

Foreign Service reps at UNB for briefing sessions

Each year, representatives of the Canadian government visit campuses in order to meet graduating students and interest them in a career in the Foreign Service, where the government draws its personnel to staff posts abroad, either permanent missions such as the Canadian Mission at the United Nations or its embassies and consulates. Foreign Service

personnel are attached to one of three Departments: External Affairs, Industry, Trade and Commerce or Manpower and Immigration.

As in the past, Foreign Service Officers are recruited by competition. This year, examinations will take place on October 22 and 23. If a diplomatic career interests you, please contact the regional office

of the Public Service Commission nearest you or the Canada Manpower Centre On Campus.

We also invite you to meet our Foreign Service representatives during the briefing sessions which will take place here on October 17th at 6:00 p.m. in McLaggen Hall.

The representatives will be describing the career opportunities which exist in the Foreign Service

of the three departments. The following comments outline briefly the type of activities the Canadian Foreign Service Officers are engaged in.

The work of an officer in External Affairs is always varied, whether he is posted in a small mission on Latin America or in a large European capital. For example, a junior officer in Rome did a lot of work in the field of cultural affairs, administering a Canadian scholarship programme for Italian students, greeting Canadian performers coming to Rome, helping to organize art exhibitions. He also read Italian newspapers and met Italian politicians and officials. He followed Italian politics closely and wrote situation reports for his Department. Protocol also proved interesting, whether it was greeting a Canadian Minister at the airport and arranging his schedule or briefing him on the political status of the country. Consular responsibilities led him to help fellow citizens travelling in Italy, some of whom he was called

upon to visit.

On another front, an officer from Industry, Trade and Commerce was called upon, at the request of Cuban authorities, to negotiate a shipbuilding contract for Canada. A good deal of his work consisted therefore in assessing the commercial outlets in his territory, evaluating the competition which would face Canadian exporters and checking out credit facilities which could be made available to Cuban authorities.

A Manpower and Immigration officer posted in Paris was asked to compare the activities of French and Canadian engineers. He therefore had to contact the facilities of engineering and business firms employing engineers in France. He also met with young engineers thus acquiring a first hand knowledge of the qualifications and functions of French engineers. This study facilitated the selection of qualified and competent French immigrants to fulfill Canadian demands for skilled professionals.



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Awards Office: how it works

By STEPHEN FOX

The Undergraduates Award Office, headed by Financial Aid and Awards Officer, Bonita Hallett accepts, processes and presents applications to the University Scholarship Committee. Students who have an average of 70 percent or over may apply.

Applications for scholarships may be picked up at the Awards Office in the STUD. The applicant fills out this form and passes it in at the Awards Office. This one application covers all scholarships awarded by the University Scholarship Committee.

Recipients are chosen on the basis of academic performance, financial need, and participation in extracurricular activities. Information is then passed on to the University Scholarship Committee, which is chaired by Dr. Frank Wilson. There is student representation on this committee thus giving the students a voice in who does and doesn't receive awards. The results are then returned to the Awards Office and they mail out letters of confirmation or refusal.

The Awards Office accepts applications from January to May 15 but you are urged to apply early. Applications are processed from May until mid-June and awards are sent out from mid-June through August. "This year over 50 percent of the applicants have received awards," said Hallett.

The Awards Office also handles University loans. Students may receive loans from the University of up to \$300. An interview with Hallett is necessary before a student receives an application. Hallett will then present them to the University Loan Committee. First year students are not eligible for loans until their second term. In addition, you must have financial need and you must be passing.

The Awards Office will also act in liaison with the Dept. of Youth on behalf of students. If you are having trouble getting a student loan, the Awards Office will often discuss it with the Dept. of Youth for you.

A list of scholarships available may be found under 'Financial Information' in the UNB Calendar.

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