



TRAVEL TALK

By BRENDA JOHNSTON

Some of you might have noticed a new face in the travel office. Please let me take this opportunity to introduce Jeanette Merriam who has recently taken over the Campus Travel Office. I told you we would make some changes and I assure you that this addition to our staff shall prove to be a great asset to you as you try to make your travel arrangements this year. Jeanette is a fully experienced agent with three years in the travel business. She is a graduate of this university and certainly knows that as a student you want to stretch your dollar as far as it will go.

Whether you are taking the train to Montreal, flying to Toronto or skiing at Sugarloaf, information is readily available at the Travel Office (Phone 453-3546). We have recently received our new SKYLARK, SUNFLIGHT AND CARAMAC brochures so drop in to check out those sunshine destinations during March Break.

Don't forget to get home at Christmas . . . charter class space is very limited but before you know it there will be no regular space . . . PLEASE . . . PLEASE book now . . . there is no need to purchase your ticket until December unless you get a special excursion fare.

NUS against CAUT study

By LINDA HALSEY

The National Union of Students (NUS) stated recently that a Canadian Association of University Teachers (CAUT) study into an alternative program of student assistance is contrary to NUS policy on student aid and will prove disadvantageous to students.

The Contingency Repayment Student Assistance Program, (CORSAP) is designed to provide financial assistance to students based on their total costs and their ability, after graduating, to repay the loan.

A report sent out by NUS member Gordon Bell states that because the CORSAP is dependant upon employed graduates to repay the fund, factors such as graduate employment prospects, drop out rates and mortality rates are used to determine costs of loans. In addition, women should be particularly concerned about the fact that "a major factor in determining how much aid a student will get is the potential rate of participation in the labour force after graduation."

Repayment of loans could extend to approximately thirty

years and according to Bell, "Women are once again singled out as a problem in this part of the program." This is based on the fact that women marry, spending limited time on the labour force and therefore creates problems with repayment of loans. NUS is concerned that "such a scheme would create problems for working women, especially during child bearing and rearing years."

The CORSAP sees a benefit in having "an income related assistance plan that would remove immediate financial barriers to post secondary education."

According to Bell, this plan does not take into account the reluctance of low income groups to acquire heavy debt loads to complete their education. However the CORSAP does not feel that fear of debt is a major concern.

"Freeing institutions from public scrutiny" is regarded by CORSAP as one of their greatest benefits. Implying; if an institution does not rely on public funding for its existence, then its existence

should not be a public concern, making CORSAP a private enterprise.

Among other questions, NUS asks "If an institution, which depends on the ability to place graduates into the job market as the only means of ensuring future funding, be concerned with meeting the education and social

needs of its community? And would an institution that is not dependant on public funds be willing to hold itself accountable to any public body?"

AFS loses Atlantic referenda

Referenda held recently at several Maritime institutions spelled disaster for the Atlantic Federation of Students, when institutions voted no against rejoining the organization.

St. Thomas, Mount Allison, Acadia, Memorial University and UPEI students voted against rejoining the membership and according to SRC president Steve Berube AFS may be disbanded. He said that Dalhousie Union of Students president Micheal Powers told him that a motion from Mount Saint Vincent University and Saint Mary's suggested the disbandment of AFS.

He said a conference will be held at Dalhousie University within the next two weeks to determine whether or not this will happen.

According to Berube, AFS has been facing organizational and leadership problems for some time, and there has been some question as to how ethical proceedings have been handled within the organization.

He said that both he and members of other universities questioned hiring procedures of the AFS in reference to the appointment of AFS secretary co-ordinator Tony Kelly. Berube said that the committee formed to choose the new secretary co-ordinator consisted of representatives from four universities.

Current chairperson (at that time) Tony Kelly applied for the job while retaining his current job.

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If you have had an opportunity . . . now that you are nicely settled in, we hope, we hope . . . of coming downtown to Queen St., we should like to think you have seen our store windows, with their display of Fall and Winter clothing items, . . . (for Men and Boys) . . . (and other items which the girls like, e.g., Jeans, Cords, Sweaters, etc., etc.)

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