

The close fellowship of students at UNB is to me the most outstanding asset of the University. Academically the educational system in North America differs from that in the West Indies, which is based on the English system. At the University College of the West Indies the standard is very high and in the last two years of high school we do much more specialization, taking only four or five courses. Co-educational institutions are very few. Such institutions are, in my opinion, best, as they lessen the degree of adjustment between the sexes which will have to be made in later years.

while the students here believe in action. Canadians make their own plans and change them only after they have run into a stone wall. The student in Hong Kong is much more cautious and would never risk this.

Students Spoiled

The Hong Kong University students are more or less spoiled. They have servants at their beck and call. They don't have to wash their own clothes; all they have to do is press a button and the servant is there. Whenever a friend pays them a visit the servant will serve them soft drinks and ice cream, etc.

Personally I am pleased to be a student here. It is pleasant to be greeted by friendly smiles when I walk "up the hill". Such a thing warms a lonely heart separated from home. The undying patience of the professors encourages one to work harder.

May I conclude this by an excerpt from a letter from a co-ed at Hong Kong University. "Today is Saturday and I am staying in the hostel to study for the coming Math test. Next weekend, I have to study for another test. That means that I will not have been home for exactly a month. Mother will be complaining about that, and I feel guilty myself. But what can I do? I can not study at home and I cannot go home at times other than weekends."

'Blasphemous Student'

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Meanwhile Dr. Kirkconnell said the college plans no further action in the case of writer Fiander.

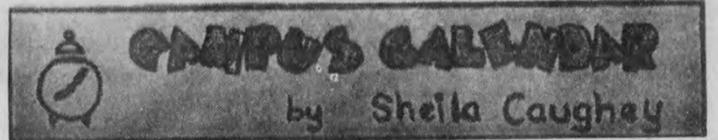
Compared to West Indians, North Americans begin college at an earlier age. This I think is the result of two factors. First, North Americans have much more money. Secondly, there is a very large variety of opportunities for jobs, particularly for students during the summer. Most West Indians have to work for as many as three years before they can embark on their college careers without their parent's assistance. I am aware that many college students here put themselves through school, but it is possible to obtain enough money in the summer to attend college in the winter. In the West Indies parents who can send their children directly from High School to University are considered very fortunate.

Less Going Steady

On the very controversial subject of "dating", it is my impression that West Indians do less "going steady". However, West Indians decide at an earlier age exactly what they want and strive towards their objective — not only in their choice of friends, but in everything.

West Indian boys and girls have many of the same pastimes as Canadians have, though soccer takes the place of football; field hockey, the place of ice hockey; and net-ball, the place of basketball. Cricket, swimming and track meets are also popular. In High School and later, West Indians concentrate on having fun in groups and not in pairs as in North America. These groups of people usually have some common interest such as rock 'n' roll, swimming, hiking, or dancing.

With jazz on the up-beat now, to have the most fun and meet the livelier people, being a jazz fan has most decided advantages. There are as always the celebrity concerts, and unlike New Brunswick, there are several places where 17-year-olds can go to relax, have a drink, listen to the latest sounds and catch up



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THIS LIST COVERS TODAY THROUGH THURSDAY

- STUDENTS' WIVES BRIDGE:** Oak Room, Student Centre, 8 p.m. Tuesday.
- CHORAL SOCIETY:** Art Centre, 7 p.m., Tuesday
- SRC MEETING:** Oak Room, Student Centre, 7 p.m., Wednesday.
- CO-ED SPLASH PARTY:** Pool, 8 p.m., Wednesday. (Girls only)
- ART FESTIVAL:** Paintings, Books, Poetry, Photography by students and faculty — on display in the Art Centre, Wednesday.
- BAND PRACTICE:** Memorial Hall, 7 p.m., Wednesday.
- ARTS SOCIETY:** meeting, New Lounge, Student Centre, 7.30 p.m., Thursday.
- IVCF:** meeting, All Purpose Room, Student Centre, 7.30 p.m., Thursday.
- SCM:** seminar, New Lounge, Student Centre, 1.30 p.m., Wednesday, ("The Young Churches" — a study of the Arts).
- CO-ED MOVIE NIGHT:** co-eds meeting at the Maggie Jean before the first show.
- HOCKEY:** UNB vs. Woodstock, Lady Beaverbrook Rink, 8.40 p.m., Wednesday.

Co-Eds' Problem Basic Why Be Educated

By Anneke Deichmann

It has not been so many years since UNB had its first woman graduate, and at that time it was considered a shocking thing that a woman would want to be educated and enter the big, brutal world of men.

But the female sex managed the change, and the others which came with it, with calmness. Almost too much calmness, one is tempted to suggest. What has happened to the rights that our ancestresses won for us? They fondly envisaged us as shaping world policies and generally competing with men in many spheres. They would probably be appalled that anyone could make a full-time job of caring for a home in which there is certain to be a washing-machine, stain-proof rugs, quick-frozen meals and drip-dry clothing.

The domestic cult is gaining in strength, though, and *The Ladies' Home Journal*, *Good Housekeeping* and other household propaganda, have convinced us that one's home can be a shrine, and that one can worship best if the outside world is ignored.

At the same time, a feeling seems to have developed that a female with a B.A., B.Sc. or any other degree, is frightening to men, and that the way to reassure them is to prove that it hasn't actually made the holder of it an "intellectual" at all but only a smoother hostess for her husband and a more efficient diaper-scrubber for her babies.

If the men really do approve of this attitude, it is high time they were shown that it is silly and unfortunate. The fact is, in a few years nearly all married women will be able to work because society and science are taking care of more and more of the duties of the wife and mother. There is no reason why these jobs can't be engrossing and stimulating, as well as financially rewarding. The college years are a wonderful time in which to develop many interests, whether they have to do with a profession or not, and these interests can go on enriching one's life for many years. It is only

on the most popular dance steps. Personally, it is a wonderful experience for one to be here. Snow fascinates me, although I find the cold too severe at times.

Co-Ed Week Opens With Auction

By Marg Tomilson

Co-ed week began yesterday with an auction at the Maggie Jean Chestnut House. This was fun although many must be wondering today why on earth they ever bid 35 cents for the bright green and purple earrings.

Today nothing is scheduled. Tomorrow, there will be a splash party for girls only from 8 to 9.30 p.m.

Thursday night is movie night with everyone meeting at the Maggie Jean and converging, en masse, on the show.

A tobogganing party has been planned at the Ski Hill for Friday night. If there is not enough snow, a skating party will be held on the river. In either case, a hot drink will be available either at Ski Hut or at the Maggie Jean.

The big night is Saturday, when the Apache Dance will be held in Memorial Hall. The success of this event in past years indicates another good turnout.

a privileged few who can go to college, though. It seems strange that being of this select group more co-eds don't more often ask themselves why it is they are at university, and how what they are learning is going to affect their lives.

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