

Why would a foreign student attend a Canadian university?

It is noticeable that in almost every Canadian University the student population is made up partly by a minority of overseas students. In this minority group, it is found that the Chinese students are there in large numbers. Soon we find ourselves wondering about the Chinese students. How is it that the Chinese are here in large numbers? What attracts the Chinese to come to the University in an increasing percentage? And why is it that the Chinese do so well academically on the whole?

To understand fully the answers to the questions we must look carefully at the environment in which the Chinese students are brought up. Since the majority of students come from Hong Kong our point of focus will begin there.

Hong Kong is an island. In area it is one-sixth the size of Prince Edward Island. There are five million people living in Hong Kong. Half the population is in school. Due to the large number of students, competition is inevitable because of limited educational opportunities. It is fortunate that elementary education in Hong Kong is free. At the end of the sixth year in primary school,

students have to sit for a public examination. The objective of the public examination is to pick out those that are far above the average. A student doing well would have no difficulty in getting into a government or a government-subsidized secondary school. Other students not so fortunate would be funnelled into private profit making schools. In order to get into a good secondary school, a student at a very early age, is taught by his elders and peers to compete. At the end of the fifth year in secondary school, students compete again in the School Certificate Examination. The students work hard because low grades in a good school may lead to dismissal. Low grades in the School Certificate Examination could mean that they do not qualify to sit for the university entrance examination in the future. A high grade in the School Certificate Examination means a student can qualify to sit for the Senior Matriculation or change to a more reputable school. The fifth year in secondary school is often the last for a large number of students. One reason is a result of poor grades in the past, another cause is the financial necessity of finding permanent and full-

time work.

The university entrance examination and the School Certificate Examination are set at a much higher standard than that required of that particular level of education. The elevated artificial educational standard is set for the purpose of selecting the best students from many above average ones. Enrolment in the two universities in Hong Kong is limited to 1500 places. Just think of one-quarter the population of Canada having only two universities with only so many available places in them. The Canadians would be bound to be competition oriented then.

So what happened to the students who passed the university entrance examination but could not enter because of no vacancy? And what about those that failed simply because the examination question paper was set much harder than generally required at that educational level. The average students can study and are willing to do anything to study. So due to the lack of opportunities at home, Hong Kong students are forced to look elsewhere.

Next comes the problem of choice of country in which to further one's education. Education in America is expensive and the bachelor de-

gree there is not so recognized at home. Education in England is not expensive, but Britain is a poor country. Australia limits the number of students going there to study. Education in Canada is cheaper and the degree is recognized at home, so more students come here.

Coming half way around the world means a lot in terms of social and financial cost. And most students support themselves through the university because they could not get a government loan and their parents could not finance them. Any student who finances himself through the university has got to be serious with his academic work, or else he would not be working for the sake of furthering his education. Having the financial and social cost in mind the student works harder than when he was in Hong Kong. The result appears in the form of better grades. He also works harder because he realizes the value of the opportunities in educational facilities now open to him.

The Chinese students are here in the university and doing well academically because they are given the educational opportunities that they lack at home.

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Leaders...cont. from pg.10

we generalize that Student Union is a valuable, social and personal experience?

What can we expect from our student leaders, everything? nothing? direction? response? How about encouragement? participation? dialogue? intelligence? activity? communication? a smile? a tear? a joke? a put on? advice? commitment? honesty?

a good time? a meaningful time? a scratch on the back? a kick in the backside? information?

You can expect anything. Get to know your leaders. These are the people who tell the world who students are and they can help or stifle you and we can help or stifle them. Find out which is happening before it's too late for all of us.

Blood Donor Clinic

Preparations are being made for the fall Blood Donor Clinic here at U.P.E.I. The date for clinic is Oct. 23 and times are 10 - 12 noon, 2 - 4 p.m. and 7 - 9 p.m.

John Vessey, Committee Chairman stated that 360 donors were needed at the clinic

Mrs. Joyce Gallant R.N. of the University Health Centre announced that there will be door prizes for faculty and staff.

Lorraine Cussak is busy looking for support from Local Business firms to support the clinic and donate door prizes. Mrs. Carol Armstrong, Hostess from MacDonalds stated early in the week that they were willing to help where they could.

The committee are desperately looking for volunteer help at the clinic. "It is a must that we have 9 workers per clinic" says Maureen Sinnott committee worker. She also informs people that they can sign up at the library, coffee shop, residences or get in touch with her if they are willing to work at clinics.

The committee who is working so hard needs your support for the success of the clinic. So please all show out to give your blood.

REMEMBER! THE LIFE YOU SAVE MAY BE YOUR OWN.

WHERE - University gym.
WHEN - Wed. Oct. 23, 1974.
TIMES - 10 - 12 noon
2 - 4 p.m.
7 - 9 p.m.



Election time again

HEY... YOU VOTING IN THE ELECTION? ELECTION! WHO'S RUNNING?



The following nominations for a committee on faculty - student evaluation have been accepted. Election will be held Monday, Oct. 27, 10 - 5:00 P.M. You may vote for only three. Candidates can campaign after Oct. 21, 1974. Please consider each candidate carefully.

The three successful candidates will present themselves at Duffy from 7 - 9 on Monday Oct. 28. During the course of the evening the student body will be seduced by the most exciting personalities ever to be elected on campus. Candidates: Joseph Aaron, John Costello, John French, Faith Love, Ronald H. MacDonald, Peter Min, Charlie O'Brien, Albert Walters.