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movement to form patterns and "body language" rather than highly stylized movements.

The second dance demonstrated the use of chopsticks...and left most of the audience feeling clumsy in comparison. Executed by Helina Hiri and Henry Chong, dressed in bright national costumes, it was graceful and delicate with many intricate steps - all while the dancers kept time to the music with a pair of chopsticks in each hand. Try doing that with a fork!

The African Circle put on a traditional Juju dance described by Ngolayefa as still being very popular today, despite the encroaching of modern ways. The performers wore traditional costumes: long, very loose, embroidered tunics, and colorful turbans for head apparel.

Very rhythmic, this dance appeared to be a precursor of modern dancing, but somewhat more intricate. As well, the audience was given a taste of African songs by John Msolombo.

The European students on campus were represented by a Dutch student Luud Vanderspek in full national costume, who voiced an invitation to all to make use of the lounge facilities.

Finally to achieve the right note of

internationalism, several Canadian folk singers were on hand. One of the selections, James Taylor's "You've Got a Friend" seemed very apt for the occasion.

After the variety show, everyone was invited to officially christen the lounge with a coffee and doughnut party. The lounge, although just being started, was already decorated with international posters, prints, sculpture from around the world, adding to the colorful yet elegant atmosphere.

The enthusiasm of the participants was strongly evident, with a number of people questioning whether activities similar to the variety show could not be organized in the future.

President Dineen said he had found the proceedings most interesting. "The international students have arranged this with the SRC, whereas the SUB board has made the lounge itself available. In the past, this room seemed unused.

"The suggestion of having international periodicals and newspapers housed here is a good one: it will help overseas students keep in touch with their homelands while they simultaneously meet other people."

Mrs. Stocker remarked that there has been a gap between Canadian and over-



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seas students. "I hope this will bring the two closer together: it has great possibilities. Although this is a student activity, I'll be happy to give any help I can."

"I'm very satisfied with it all, and overwhelmed by the crowd," said Mike Richard, SRC vice president and acting president in the absence of Bob Poore, who was away at an Ottawa conference. "I believe this place is being kept open on weekends. In the future, a permanent International Student Lounge may be established."

Ngolayefa was impressed with the turnout. "I'd term it exceptional," he added. "If today's turnout is any indication, there is certainly much interest in what we are trying to accomplish on campus."

Various other events will soon be taking place in the lounge: talks, guest speakers, and the like. All students are urged to keep an eye out for notices announcing these activities, and everyone is invited to attend. Let's make it an international affair.



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