

the campus. Most universities maintain a housing-service that provides students with a list of places where rooms may be rented. In some cases, both room and board are provided at a weekly or monthly rate (about \$25 a week). In others, room only is provided (about \$10-\$15 a week) and the student may have cooking facilities to prepare his own meals or he may eat at restaurants or in university cafeterias. If a student pays rent by the week, one week's notice only will be required in he wishes to move. Otherwise, a month's notice is generally required.

Apartments: If a student is bringing his wife or family with him to Canada, he may wish to rent an apartment with one or two bedrooms. Apartments are normally supplied with a refrigerator and stove. Rent generally includes the cost of heating and, in some cases, electricity. It is often necessary to sign a lease for a year or more when renting an apartment, and landlords require one month's rent in advance or a deposit against damage and other liabilities, which will usually be returned when the tenant leaves the apartment. A lease should be read carefully before it is signed, and, if necessary, advice should be sought from the foreign-student adviser or student personnel officer at the university. Flats are more economical, since they usually have a shared bathroom.

Students may encounter some difficulty, on occasion, in obtaining accommodation. In every country there can be found individuals who practice discrimination based on religion, race, language, money or education. If an overseas student has the misfortune to encounter any form of discrimination in Canada, it should be reported to the university authorities.

(b) Social Life

At most Canadian universities, students elect a council which is their administrative government or student union at university, and which is in charge of a wide range of social and recreational activities. All students are members of the student union, to which a fee is paid at the time of registration. Numerous social, intellectual, political, religious and literary clubs are found on the campus. Sports generally include football (North American style), soccer, ice-hockey, skiing, swimming and basketball.

At many universities there are clubs for students from particular countries and general foreign-student organizations or International Houses. These provide an excellent opportunity for students to meet their fellow-countrymen, other overseas students and Canadian students. Canadian students are not always ready to take the initiative in getting to know students from other countries. You should not, therefore, have any reservations about making the first move in getting to know your fellow-students. Many overseas students meet Canadians through fellow-students and faculty members. Very often, special programs of activities are held with the purpose of bringing together overseas students and Canadians. Overseas students are advised, if possible, to bring a few items from home that will be of interest to Canadian friends, such as maps, pictures, musical instruments, recordings, handicrafts and national costumes.