

Africa Nite—a cultural experience



African music pleased crowd at Africa night last Saturday

By R. MACKENZIE

Everyone who attended the African Nite will agree with me that it was wonderful. It was a night which gave me a good image of Africa. I absolutely agree with

what the Chairman for the African Nite, Joe Orenda, said in his last review of the event. For sure, I thought I was in Africa. The movie corrected all the bad images we (Canadians) had on Africa.

To pardon my ignorance, I never

knew that many cities and towns in Africa were as modern as Ottawa, Toronto and Montreal. To face facts, I feel that there is no city in New Brunswick which could match any of the cities in Africa!

The most interesting thing

which I observed was that any African student I approached had a smiling face and was always ready to spend many minutes answering many questions - which most books do not handle. Many students will agree with me that Africa is now what we read about in books. The African culture is unique. After all, I envy them for retaining their culture over centuries. How many of us who are of either Irish, Scottish or Ukranian background can polka or square dance? Can't we start Irish Nite and revive our culture?

The plays were nice and easy to follow. The traditional dances were terrific. When I asked the acrobatic dancers why they did not acrobat, they took a tape measure and convinced me that it was not safe for them to try it for fear of breaking their necks!!

How about the band? Every one knows how they performed. My question to the person named Francis Tusubira (the leader of the band) is how did he manage to train the Canadian lady in the band to play the African tunes? Someone who knew the lady told me that her father is black, and so was the guy on the drums. Hats off to Francis and his Zyzo success. That Lady Tina was wonderful.

The African dishes were delicious though when it was announced that they were being served, to our dismay we were greeted by white table cloth for some minutes without food until I saw the trolley being pushed by the polygamist Joe Orenda and his wives!! Poor Joe was on his feet at all times, for I tried to get hold

of him but failed due to the fact that he was a cook, an organizer and a polygamist! This left me with the question "were there not enough men to give him a hand?" People wanted to talk to him about polygamy life but he was just too busy. Joe, would you write an article about polygamy in Africa for us to read. First of all you were not even introduced to the audience. Only those who knew you from last year's African night helped us to identify you. Send your photo to the Brunswickan.

I can not forget Shik who was a real father in the play. There was one guy whose name was hard for me to remember, but his nickname is easy - Arap Mactaquac. He was the only actor who appeared as a true natural African. Keep it up lad.

The saddest part of the whole story behind the organization of the African night was that the annual fund given to them by the SRC was cut down to nothing, so the union had to get loans from the SRC to run the night. What a shame. When shall we care for the minority groups. The African students were bitter about it, mainly when they see how much is spent for the Winter Carnival, an event which only favours nationals of this country. Something must be wrong somewhere.

Finally, I would like to thank all the African students who took part in the plays and organization of the African Nite. I hope to see more African Nites in the future. May God bless Africa.

STU gets new BOG members

Most Reverend Arthur J. Gilbert, Bishop of Saint John and Chancellor of St. Thomas University, has announced the appointments of three distinguished New Brunswickers to three year terms on the University's Board of Governors. The new members are: Dr. Thomas LeRoy Creamer, Saint John; Mr. John R. McAloon, Bathurst, and Mr. Vance Toner,

Moncton.

Dr. Thomas Creamer, Director of Geriatrics and Chronic Care at the West Saint John Community Hospital, practices obstetrics and gynecology in the port city from 1961-1976. He received the B.A. degree from St. Thomas College in 1945 and the M.D. degree from the University of Ottawa in 1952. Past president of the Atlantic

Society of Obstetrics and Gynecology, he is a Fellow of the Royal College of Surgeons of Canada.

John R. McAloon received the B.A. degree from St. Thomas College in 1950. Owner of Bathurst Tire Sales (1978) Ltd.; Industrial Rubber Ltd.; and Canmar Industrial Supply Ltd.; he currently serves as Director of the Bathurst Rotary Club. He is also an elected member of the Parish Committee, Holy Family Parish, Bathurst.

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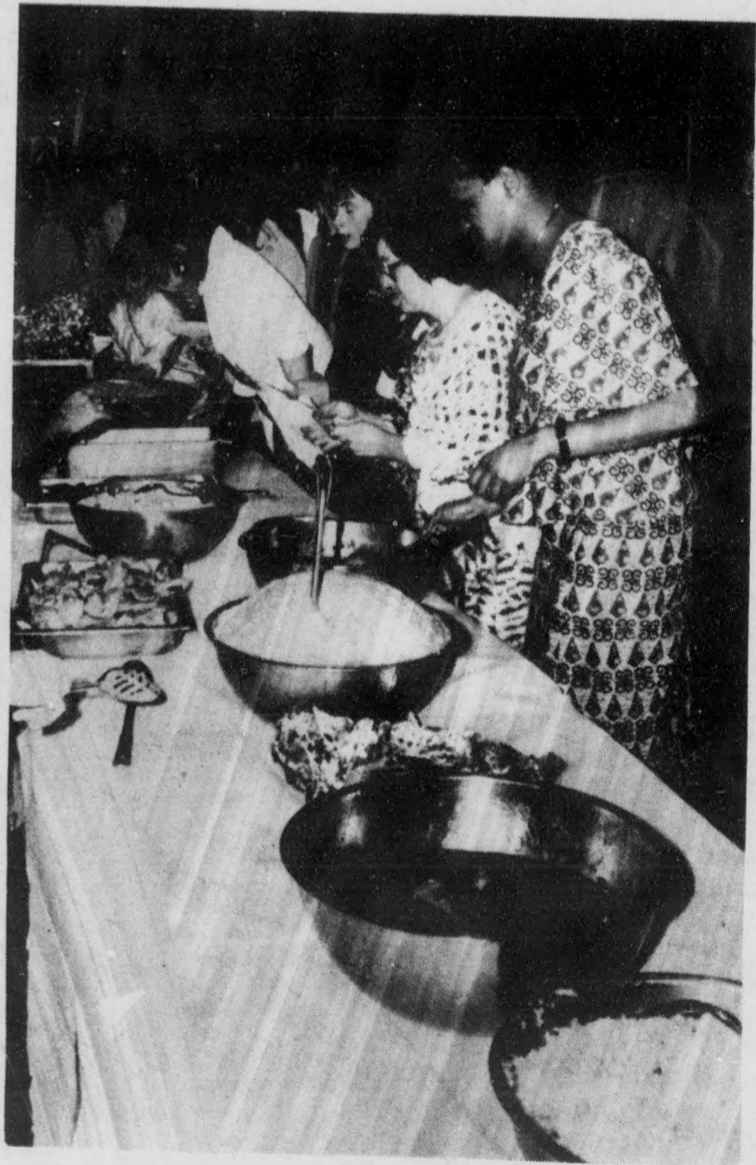
By AUSTIN VOON
President

The Malaysian Students Society will be presenting a few film shows tonight in Tilley-102 at 8 p.m. All students and others interested in catching a glimpse of Malaysia's diverse culture are invited to come. Among the titles to be shown are "Malaysia", "Pesta (Festival) Pulau Pinang" and "Asean Summit". Some of the scenes include Chinese Lion Dance, dragon dances, orchids, as well as local talents carrying 40 feet flag poles.

Coming up in February is the election and general meeting. Tentative date is Saturday 17th Feb. 1979 at 2 p.m.

All positions are open for election and members are urged to get the consent of candidates before nominating them.

On behalf of the society I would take this opportunity to thank all those who help made the Chinese New Year Eve banquet a success.



Spicy African food gave a taste of Africa