

Malaysian Focus

By S.P. KONG

The first issue of the long overdue "MSS Newsletter" was finally released. The very idea of its publication indicates what may be achieved by the dedication of those who involved themselves in the birth of this newsletter; it also shows what can be achieved by efforts and togetherness.

It has been said that the greatest room in the world is the room for improvement. This saying holds true with our MSS Newsletter. There could be a greater compactness and variety, for instance. Any improvement of our humble publication can only be effected if our members make their own ideas known to us and if they contribute articles and poems on whatever topic they desire. With such contributions we certainly will achieve a more sophisticated publication. In fact, the publication is as yet but a tentative leap for instance, the editorial board of the newsletter has not been firmly established. We are still in need of typists, proof-readers, designers, artists, and editorial assistants. So will interested members please come forward and participate in this publication.

The executive wishes to thank B.K. Low, Richard Wong and Luke Kiu for subsidizing the cost of printing the first volume of MSS Newsletter to the extent of 50 per cent. Such example of selflessness is the very foundation upon which great societies are built.

As final exams are looming around the corner, the society probably will not be holding any special functions between now and exams. However, there will be a graduation party on April 25, an occasion intended to serve two purposes; to bid farewell to our graduating members, and to get together for some fun after the final exams. Please do set the night aside for this event.

During the second executive meeting held on Saturday, March 14, the committee allocated the post of social director to Austin Voon. Austin will be in charge of organizing the graduation party. We hope that all members will assist and cooperate with him in all respects.

If you have any ideas and suggestions, please let the committee know. The society will function effectively and efficiently only if there is feedback from those whom we are here to serve.

Good luck in your final exam ☆

P.S.: In addition to those mentioned by the secretary in last week's Malaysian Focus, the executive committee also wishes to thank those who helped in preparing the Malaysian food, the film and slide shows, and all others who have helped, directly or indirectly in enabling our participation in the International Day a success.

History department info session

The History Department invites all interested students to attend its annual information session on Wednesday, 25 March, starting at 3:30 p.m. in Tilley 5. Members of the department will be introduced and the history honours and majors programs will be described.

Starting at about 4 in Tilley 28 (across the hall) refreshments will be served and there will be an opportunity to find out about individual history courses being offered next year. Students are cordially invited to attend one or both parts of the session.

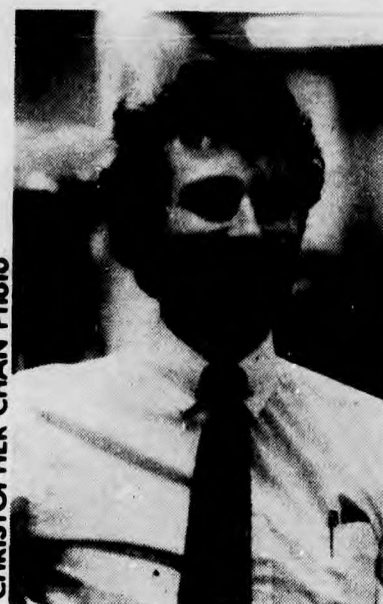
Lawyer gives free advice

By LYNN REICKER
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Every Wednesday night Fredericton lawyer Tom Evans can be found in room 119 of the SUB between 7 and 9 p.m. He is there to give initial consultations on legal problems free of charge. He will discuss with a student whether he really has a legal problem or not. If he does, Evans will present

the options open to the student and advise what the costs to resolve the matter will be. Evans reminded students they can also seek the aid of Peter Forbes, the lawyer for the Student Union.

The service began Wednesday of last week and was used by four or five students that night wishing to partake of Evans' knowledge and "free time."



Tom Evans

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Foreign travel now affordable for students with SWAP

Facts are facts. Foreign travel for students has become very expensive. Sky high prices and declining dollars have curtailed many holiday plans. However, there is an answer for the financially beleaguered student. It is the SWAP program.

The Student Work Abroad Program or SWAP is a practical idea enabling students to offset the rising cost of travel. It allows students to temporarily work and reside in the country of their choice. Currently, SWAP is offered in four countries: Great Britain, Ireland, Belgium and New Zealand.

"Students on limited budgets should seriously consider SWAP programs," explains Linna Evans, marketing manager of the Association of Student Councils which administers and coordinates the program. "It's a great way to see and get to know the world."

SWAP offers many kinds of jobs. Although most are related to the service and hospitality industry, work can be found in factories, banks, railroads and farms.

The salaries while not enough to purchase a villa in Cannes or a 70 foot yacht are more than adequate. In Great Britain, wages range from \$120-\$180 a week and meals are often included. Belgium, which has a much higher cost of living, has starting salaries up to \$320 a week.

Signing up for the SWAP program is not a career. In fact, most jobs are of short duration and last just a few months. This is considered ample time for the student-worker to absorb much of the host country's language, culture and lifestyle.

"It was the best summer I've ever had," says Steve Snelgrave, a University of Western Ontario student. Last year, Steve spent part of his holiday working at a ski resort in New Zealand. "It was an experience which gave me better direction towards my future goals."

Anita Boyd, a University of Toronto student who "pulled ale" in a London pub, feels her experience with SWAP gave her new insights. "You don't begin to know a place and its people until you work and live there," explains Anita.

Another student from the University of Alberta also benefitted from the SWAP program. Ron Cameron was already planning a holiday in Europe. "I wanted to improve my French," he said. "I got a SWAP job in Belgium where I was forced to speak French to survive. It worked and now I'm comfortable with the language."

How does one get involved in the SWAP program? It's simple, but there are a few eligibility requirements.

First, participants must possess a Canadian passport and a valid 1981 International Student Identity Card. The latter is available through your nearest Association of Student Councils office. In addition,

applicants must register at least 35 days in advance of departure and have \$500 to support themselves until their first paycheck. The student must also pay his or her own travel expenses.

For students considering a working holiday in Great Britain, the Association of Students Councils has opened its own London office geared to the specific requirements of the SWAP program. After the payment of a \$100 registration fee,

the student receives two nights "orientation" accommodation in London and a job interview. If, for any reason, the London SWAP fails to provide this service, it will refund the registration fee and not charge for accommodation.

WOMEN'S RESIDENCES

The Women's Residences at U.N.B. will have one or more vacancies for Dons during the 1981-82 session.

Interested persons are invited to contact Mrs. J.P. Kidd, the Dean of Women, for more information before March 27.

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