

Summer work in London hotels seems unrewarding

By FORREST ORSER

Grand Metropolitan Hotels is offering employment to at least 186 University of New Brunswick students this summer in their twenty-two hotels, according to Accommodations and Placement Officer Spicer.

Students will work as grill chefs, floor housekeepers, porters, waiters and waitresses, chambermaids, and reception personnel.

Director of Counselling Ken Fuller, has not been able to find out if students are bound to work for Grand Metropolitan, or if they are free to look for other work in England. He advises students to be aware of all the facts before they commit any money.

According to Spicer, students should be aware that it is highly unlikely they will be able to save any money while working in London.

SRC President Roy Neale points out that under the present system of student loans, students are assumed to have saved \$425-\$800 from their student earnings, depending on their year and sex. Although the New Brunswick Union of Students will be attempting to have this changed this summer, Neale says he can not state anything definitely.

They will be paid between 18

pounds about \$44.46, the minimum wage and 25 pounds for a forty hour, five day week. In some cases they may also receive tips.

Wages will be withheld two to four weeks, but meals will be provided during working hours.

Arrangements have been made with a flat finding agency to help students find accommodations. A flat for three or four people will cost about 15-18 pounds a week. Single rooms cost 5-8 pounds a week.

About 2 pounds a week will be deducted for income tax, most of which will be refunded. Contributions to National Health and Graduated Pension Fund will amount to about 1 pound a week, and will not be refunded.

Students will work from early May until August. They will have three weeks vacation at the end of August, with three days vacation pay.

Cheap accommodation is in such demand in summer, UNB professor Victor O'Connell says, it is not uncommon for hundreds of young people to sleep in parks each night.

Rooms are available in the seedier areas of London, but vacancies are filled very quickly. Flat finding agencies charge one week's rent for finding you a place to stay.

Temperatures in London in the

summer range from 40 to 70 degrees, and heating is usually done by coin operated meters. Heating a room can cost as much as 75 cents a night.

A bathroom may be shared with as many as twelve people, O'Connell says. Heating a tub of water usually costs 40 cents.

Taking the subway to the center of London cost 25 - 40 cents. Buses are slightly cheaper, but very complicated.

Admittance to art galleries usually cost 50 cents. Movies range from \$1. to \$2.50. Theaters run from 50p to L2.50. A half pint of good beer cost 50 cents. Drinks are

usually \$1. to \$1.50

If those who are going to London would be interested in organizing a meeting, O'Connell says he would be willing to try to answer any questions they might have.

Students will have to pay their own fare to and from London. However, Student Representative Council President Roy Neale is organizing a charter for those who plan to go.

Although all the details have not been worked out, Neale says a two way ticket should cost about \$160. Arrangements have been made with the Bank of Montreal to loan this money to students if a parent,

is willing to co-sign.

The flight will leave from Moncton, although arrangements for a flight from Toronto and Montreal may be made if the demand is great enough. Neale is also arranging insurance which will enable anyone who has to come home early, to be able to do so at no extra charge.

Students must make a deposit of \$60 toward the charter fare before they are considered committed to the program.

All those interested in this opportunity should see Mrs. Spicer in Annex B.

Bruns obtains new machine

By MYRNA RUEST

A Compuwriter has been added to the machinery at the BRUNSWICKAN.

This machine types the articles for the paper by a photo-process which involves transposing letters from plastic strips onto paper.

The new machine with the equipment included is valued at \$8,000. Since the compuwriter will save time more posters and more newspapers can be done than previously so the machine will hopefully pay for itself within three years.

The new Compuwriter has automatic justification and works twice as fast as the old method.

Anyone interested in an explanation of how the machine operates and wishes to see it in action is invited to come into the Brunswick office, Room 35 in the SUB. Just ask for a "tour".



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