

# FINANCIAL AID COLUMN

This is the last Financial Aid Column for the term, so I would like to impress upon you the importance of coming in to see me if you have any questions at all about financial assistance.

Several scholarships have deadlines early in the new year. Hence it would be to your advantage to inquire right away.

I know this is a busy time, and if you can't arrange an app-

ointment before the Christmas holiday, I would encourage you to drop in early in January.

Below are some awards which might be of interest.  
DOCTOR JEAN NELSON MEMORIAL AWARD

This award assists recipients to pursue graduate study related to community health.

It is particularly intended to provide opportunity to study in fields related to

services to youth.

\$3000.00

DEADLINE: May 15

TELEGLOBE FELLOWSHIP

\$7500.00 awarded for graduate work directly related to external telecommunications services.

Tenable in Canada

DEADLINE: February 1

EMERGENCY PLANNING

CANADA RESEARCH

FELLOWSHIP

\$7000.00 per annum plus tuition and compulsory fees, for research on human

behavior under stress focusing on reactions of groups in natural, technological, industrial, and other disasters, and the delivery of emergency services to victims in community wide crisis situations.

Tenable to a maximum of four years.

DEADLINE: February 1

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Wishing you a very MERRY CHRISTMAS... and a RELAXING holiday!

## Students Discover West Indies

by Anna MacDonald

On November 13, 1980, John O'Brien, an anthropology student at U.P.E.I. last year, arrived home after a three month stay in the West Indies. O'Brien was one of two Islanders chosen to go abroad by Canadian Crossroads International (CCI) in an effort to promote cross-cultural understanding between Canada and the Third World Countries.

O'Brien left Charlottetown August 28 for an orientation weekend in Toronto and then flew on to his placement in St. Georges, Barbados. While in St. Georges, O'Brien worked in the Thelma Baughan Memorial Home for crippled children. His job was to help the children use their limbs by doing craft work as well as to read and write. He found that the living quarters for the handicapped very modern but the teaching facilities very poor.

Both O'Brien and his Crossroads colleague found themselves in a great deal of contact with the native people and their society.

"They are a very frank and unsubtle people", said O'Brien. "This was very disconcerting for the tourists. The society appears more aggressive in day to day life than our culture. It seems to be a non-violent society but one that includes much more physical contact".

After his stay in the Barbadoes, O'Brien travelled in Trinidad, Guyana and Granada for approximately two weeks travel time provided in the CCI program. Some of his most interesting experiences occurred in Guyana and Granada.

O'Brien stated that he found Guyana "typical of what I had imagined a dictatorship to be. For example, foreign imports are not allowed into the country and Guyanese currency is not accepted

anywhere in the world because Guyana will not exchange foreign currency for it".

While in Guyana, O'Brien received some fascinating insight into a part of a very diverse



culture. In Guyana he stayed with a Moslem family who invited him to participate in an Islamic holy weekend. He took part in the Moslem service in the Mosque and, later, helped the head of the family sacrifice a cow for dinner. Their meal consisted of curried beef

and the stewed brains of the cow!

In comparison with Guyana, O'Brien describes Grenada as a "dictatorship that has just been through a very popular revolution. The people do not feel controlled, nor do they lack freedom. Americans and Canadians are disliked and feared in Grenada. The dictator appears to realize the extent of his responsibilities."

On the whole, O'Brien enjoyed the trip, especially the learning experience involved. He recommends the CCI program to anyone interested in participating in CUSO or similar programs.

After Christmas, he will be giving a series of promotional talks to the various groups who sponsored him in the program.

By speaking about his experiences, O'Brien hopes to promote interest in the program and in the "Third World" countries.

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