Pastel shades merge to highlight Greek sky

By KEVIN MCKINNEY

Arriving in Greece by air is a tremendous experience, particularly if it should happen to be at dusk, and in mid-summer. Such was my privilege, and the magnificence of the sunset in Athens is truly unique. Pastel shades of blue, orange, yellow and red all merge in the sky, sea and sun to create an atmosphere that conjures up images of Europa rising or Zeus enraged. Regardless of the individual fantasy, the most striking impression is one of closeness to ancient Greece. The Athens airport is very modern, built "By the Government of the United States of America."

To a North American, Greeks give the impression of being confused, or disorganized. I spent three hours in the Athens airport while various health officials and bureaucrats pondered the question of whether I should be imunized for cholera, quarantined or deported. A cholera shot was the final decision, which is what I was hoping for. Coping with the Cyrillic alphabet is a problem for the novice, but a day or two in Athens is enough to fathom the mystery, though the Greek language still remains an enigma to me.

The most obvious attractions of Athens and of Greece are the ruins of the ancient civilization, and regardless of the preparation that one makes, a first exposure to the Parthenon, or any of the other ruins is bound to be one of amazement. The glory of ancient Greece is underscored not only in the architectural legacy that remains, but also in the artistic accomplishment that went with it. The Archaeological Museum in Athens contains treasures of the bronze and stone ages, the early Kore and other sculptures including the recently discovered "Artemesian Zeus", a truly magnificent bronze statue.

Greece is second only to Spain in terms of bargain prices to the European traveler. Lodging can be expensive in Athens, but good, cheap accomodation, though bountiful, is hard to find in the busy months of July and August, when Syntagma Square and the busy streets that flow into and out of it are jammed with the flow of the travelling young from Europe and North America.

The Plaka is a confusion of winding streets that lies in the shadow of the Parthenon. This area is crammed with shops selling Greek sandals, furs, handwoven articles, antiques, and other tourist wares. At night the Plaka sparkles with gaily lit taverns that emit the joyful - sad sound of Greek music and lure the traveler to sample spicy dishes and powerful drinks served in rustic surroundings. Ouzo is a pleasant, licorice flavored liquer that is a national drink. Retsina is a resin-based white wine that tastes like a mixture of sauterne and diesel oil.

The food is very heavy, with main courses invariably prepared with much olive oil and tomato paste. Moussaka is a delicious casserole consisting of noodles, eggplant, cheese, and olive oil. Soufflaka is the Greek version of the hot dog--a flat, round piece of bread topped with slices of roast veal and garnished with chopped tomatoes, onions, and oil, it makes a very tasty snack. Roast corn is also a popular snack and vendors may be found on practically every street corner in Athens at any hour of the day or night, or outside the open Theatre of Dionysus at the Parthenon after the evenings performance of a play by Euripides.

The afternoon heat in Athens is next to unbearable in the summer, so that as is the custom in all southern European countries, shops and businesses close from noon till 3 or 4 p.m. and reopen then till 8 p.m. The best solution to this problem is to see Athens in two or three days then take the subway to the port of Piraeus and book passage on a ferry to one of the islands. The smaller islands of the Cyclades are appealing, for the pace of life is slow and one can really relax and do absolutely nothing for a few days without the least feeling of guilt.

Sifnos, Milos, and Ios are rqually attractive in this regard, and I spent ten days on Ios lying in the sun, swimming in the clear water of the Aegean, and exchanging tales with the other young people there. Ios is a small island, with a village on the hill that overlooks the port on the one side and the beach on the other. There are no motor vehicles on the island --only a few mules and donkeys and a herd or two of goats that graze the hillside. Several hundred young people may be found camping in tents on the beach for 30 drachmas (one dollar) per night. A deck-class ticket for the ten hour boat trip from Piraeus to Athens costs about $3.50.

Take a good book or two if you plan to make the trip.

Photo by Bob Boyes

Drs. Burt and Cummings of the Biology Dept. debating the point that "Basic research is of less benefit to the taxpayer than applied research." The debate was held Tuesday night in Loring Bailey Hall.

All by acclamation

Byelection seats filled

By EDISON STEWART

For the second time in as many weeks, UNB students have shown a disinterest in student politics and allowed a number of seats on the student council to be filled by acclamation.

Last week, less than 30 percent of the student body turned out to elect a new President, and this week, when nominations closed to a byelection scheduled for next month, some of the seats were filled by acclamation -- all others were left vacent.

The reps that have been elected by acclamation are as follows: two Arts reps-- Mary Hart, Arts 3, and Chuck Kingston, Arts 4; Business Administration half - term rep -- Alan Black, BA 3; Law reps-- John Rocco, Law 2 (full term) and David Acker, Law 1 (half term); Nursing reps - Martha Barry, Nursing 2; Physical Education rep - Glenn G. Edison, P.E. 3; and finally, Secretary of the Graduating Class is Debbi McPherson, Arts 4.

Positions still open include one Education rep and three Post-Grad reps.

As a result of the interest displayed once again this week, there won't be any election. In fact, there is a good chance that a motion allowing the new councillors to take their seats will be introduced this Sunday. The motion, which may be introduced by President Roy Neale, will allow the new councillors to voice their opinions before March 12, when they were originally scheduled to take office, after a March 8 'election'.

CALL FOR APPLICATIONS

Applications are now open for the following positions. Students applying are asked to include phone number, faculty and year, and any information pertinent to the position being applied for.

A. Chief of Campus Police
B. 2 Campus Police Assistant Chiefs
C. Student Disciplinary Committee Members
D. SUB Board of Directors
E. Yearbook Editor
F. Public Relations Director

Applications close, February 29, 1972, Tuesday, at 5:00 P.M. Interviews will be held.

A & B. CAMPUS POLICE CHIEF & 2 ASSISTANTS
Applicants should include a resumé of past experience.

C. STUDENT DISCIPLINARY COMMITTEE MEMBERS (3)
Students in the 3rd. year of a 4 year course or 3rd or 4th yr. of a 5th year course are eligible.
* This committee is in charge of student fines, etc. on charges brought by campus police, administration or other students.

D. SUB BOARD OF DIRECTORS (2)
Students should include a resume of related experience. Experience preferable but not essential. Policies of the SUB are handled by this board. Students repeating their year are not eligible.

E. YEARBOOK EDITOR
Applicants should include a resume of past experience.

Applications should be addressed to:
Susan Wright
c/o Applications Committee
c/o SRC Office
Student Union Bldg.

Any students interested in Council or its Committee should drop in any time.
* All post graduates are eligible.

LORD BEAVERBROOK HOTEL
Lower Deck
Nightly Entertainment
this week:
Pete Baldwin