

# Work, travel see the world

Facts are facts. Foreign travel for students has become very expensive. Sky-high prices and declining dollars have curtailed many holiday plans. However, there is an answer for the broke student.

The Student Work Abroad Program or SWAP is a practical idea enabling students to offset the rising cost of travel. It allows students to work temporarily and reside in the country of their choice. Currently, SWAP is

offered in four countries: Great Britain, Ireland, Belgium and New Zealand.

SWAP offers many kinds of jobs. Although most are related to the service industry, work can be found in factories, banks, railroads and farms.

The salaries, while not enough to purchase a villa in Cannes or a 70' yacht, are more than adequate. In Great Britain, wages range from \$120 - \$180 a week and meals are often included. Belgium, which has a much higher cost of living, has starting salaries up to \$320 a week.

Signing up for SWAP is not a career. In fact, most jobs are of short duration and last just a few months. This is considered ample time for the student-worker to absorb much of the country's language, culture and lifestyle.

Anita Boyd, a University of Toronto student who "pulled ale" in a London pub, feels her experience with SWAP gave her new insights. "You don't begin to know a place and its people until you work and live there," explains Anita.

How does one get involved in the SWAP program? It's simple, but there are a few eligibility

requirements. First, participants must possess a Canadian passport and a valid 1981 International Student Identity Card. The latter is available through the CUTS office in the Students' Union Building. In addition, applicants must register at least 35 days in advance of departure and have \$500 with which to support themselves until their first paycheck. The student must also pay his or her own travel expenses.

For further information and applications forms, drop in to the CUTS office.

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## Federal gov't cuts will mean fewer summer jobs

OTTAWA (CUP) — A 20 million dollars reduction in the federal summer job creation program will likely mean less jobs for Canadian students next summer.

The government allocation of \$100 million for summer job creation for 1981 is down from \$120 million for 1980. According to Jeff Parr, researcher for the National Union of Students, the primary cutbacks are in the area of community development and federally sponsored programs.

"These are the real job creation programs in the package," said Parr. The other areas of expenditure are national defense programs and hire a student campaigns and employment centres.

"It seems the government is placing a higher priority on military training than on job

creation," said Parr. "Much of the defense allocation does not create any jobs."

According to Parr, 60 percent of the defense area of job creation is for cadet training, a six-week course for teenagers of between 13 and 18 years. Participants are not paid a wage, but instead are given a \$100 bonus if they complete the course.

Yet, Hallam Johnson, executive director of the employment development branch of the ministry of employment and immigration, disagrees that emphasis has been placed on military job training. He considers that the \$20 million cutback is a "generalized reduction" across the board which does not favor any area.

Johnson did not feel the program would suffer much

because of the reduction. "There has been a history of varied funding."

However, Johnson did admit, "Of course, the number of jobs does fluctuate with the level of funding."

Johnson said increases in the expenditure for hire a student campaigns and employment centres would mean that area would be able to maintain the current level of service.

But, says Parr, the employment centres only indirectly aid students.

"They are supposed to help students find jobs. Only a few students are directly employed by the centers," he said.

"What is needed is a stronger commitment to the areas of the program that directly create jobs for students," he added.

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