

WUSC helps educate refugees

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Dr. Hugh Pilkington, a naturalized Kenyan who helps refugees further their education, was on campus Tuesday September 30, to meet with various university officials and to hold an informal meeting and discussion with interested people about his experiences with refugees.

Dr. Pilkington works unofficially with WUSC, the World University Service of Canada, a non-profit, non-political association that is engaged in the academic and social development of Second and Third World countries.

WUSC has a refugee sponsorship program which organizes fund raising for universities who will accept refugees. It is responsible for getting universities to fund them by handling tuition, room and meal plans, among other things.

WUSC and Canada Employment and Immigration have an agreement which is



Dr. Pilkington and Greg Iridore

photo by Jamie Aitken

unique in that it accepts the refugees as landed immigrants. This means that they do not pay differential fees and do not have to return to their native countries once their education is completed.

Since 1981, WUSC has placed 130 of these homeless people in universities willing to take on the financial responsibility

of educating them. This year, it has placed 30 refugees in which UNB has accepted one. Unlike other universities, UNB

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is funding all the necessary expenses of the now "landed immigrant" until graduation.

However, unlike other universities UNB will accept only one refugee at a time.

The informal meeting began with Dr. Pilkington defining "What a Refugee Is". He or she is a person with a well-founded fear of personal security who has been forced to leave their country for economic, social or political reasons.

There are approximately 10 million refugees in the world, of which five million are from Africa. Currently, Ethiopia is

the main source of the refugee problem.

Dr. Pilkington said that waves of refugees occur when a crisis occurs in a country, and that students are the main targets of these regimes because they believe in free thinking and independent ideas. He continued by explaining that once out of their native countries, they either could not bring their dossiers or have been robbed. Pilkington helps retrieve these documents for refugees so they can continue their education elsewhere.

The informal talk consisted of a discussion on the hardships and misery refugees must suffer in their long journey to Canada, and of their difficulties in adapting once they reach this country.

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Both Dr. Pilkington, and his speaking companion Greg Iridore, an officer of WUSC, hope that the organization will expand so that universities will extend their basis of support for refugees who seek an education abroad.

No inquest yet into Hogan's death

By MELYNDA JARRATT
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Fredericton City Police have confirmed reports that John Joseph Hogan was legally impaired at the time of his fatal plunge from the third story window of Aitken House on September 13.

Hogan, 20, died as a result of severe head trauma sustained in the early morning fall, and his death thrust the University community into a state of shock and mourning.

However, there has been much speculation surrounding the case, and the fact that the Coroner has not yet released his decision on an inquest nearly three weeks after the incident has fuelled that speculation.

According to Fredericton City Police, there is a logical explanation for the delay. Police spokesman, Constable Carr informed the *Brunswickan* on Wednesday that it is fair to say "the situation is still under investigation." Police investigators will not say

anything until the coroner makes a decision on the inquest, and the Coroner cannot release any information until the investigators finish their work. In addition, "there are still a lot of people whom the police investigators must speak

with; people who were with Hogan that night."

Therefore, until all those involved in the tragic incident have been contacted and interviewed, the Coroner's decision on an inquest into Hogan's death must wait.

NOTICE Competence in English Test (CET)

Students who have not yet satisfied the requirements for competence in English and who have not already failed the test twice are being notified in the verification of registration letter that was mailed to students last week, that they will have another opportunity to write the Competence in English Test (CET).

Students are being scheduled for either:

Tuesday, Oct. 7 or Wednesday, Oct. 8
Time: 7:00 P.M. Place: Tilley Hall, Rm. 102
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