

□GAP EXCHANGE PROGRAM□

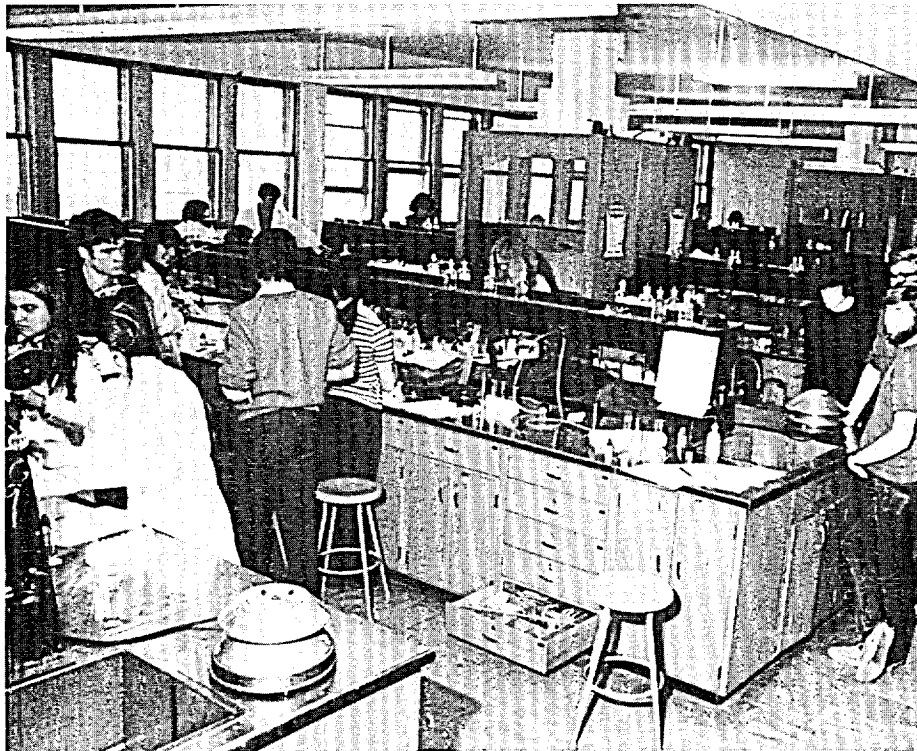
The idea of "taking a year out" between leaving school and going to university is very popular in Britain today. Students who do this for positive reasons make maturer, more motivated undergraduates than those who proceed straight to university. It is popular with students, with the universities, with business and industry and, unless expense is a prohibiting factor, with parents.

The GAP organization exists to enable these students to get work experience in adult situations overseas. It is almost invariably part of the bargain made with the immigration authorities of participating countries that the scheme should be reciprocal. The Canadian government cleared GAP as a student exchange scheme only in November 1985, authorising an initial exchange of ten students in each direc-

tion. A few students have already been placed but the main effort will come next year. It is hoped that numbers will be increased in future years.

Placements are made in schools, agriculture, industry, commerce, hotels, leisure industries and so on. Board, lodging and pocket money of about £ 25 (Canadian \$50) per week are provided. The jobs last an average of six months. There is a Project Manager in the U.K. whose business it is to place the incoming overseas reciprocal students. The student is responsible for his or her own return fare and for any health insurance above the provisions of the reliable British National Health Services.

Enquiries should be made to the GAP head office, 2 South Drive, Leighton Park School, Reading, Berks, U.K. RG2 7DP. Application and confidential reference forms will be sent without delay □



University campus, Ottawa.

Tots & Teens



TEENS RECEIVE DUKE OF EDINBURGH PRIZE

On October 15, 1986, 72 Canadian teens were awarded certificates for the Duke of Edinburgh Prize, Gold Category, by Governor General Jeanne Sauvé.

The prizewinners were between the ages of 17 and 25. Present at the ceremony, at the Quebec Citadel residence of the Governor General, were Quebec Lieutenant Governor Gilles Lamontagne, Supreme Court Chief Justice Brian Dickson and the parents of the recipients.

As John Aird, Chairman of the National Council for the Prize, explained, the purpose behind the award is to develop young men and women with the perseverance to be the leaders of tomorrow.

Mrs. Sauvé expressed her delight at having this opportunity to pay tribute to those who were receiving the highest category of the Duke of Edinburgh Prize. "This ceremony is a tribute to the vast potential of our teens," said the Governor General, who exhorted the recipients to consider the prize as the beginning of something that would continue throughout their lifetimes □