

'Ambitious. aren't they?'

AIESEC provides travel and employment

By LORNE WASSER

"AIESEC (Association Internationale Des Etudiants En Sciences Economiques Et Commerciales) gave me opportunities to do and accomplish things I could never have done on my own," said Tom Tegtmeier, a member of this student-run organization.

Tegtmeier is a York member and is one of a few York students who went on an overseas excursion, through the AIESEC chapter located here on campus, in room 020 of Administrative Studies.

AIESEC is a student-run organization which attempts to bridge the gap between theoretical university education and the practical business world.

"In a word, it is a great organization, worthy of the support of business, of government, and of academics teaching in economics and commerce," said E.P. Neufeld, the Director of International Finance for Canada.

AIESEC brings together members of the local business, education and student communities for seminars and

discussions. "The importance behind this is not just the information you obtain, but also the personal contact you acquire through these meetings with the businessmen of the local community," said Frank Gleeson, York AIESEC President.

Gleeson then went on to point out, "that the non-profit, non-political organization also provides the business or commerce student with training and experience on how to talk to management. And this is important when it comes time to getting a job."

"AIESEC is a quality organization; its been around for 26 years and it grows every year through the active involvement of its membership," stated Gleeson.

He then went on, "the University of Toronto's chapter now has over one hundred members, and they seem to plan on outdoing the younger York branch, which is about 40 strong now, once again this year. Ambitious aren't they? However, students all of whom are active members of the York community should make it their business to come out to the

AIESEC office — particularly those in business and commerce."

AIESEC also offers a limited number of foreign traineeships to Canadian students. That is, a number of students are sent overseas—anywhere in the world, usually the student's choice. In this way a student gets to travel, work and earn money all at the same time.

Tegtmeier was one of 140 students sent overseas on a foreign traineeship program, through AIESEC's annual exchange procedure.

"Berlin, Brussels, and Lucerne were a few of the places that we visited. We were provided with managerial positions, monthly salaries and overseas residence. The related AIESEC chapters overseas also provided us with social activities such as tours and get-togethers with other foreign students and their business associates," remarked Tegtmeier.

He added, "traineeships last anywhere from eight weeks to eighteen months, with the average length being from ten to twelve weeks. The trainee jobs are strictly managerial in nature and can

usually be arranged during your summer vacation."

For every Canadian student sent overseas a foreign student is brought to Canada to work on a traineeship here, through the help of AIESEC.

The association which was founded in Europe in 1948 has now achieved international status, grouping the university students of Commerce and Business Administration of over 375 universities in more than 50 countries.

York offers programme in Canadian studies this year

By DEBBIE PEKILIS

An interdisciplinary general honours programme in Canadian Studies is being introduced this year by York's faculty of arts.

Coordinator of the programme, John Warkentin, says the aim of the course is "to enable students to acquire a comprehensive knowledge and understanding of Canada and selected Canadian problems and issues."

COMING TOGETHER

He said that one of the really exciting aspects of the programme is that it brings together students and faculty from various disciplines and backgrounds and involves them in the study of Canada.

The programme, which has been in the planning stages for a number of years, was mounted so that students interested in studying Canada would have a structured, coherent programme of courses.

"I personally feel that when people graduate from university they should have a fairly broad knowledge of what has been written in the Canadian field," said Warkentin. "They should also have a broad education in finding data in fields outside their area of specialization."

FACULTY QUESTIONS

Because a large number of courses in Canadian studies already exist at York, many faculty members have questioned the need for a special hard-core emphasis which might overlap with older programmes.

Ed Smith, a second-year English student enrolled in the programme, said that it has "a tremendous amount of potential in terms of both people and resources. It's a good programme and will go a long way with the right decisions and judgements."

Similar programmes in Canadian Studies have been established at several other Canadian universities, including Trent and Simon Fraser. In contrast to the programmes offered at these schools, York's programme provides interdisciplinary courses in all three years.

INFORMATION EXCHANGE

Universities offering Canadian studies programmes are actively exchanging information and learning from each other.

Warkentin said that it is too early to tell how York's programme is turning out or what benefits it will have for the university.

U. of Calgary raises intl. fees

CALGARY (CUP) - The University of Calgary Student's Union passed a resolution, increasing international students' tuition fees by at least \$600, at an October 27 meeting.

The proposal called for an increase in fees to a level competitive with comparable institutions in the U.S., rather than the specific \$1,900 suggested in the original draft of the proposal.

Representatives from the International Students' Association here said that students arrive in Canada with about \$4,000 a year for expenses, most of which goes into the Canadian economy. Moreover, they said that many students would not be able to stay in Canada if the fees were increased.

Students' Union president Dave Wolf replied that the proposal would only apply to rich students, and some of the extra money would be part of a scholarship fund specifically for poorer international students, and thus "provide the university with a more balanced cosmopolitan community".

At press time, the ISA had collected over 100 signatures calling for a more general "town hall" meeting to be held, in which each student union member present would have a vote.

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