

High School relations office tries to bridge gap

By RICK BASTON

The high school relations office is tucked away in a corner by the Awards Office at the STUD. But despite the location and the smallness of the office it does a great deal of important work for the university.

The high school relations officer is John S. Edwards, a native of Jamaica who has a B.A., a B.Ed. and a M.Ed. from UNB. He has taught in elementary and high schools in N.B. and has done guidance work here and in Quebec. Edwards sees his job as that

primarily of an information officer between the University and the high schools and vice versa. He says that many students have trouble making the transition between the ordered world of the high school and the sudden freedom they find at university.

His job is to try to help bridge that gap by providing information on any aspect of university life that the student asks about.

The office has been in existence for two years now. It is a consolidation of functions previously performed by other branches of the administration.

Edwards said there is a great deal of travelling involved in his job. There are 66 high schools to visit in N.B. alone—not to mention the high schools in P.E.I. and N.S. He splits this duty with the Admissions Officer.

He enjoys the job because he deals with high school students and is able to help them understand university life better. He loves their questions, their aliveness and their curiosity. The job also enables him to keep in touch with a field with which he is familiar.

The job, however, wouldn't be nearly as good without the co-operation of the various faculties on campus. There is a great deal of willingness to work with the high school relations officer. The faculty often send their own people along to explain what their faculties can do for the student.

John Edwards doesn't regard himself as a recruiting officer for the University. He considers himself to be a person who provides answers and information. Decisions are left to the student.

The high school relations office is still in the formative stage. This year they are beginning or continuing work on the following: University Days, a card system of information for the student, counsellors programs to help the high school counsellors, liaison with the principals and vice-principals of high schools, work study handbook of general information, visits to high schools, Personnel Request system, Individual-group guidance, Information UNB Bulletin, student services directory, contact personnel directory, educational information booklet, career day visits, end-of-the-year student visits, high school statistical feedback, audio visual material, faculty visits, high school year book advertising, providing UNB yearbooks to high schools, computer days organization.

Junta favored

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Canada. The subsidiary of the large U.S. Kennicott mining operations, whose total operations in Chile were nationalized, launched a vicious legal and propaganda campaign against the Chilean government.

In the private sector many Canadian companies started negotiations with the Allende government for setting up manufacturing plants but didn't complete anything until after the coup.

Some Canadian private banks, those who didn't cut off credit altogether, offered to provide loans and credit to Chile but at high rates of interest. Too high for the Chilean government to take advantage

According to some government sources the Canadian banks cut off the credit to Chile after the U.S. announced its economic sanctions and other international financial institutions cut off credit.

What the government intends to do in the way of investment in Chile until Parliament reconvenes is not known publicly. History has shown, however, that the Canadian government will likely continue to follow the American example and extend credit and money to the military junta.

We're a Loyalist town

By BRUCE BARTLETT

Although Saint John claims to be the Loyalist city of New Brunswick, Fredericton has just as much right to that claim. Dr. Esther Clark Wright speaking at the UNB History Club set forth a number of facts about the early years of Fredericton. Her voluminous research into the history of the province as well as memories from her childhood were interwoven into an informative lecture.

During the French occupation of this part of the world there was a settlement at St. Anne's Point. When the area was taken over by Britain the settlement was destroyed by the New Englanders and the French fled up river. In 1761 the settlers who ended up at Maugeville considered the spot but were warned off by the Indians and moved down river.

In 1783 when the refugees from the American revolution entered the province the Saint John river valley was nearly vacant. Those who arrived early in the summer settled around the mouth of the river. The Kings American Dragoons who had been promised the land moved up the river finally settling on St. Anne's Point.

During the winter of 1783-4 there were between 2000 and 3500 people in the area. Many of them lived in tents although some built huts on the hill. The following summer many went to their lands in the surrounding area.

Edward Winslow who had been responsible for settling the regimental families on the lower river took a job in Halifax. When that ended he returned to St. Anne's. Dr. Wright contends the main reason Winslow petitioned the crown to create the separate province of New Brunswick was to ingratiate himself with those people he had left to fend for themselves.

In the end Winslow was successful. St. Anne's was made the capital and renamed Fredericton. In its early years ship building was a prominent industry. Many ships built here led very cosmopolitan lives, one even ending up its days in Australia.

In retrospect Dr. Wright feels the town should not have been built on the flat, rather on the hill. The flat has some of the best soil in New Brunswick so it is a shame to see so much of it under concrete and asphalt.

At least it burns well

This past weekend there was a small grease fire in Saga's kitchen in the SUB around midnight. The fire department responded to the urgent call from the SUB staff. The coffee shop was also closed because of the amount of grease on their grill.

Wonder where the grease came from.

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