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## WUSC offers students chance to experience different cultures

By PAULA TORNECK

The World Service of Canada (WUSC) is organizing an international seminar to give Canadian students the opportunity to gain personal exposure to the problems of a Third World country.

Thirty Canadian students will be selected to attend this year's seminar to be held in Zimbabwe. These students will be expected to contribute in financing the cost of the trip but their tuition for the next school year will be paid by WUSC.

Last summer WUSC held the seminar in Mauritius and three of the thirty students chosen for the seminar presently attend York. "It was a great experience," said Helena Meriure, a translation student at Glendon. "I went to Mauritius to learn about another culture and I wasn't deceived. You are given the opportunity to live with a family for a week," said Meriure, who found out about WUSC in *Excalibur*. "Most of us who lived with a family, went back to stay with them for another week."

Although the seminar lasts only six weeks, "it is long enough to get a 'feel' for the country," Meriure said. "Of course, there is work involved, but there is still enough time for fun and relaxation."

The students applying for the seminar must fulfill certain requirements WUSC has. Applicants must be a citizen or landed immigrant of Canada and submit a thesis dealing with some aspect of the host country's culture. The applicant must also be returning to a Canadian post-secondary institution, and participate through all the stages of the seminar. As well, the student is required to raise \$2,400 in order to cover a small portion of the seminar's costs which is heavily subsidized by WUSC.

WUSC is a non-profit, non-government organization involving the Canadian community in helping social and academic development at home and abroad. Founded in 1939 at the University of Toronto it was incorporated in 1957 as the Cana-

dian affiliate of the World University Service International.

The seminars are held in a different Third World country each year and rotate between English and French. This year's seminar will be held in English.

The deadline for applications is

October 31. WUSC will be holding an information session with the three York students in a few weeks. For more information concerning the seminar as well as the date of the information session see Brenda Hanning at the Office of Student Affairs (124 Central Square).

## ATTENTION EXCAL STAFFERS

Important meeting today (Thursday) at 3 p.m. Sub-editorial elections will be followed by a paste-up seminar at 3:30 p.m. with Lerrick Starr

## Work/study programme boon to York students needing financial assistance

By MINTO ROY

A programme on campus offers students the opportunity of financial assistance while accumulating practical work experience in their respective field of study.

The York Work/Study Programme is a unique financial assistance programme which provides students the opportunity of avoiding excessive dependency on government loans by providing jobs on campus.

In its fifth year of operation, the programme has created over 500 jobs on the York campus. "Half of the positions are still available, but usually they are filled by mid-October," said Elizabeth Rudyk, director of Financial Aid at York.

The Ontario Ministry of Colleges established the Work/Study Programme in 1982 to provide students with part-time jobs of up to 15 hours per week. Programme Director Rudyk notes that there is a consider-

able degree of flexibility with working hours to accommodate various class schedules. Students can earn between five and seven dollars per hour.

Applicants must be assessed by the Financial Aid Office as being in need of assistance, or inadequately provided for by government loans. All candidates must be granted eligibility before taking part in the work/study programme.

According to Rudyk, during 1985/86, the ministry allocated \$87,000 to York for the maintenance of the work/study programme. This is a \$70,000 increase since its conception. "The ministry has been very generous with its funding," Rudyk said.

The ministry is granting York \$100,000 in funding for the 1986/7 season. "The additional funding will keep creating new jobs, and establishing work/study as a programme here to stay," Rudyk said.

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