

First impressions are the most important

— says Panel

The importance of first impressions received by overseas students on entering Canada was emphasized by participants in a panel discussion on 'Difficulties encountered by overseas students in Canada' held Saturday afternoon.

The panel was the third during the WUSC-ISA Atlantic Regional seminar at Dalhousie last weekend.

CRUCIAL PERIOD

Speakers agreed that overseas students coming to Canada required a certain period before settling down among new customs and often a new culture. This period was often crucial in determining whether the student adapted himself and came to regard Canada in a favorable light, or whether he developed a sense of hostility towards the country in which he was studying.

The overseas students on the panel — Peter Bright-Asare of Ghana, Gunness Maharaj of the West Indies, and Benjamin Cheung of Hong Kong differed over certain aspects of life on the campus.

Mr. Bright-Asare, a pre-med student at Dalhousie, for instance preferred to live in the town, rather than in residence, as did Mr. Maharaj. On the other hand Mr. Cheung, a student at Mount Allison University, favored residence life.

MATURE

The problem of older and more mature students from other parts of the world coming into contact in their first year with younger Canadian students was also brought up. Mrs. Ross Flemington wife of the president of Mount Allison and former Dean of Women, said there was a considerable difference between a 16 year old Canadian student and a 20 year old Canadian student. This, she said, was greatly exaggerated when the 20 year old student came from overseas.

As a result panelists agreed it was probably a good idea for a young overseas student to live in residence when he first came to Canada, but more senior students would usually prefer to live out — although here, especially in Halifax, they might easily run into signs of discrimination against colored students.

INTERNATIONAL HOUSE

One way out of this, it was suggested, was the International House, where perhaps 25 per cent of the residents were Canadian, and the rest were from overseas.

Brian Brown, a Canadian student at Dalhousie, suggested that in a number of cases racial prejudice was a result of the contact Canadians had had with poorer colored Canadian citizens. He said they had not had the chance in most cases to meet colored students of university calibre.

The panel was unanimous in saying a conscious effort to understand the outlook of the other side was necessary. "Often people are thinking so much of themselves that they just don't notice others," Don MacLean, assistant director of the Dalhousie Institute of Public Affairs, told the assembly.

Mr. Bright-Asare agreed, and added that it was as much up to the overseas student to understand the Canadian outlook, as it was up to the Canadian to understand his position.

McMASTER WINS DOG SLED DERBY

OTTAWA (CUP) — McMaster University came out on top recently in an inter-collegiate human dog sled derby.

Teams from Carleton University, Ottawa University and McMaster University participated in the 200 yard dash with a human cargo.

The event was organized under the joint auspices of the winter carnival committees of the two Ottawa universities. McMaster students were at Ottawa university for a week-end exchange.

Captain of the McMaster team, Paul Rigby, praised his fellow "dogs," saying that it could not have been done without them. The four-man teams were required to pull a "flying saucer," occupied by a girl, 200 yards over a snow-covered field.

ISA winds up weekend of activities

A West Indian carnival and a variety show highlighted the Dalhousie International Students Association cultural weekend Feb. 9 - 11.

The weekend got under way Friday evening with the carnival held in the gym. Exotically costumed party-goers danced to the beat of the Dal steel band. During the course of the evening Miss Pat Alagazee was crowned carnival queen.

Saturday evening the ISA presented a variety show, with songs and dances from around the world. The acts included Hungarian gypsy dances, Spanish dances, Chinese music, negro spirituals, songs from Ghana and East Africa, and the sound of the bagpipes from Scotland.

Another feature of the evening was a display of exhibits from Sweden and Japan.

The weekend wound up Sunday evening with a Church service at St. Andrew's Church attended by ISA members.

SCM has full program for coming week

SCM has a full program this week with a University Worship Service on World Student Day of Prayer, and two lectures.

World Student Day of Prayer calls together Christian faculty and students in universities throughout the world for prayer and fellowship, and is a time a highly favored nation can consider its responsibility to less fortunate ones.

The offering will be sent to the World Student Christian Federation which carries on a worldwide university mission.

The service will be held Feb. 18 at 7 p.m. in First Baptist Church, with Dr. R.C. Chalmers as the speaker. Rev. Max DeWolfe will conduct the service and Dr. Kerr will take part.

Dr. Chalmers will speak on the university in the world and a fellowship hour will follow the service.

A lecture series on Living Religions began on Tuesday with a lecture on Hinduism by Mr. Mithal Patel.

A second lecture series on the Individual and the Mass Age begins Thursday. The speaker will be Dr. Clark of the psychology department.

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advocate that the foreign student should be stopped from coming to Canada, but I do emphasize that if the Canadian government could employ its resources in the country itself, the benefit would be great and lasting."

Other panelists stated the need for information services both for foreign students and for Canadian students going abroad, and for the setting up of special selection committees to screen prospective students and channel them into areas and universities best suited to meet their needs.



Dr. H. R. Theakston crowns Miss Joyce Smith Engineering Queen at the Engineers Ball last Friday. In attendance are Miss Janet MacGregor and Thomas O'Flaherty.

Common market declared threat to Commonwealth

By MARGARET JONES
Staff Writer

Fear that Britain's entry into the Common Market might endanger the Commonwealth was expressed last week by panelists at a WUSC-sponsored discussion.

Around the Globe

Nine students from Commonwealth nations around the globe took part with Professor D. J. Heasman of the Dalhousie Political Science department as chairman. The representatives of the different countries were: Ghana, Peter Bright-Asare; Kenya, Peter Gacii; Nigeria, Tunde Tanimowo; India, Ram Rai; Rhodesia, Aian Abbott; West Indies, Austin Walkes; Sarawak, Peter Bong;

Britain, Ian MacKenzie; and Canada, Jim Hurley.

It was the opinion of the panel that the present Commonwealth relations were shaky due to political differences. Racial conflicts, especially in the African countries, were considered a great impediment to cohesion among nations.

"Unless the Commonwealth can be brought together so that no element will withdraw from another due to political or racial reasons it will disintegrate," stated one panelist.

"Right now," he continued, "Britain itself is the only true commonwealth."

As well as being an economic aid, the Commonwealth was described as an organization of nations in which people of member nations would not consider each

CUSO IS BEING LET DOWN SAYS NFCUS PRES.

University administrations in the Maritimes have let down the organization of Canadian University Service Overseas, Walter McLean, national NFCUS president said this week in an interview with The Gazette.

Mr. MacLean said the university administrations across Canada had agreed to provide the initial impetus and co-ordinate the work of CUSO, but in the Maritimes they had failed to do this.

"If the movement is to remain alive it will have to remain with the students; we just can't rely on the administrations to supply the impetus," Mr. McLean said.

Mr. McLean accused Maritime university administrations of channelling off and bogging down the publicity for the organization. He said an example of this was the way in which there had been little or no publicity for the request of the Nigerian government for 50 Canadian graduates to work in Nigeria.

He said that if the organization and its aims were not known it was going to be very difficult to raise the funds necessary to support the program.

Queen's gets new Med. dean

KINGSTON (CUP) — Queen's University has announced the appointment of a new dean of medicine.

Dr. Harry E. Botterell, OBE, of Toronto succeeds retiring Dean G. Harold Ettinger, MBE, BA, MD, CM, D. Sc., FRSC.

Dr. Botterell is Associate Professor of Surgery (Neurosurgery) at the University of Toronto, and Senior Neurosurgeon at Toronto General Hospital. He will take over as dean in September.

other as foreigners. This, it was felt, would set an example to the rest of the world. However, if Britain dropped out to enter the Common Market, the Commonwealth would not survive.

SHARE!

Thousands of students in countries less fortunate than our own encounter considerable difficulty in their efforts to attain a higher education. These difficulties may be in the form of lack of text books, nowhere to live while attending a university, ill-health, malnutrition, or even a civil war.

Living in a country like Canada which has one of the highest standards of living in the world, one finds it difficult to visualize the problems facing students in less fortunate areas of the world. However, Canadian students can and must do something to help alleviate this situation. On Thursday and Friday of this week you will be canvassed to contribute one dollar towards a fund set up by World University Service headquarters in Geneva.

The money collected from students and faculty will be sent direct to Geneva to help fellow students around the globe receive the education we regard as a right, but which many regard as a privilege. Share a dollar and get the satisfaction of knowing that you are helping another student somewhere to further his or her education.

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