

Four Thousand Letters Yearly NFCUS Student Travel Service

Ottawa (CUP)—One day recently the NFCUS travel director sent out his daily bundle of letters, but this particular packet was a milestone. It meant that in the last four year Jean-Pierre Jinchereau had answered more than 10,000 letters from University students who ask for everything from

travel grants to cheap rates for their mothers.

As the NFCUS travel department nears its tenth anniversary Jinchereau is building up steam for this summer's contingent of University students who either hitch-hike across Europe or see the continent on a NFCUS tour.

Now averaging 4,000 letters a year, J.P.—as he is known by hundreds of students across Canada—works at a fever pitch, sometimes around the clock and usually seven days a week to answer requests of students who may never again use the services of the department. In addition he arranges travel for the NFCUS congress and seminar.

Although he has answered more letters than most people receive in a lifetime, he is still awed by requests he receives from students. Out of the mound of mail that comes to the secretariat there is one sentence that pops up continually. "I have heard about your organization, and would like to join." This never fails to amaze him. "This is university students' organization, it is part of the service they receive as members of NFCUS. I can't understand it."

Some students write the same letter every year, for three or four years, asking for the same information each time, and yet they apparently never leave the country. Jinchereau believes they receive vicarious pleasure from reading the travel folders he sends out.

Others ask for an international student card—which is very beneficial in Europe and can be obtained only through NFCUS—but they are not students. Still others want their mothers to accompany them on the NFCUS, and expect student travel rates for their parent as well.

Jinchereau points to a record of "never refusing to try to find the information asked," and declares proudly, "we are the only travel information bureau of its kind in Canada." The only thing that stops him is unsigned letters, and he is stymied until a second letter arrives demanding to know why there was no reply.

He is sure that each year at least 300 of his letters fail to receive attention. These are invoices of \$2 or \$3 sent to students for special services, and must be written off as losses. The federation also loses when cheques are returned marked NSF, and this usually means the student has drawn out all his money and gone to Europe, and neglected to pay for the special service.

These special services include, a nominal fee for an international student identity card, a handbook on student travel, and the every helpful phrase books. All bookings and travel information is free.

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Dissatisfaction Of Brief Threatens To Split NFCUS

Representatives of five French-language Universities called for an amendment to the NFCUS education brief last weekend, and indicated that they might leave the federation unless it was forthcoming.

The eighteen students from Ottawa, Montreal, Sherbrooke, Laval and St. Joseph's met in Quebec to discuss the resolution on financial aid and the brief which calls for 10,000 bursaries of \$500 each for Canadian University students.

NFCUS executive secretary Len LeGault declared the federation had received no invitation to any meeting and had not been officially advised

either that it had taken place or of any stand taken.

Although a spokesman for the French University students said that "the brief didn't conform to the resolution adopted at the last NFCUS congress," LeGault said that he believed that the brief presented to Prime Minister Diefenbaker did not transgress the framework authorized by the congress.

At the Dalhousie congress, delegates passed a resolution which suggested that the federal government be asked to co-operate with all interested provincial governments in the establishment of a nation-wide scholarship and bursaries program. The program would be established on the basis of student population and distributed through channels approved by the provincial government.



EXAMS COMING?

Unimproved With Colour E & G Ready in April

Copies of the U of A year book, the Evergreen and Gold will be available for distribution early in April.

This year's theme is that of "Expansion". The book has a larger colour section and some fine original art work in the Activities section by Betty Ann Rostrup.

"Few improvements could be made this year" said Bev Simmons, an Editor of 1960-61 Evergreen and Gold,

because of the severe lack of funds." This will be remedied next year, however, when the referendum to raise fees comes into effect.

The 1961 year book will contain 264 pages, exactly the same number as the 1959-1960 edition, and no index. About 1,500 copies of the year book are expected on April 15. The remaining copies will be distributed soon after the 23—as soon as they can be bound.

CKUA Returns Songfest

Radio station CKUA will broadcast recordings from the 1961 Interfraternity Songfest every Tuesday evening in March at 8 p.m.

The first program, March 7, will feature Phi Kappa Pi, and Phi Delta Theta. The second program, March

14, will play more songs by the Phi Deltis and the songs of Delta Gamma and Sigma Alpha Mu.

The third program, March 21, will present the songs of Lambda Chi Alpha, Phi Beta Phi, and Delta Upsilon.

The final program, on March 28, will feature the songs of Kappa Sigma, and Delta Kappa Epsilon and Kappa Alpha Theta, winners of the Songfest.

city students have travelled to Central and Eastern Europe on NFCUS tours, in addition to hundreds of individual bookings. To celebrate its anniversary NFCUS is offering a limited number of travel grants to any student who books an individual one-way or round trip passage to Europe through the federation. Those who travel on NFCUS are also eligible.

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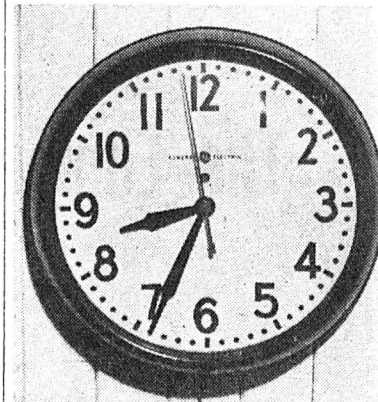
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