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LIFE IN BARODA

(Continued from Page 4) jacket to be seen. Loose white cotton garments or light wes-tern-style shirts and trousers are most popular. No suits, or ties, or sweaters (except on winter mornings): Sandals are the usual footwear – no socks. Girls wear saris or Punjabi dresses; occassionally blouse and skirt. The warmest clothes I've seen the the pyjamas the boys wear when they slip down to the station for a coffee late at night. (But don't let that start any fashions in the 252.)

Coming out from UNB to Baroda the most difficult difference, apart from heat and food, that the student would have to acclimatize to is the language – Gujarati is spoken in general conversation, English is less common. The easiest thing to adapt to would be the time classes begin -11.00in the morning for most faculties - except the College of Music, Dance and Drama which starts its classes at 5 in the evening!

Sports cover a lively Anglo-American mixture with field hockey taking pride of place. The stickwork is so neat I guess the boys would be good

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on ice - under International rules.

But apart from sport, extra-curricular activities are few and even those are inspired and run by the administration who keep a firm hand on the students. The only time the students break out is when they 'strike' – this happens when a group of them decide they need a holiday and an-nounce it to their classmates by riding around campus ring-ing the bells of their bicycles - the latter being the univer-sal form of transport bar the old scooter.

This lack of initiative on the part of the Baroda student there isn't even a campus newspaper - marks the greatest single difference between him and his boistrous UNB counterpart.

It is apathy such as a Bruns-wickan editorial never dream-ed of. And India needs lead-ers out of its universities much Consider for example that when a student here throws away his empty banana skins there is always someone below the verandah ready to pick them up. They are useful to someone. And in a town where bananas are – quite li-terally – a dime a dozen. If he is ever to lead his

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country out of this sort of me-dieval condition the modern Indian student will first have to find a little of the vigour which the Foresters reveal on Hammerfest nights — and all other Canadians show at other more serious times in their daily lives.

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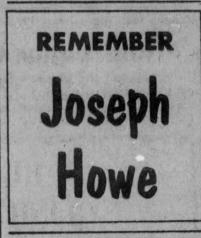
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DID YOU KNOW: We go to UNB for nine months, roughly. From this we subtract two From this we subtract two weeks at Xmas, all Sundays and Saturdays (104), all lunch-hours (270 hours, or 11 days), eight hours of sleep per day (2160 hours, or 90 days), an hour for supper per day (an-other 11 days), which leaves 40 days. We further subtract all 10 minute intervals between classes (avg. about 200 minutes 10 minute intervals between classes (avg. about 200 minutes per week over 9 months is 120 hours, or 5 days), and all spare periods (avg. about 15 per week, or 540 hours in a college year, for 23 days), and another two hours per day of time wasted (270 hours, or 11 days), leaving one day per year for our subjects!



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