

Malaysian focus

The Malaysian Student Society hopes to have a regular column in this student publication. Members are welcome to contribute any compositions or essays. Please contact any members of the committee.

Last Sunday night, two Malay dancers were presented during the International Night Variety Show. It was a delightful sight as the dancers performed in their colorful costumes. The executive committee wishes to thank Mr. and Mrs. Taker Buyong for their effort in training the dancers. We also wish to thank the Malay dancers, Jeff Yong, Alfred Wong and the Lion dancers.

This Saturday (March 14) MSS is showing a Chinese movie at 3 p.m. in Tilley 102. All members and other students are invited to attend. Admission is free.

This serves to record that the executive committee for the Malaysian Student Society during 1981-82 will be:

President	Kong Siew Ping
Vice-President	Kenny Lee
Secretary	Si Poh Liang
Acting Treasurer	Vincent Tay
Movie Director	Lee Luang Hong
Committee Members	Austin Voon
	Low Boon Keng

Applications are invited for the positions of faculties representatives.

PC youths attack government

David Small, president of the Progressive Conservative Youth Federation, has attacked the Liberal government's summer employment program for students as inadequate and typical of the current administration's dismal record in stimulating employment.

Employment Minister Lloyd Axworthy said the government had budgeted \$100 million for the program, a figure which mirrors the \$100 million spent last year. "This means we have a real dollar decrease in fun-

ding for youth employment projects this year," said Small.

The 1981 program will involve some 49,000 students, marking a significant decline from the estimated 70,000 jobs funded by the same program last year.

Small noted that during the PC government's nine months in office, some 60,000 young Canadians aged 15-24 found new jobs. Only 4,000 people from this same age group found employment during the Liberal administration's first nine months in office.

Hurtig to speak

Mel Hurtig, Canadian publisher and former chairman of the Committee for an Independent Canada, will speak at St. Thomas University March 17. His talk, entitled "The Future of Canada," is scheduled for 11:30 a.m. in the Edmund Casey Hall Auditorium. The public is invited to attend.

Named Canadian Book Publisher of the Year in 1975, Hurtig is past chairman of the Canadian Booksellers Association. He has recently begun work on a comprehensive Canadian encyclopedia which is due to

be published in 1985.

A founding member of the Committee for an Independent Canada, Hurtig has lectured throughout Canada on the issues of foreign ownership and natural resources.

He holds an honorary doctor of laws degree from York University, Toronto, and in October he was named an officer in the Order of Canada.

His lecture is being sponsored by St. Thomas University and the UNB departments of sociology and political science.

UNB student to work for "Crossroads"

Fifth-year UNB student John Hamilton is among 130 Canadians who will be sent this year to developing countries by Canadian Crossroads International, a private, non-profit organization which works to foster international co-operation and intercultural understanding.

Placements with CCI vary from year to year but generally they involve the participant living and working in a Third World country with people whose cultures and lifestyles are different from their own. Projects involve education, agriculture, health care, leadership and construction and are from four to 10 months in duration.

John is the only person going from New Brunswick and the first from UNB since 1976. Crossroads places people in 25 countries in the West Indies, South America, Asia, Africa and Oceania. John has tentatively been assigned to a four month stint in Barbados beginning in May.

"People think I'll be lying on a beach, sipping an exotic drink, and living in a luxury highrise," he said. "But I won't. Probably I'll be living with a family and will be working a full-time job without pay. My basic living expenses will be paid but actually I'll be going with very little money."

This does not bother him, though, for John said he feels that Crossroads will be a great challenge and learning experience. Communication across barriers of race, language and culture requires adaptation, patience, and sensitivity. As well, "I'll probably gain much more insight about myself and about how the world operates than any knowledge I'll leave there."

He said one returned volunteer from Botswana felt her most important contribution to the people she lived with was to explain why the sun sets at 5 p.m. in the winter in Canada. This fact amazed them more than any knowledge she passed on in her workplace.

John mentioned that most people don't regard Barbados as a developing country, but in fact it has serious problems which are caused in part by the tourist and sugar industries which we as Canadians support.

"While tourists are having a great time in the foreign-owned hotels on the

beaches, people are starving on the island because the only crop grown there is sugar, destined for North American markets. Almost no land is owned locally for people to farm, which creates a very dependant and unhealthy economy."

John said Crossroads volunteers do all sorts of work, from tree planting in Botswana to teaching children to swim in Ethiopia. He does not know what he will be doing because the volunteer nature of the organization often dictates that such arrangements be left to the last minute.

"The Crossroads contact in Barbados is a volunteer like me and although she is responsible to find me a job, she may wait to meet me and find out my interests and talents before lining one up. I may also be expected to do some looking," John commented.

John is trying to raise \$800 as his participant's fee in the project. Part of the CCI requirements state that he must raise this money in his community to expose local people to the problems and issues of international development.

"In exchange for a service club, business or individual donating some money to me, I promise to put on a talk and slide show about my experiences at a meeting of theirs upon my return."

As well, John has committed 290 hours of his time to development education and local development projects in Fredericton as part of his projects. This may include speaking to school classes and clubs about underdeveloped countries.

"So far, the money has been pretty slow in coming in," John admitted, but said any interested groups or individuals may contact him at 225 Stanley Street or call 454-7645 for more information. All contributions are tax deductible as CCI is a charitable organization.

The tropical summer is much different from that in New Brunswick, but John is looking forward to his overseas experience. "I may get a terrific sunburn," he said, "but I'm really excited about this project. I think my concepts about our society and my place in it will change a lot. It's going to be really interesting."

Nursing offers free fitness clinic

The faculty of nursing is offering a free blood pressure, fitness and health information clinic for UNB faculty, staff and the general public in the UNB screening clinic, MacLaggan Hall, room 4, ground floor, UNB campus (just above the

bank/bookstore) on Thursday, March 19 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. No appointments are necessary. Preventative health counselling and information are available from nursing students and faculty. This is the LAST public clinic until fall, 1981.

EXCELLENCE IN TEACHING AWARDS

U.N.B. students, faculty and alumni from both the Fredericton and Saint John campuses are urged to make nominations for the annual excellence in teaching awards which will be presented at Graduation exercises in May.

The awards are named the Dr. Allan P. Stuart Memorial Awards in honour of the late chemistry professor who was a 1973 recipient of the award.

Nominations must bear the names and addresses of at least two nominators and include some supporting statement. Deadline for nominations is FRIDAY, 27 MARCH 1981.

Teachers of first term courses as well as second term or full year courses are eligible. Nominations should be based on the following criteria:

- »comprehensive knowledge of subject;
- »preparation for class;
- »enthusiasm for subject and ability to arouse interest;
- »encouraging student participation;
- »setting high standards and motivating students to attain them;
- »communicating effectively at appropriate levels;
- »evaluating students on their understanding of the subject rather than on ability to memorize;
- »being accessible to students outside of class.

Nominations should be sent c/o the University Secretary, Old Arts Building, UNB Fredericton.