

International Development

Applications for the 1989 International Seminar to the Leeward and Windward Islands are now being accepted by the local committee of the World University Service of Canada.

Thirty students from across the country will be selected to participate in the programme which will begin in June 1989 with an orientation in Ottawa and continue to the Caribbean for approximately six weeks of travel and study.

According to committee member Ginny Sisk, "The purpose of the seminar is to help make Canadian students aware of how people in other cultures live." It will provide them with a first-hand introduction to various aspects of

international development.

"The participants will get a first look and maybe it won't be their last."

While a science student at UNB in 1979, Sisk was a participant in the WUSC Seminar in Sri Lanka. For her, it was a very positive and enlightening experience which has had a lasting affect on her life. Ten years later, she is still working in international development.

WUSC seminars have been providing opportunities for cross-cultural exchange since the first one to Germany in 1948. Individual research topics related to economics, education, agriculture, geography and the social and health sciences have enabled students to combine special in-

terest studies with an overall country focus. Participation on rural development activities and cultural events have been an integral part of these experiences.

Students are required to

raise a portion of programme costs, with the remainder provided by CIDA and WUSC to cover travel, lodging, meals and all seminar activities including a pre-departure briefing in Ottawa and an orienta-

tion in Barbados upon arrival.

The deadline for student applications to the Local Committee selection group is October 15. Information and application forms may be obtained from Ginny Sisk (459-3338)

CANADIAN CROSSROADS

by

BOB HICKS

Canadian Crossroads International is looking for people who are interested in Third World Development. CCI is a non governmental agency that sponsors volunteer exchanges

between Canada and 33 developing nations. It also works to make Canadians more aware of development issues as they concern the Third World and disadvantaged in our own country.

Every year CCI sends 150 Canadians to work as volunteers in developing countries. Volunteers are placed for periods of from 3 months to a year. They receive no salary but are given basic living expenses. It is the intent of the program that volunteers live at the same economic level as the people they are living with. In recent years, students from UNB have worked as teachers

in Gambia and Nigeria and on resettlement.

CCI also hosts about 50 to Canada volunteers from developing nations who work in Canadian communities to make Canadians more aware of other cultures and lifestyles.

If you are interested in volunteering overseas or in helping to host a volunteer from another country, CCI may be for you. There will be an information meeting in Room 203 of the Student Union Building at 7:00 p.m. on October 3rd. If you are unable to attend or would like to learn more about Crossroads you can call Bob Hicks at 455-4102.

STILL SMOKING

by

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Smoking finely cut tobacco rolled in thin paper (i.e. smoking a cigarette) will be a prohibited act in all rooms and corridors of the Student Union Building in the not too distant future.

Apparently, all buildings on the UNB Campus are headed towards a smoke-free existence due to a policy that was sent out last year by UNB. Mr. Kim Norris, SUB director, explains that the policy states that smoking will not be allowed anywhere "students are served." This of course will include everything from the cafeteria to the Social Club.

In areas such as the Social Club, and at events like Ex-

travaganza, though, Mr. Norris says "it is very hard to enforce (such a policy) and very frustrating." He points out however that in other locations like the Blue Lounge where smoking is already a no-no, "students are usually good about it." The smoking ban will include offices as well. "If someone wants to designate their office as a smoking area, then it has to be open to any person at any time" says Mr. Norris. Needless to say, no office worker will want to put up a "designated smoking area" sign that would invite any Tom, Dick or Harry.

"On the one hand, smokers have rights, but on the other hand, so do non-smokers. And that includes (stopping the) infringement upon the health of non-smokers by smokers," con-

tinues Mr. Norris. "There will also be less damage because of smoke. We're only trying to be fair. You can't please everyone."

When you think about it, there are so many of us non-smokers and it's about time we had a break. There is to be a meeting next week with UNB and the board of directors to decide when this policy will be implemented and to finish off any "paperwork." Possibly by Christmas time, and by next year at the latest, our lungs will be breathing their thanks and revelling in the wonderfully clean air of the SUB.

ATTENTION

All Education students planning to do practice teaching during 1989 must sign up for an Interview at the Student Teaching Office, Marshall d'Avray Hall, Room 343-2, by October 3.

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