



Help Grande Cache

As we are all beginning to realize, Christmas is not that far off. While busy Edmonton residents write gift buying lists and venture out on their first shopping trips of the season, *the Gateway* reminds everyone that some Albertans are unable to shop for Christmas presents.

The residents of Grande Cache, Alberta are too busy trying to survive to take such luxuries into consideration. McIntyre Coal Mine, the town's largest employer was shut down last summer, leaving many of the people in Grande Cache jobless.

The economic strength of the entire town has suffered as a result. That is why concerned parents in

Grande Cache have taken it upon themselves to try and keep Christmas from being a painful disappointment for their children.

These parents contacted the *Gateway* to support their cause. The colorful caricatures of jolly Saint Nick that we have been running for several issues now have all been in an attempt to enlist the support of our readers.

Donations for the Grande Cache Christmas Fund can be delivered care of *the Gateway* either in person or by mail. Receipts are available, and the organization is listed federally as a legal charitable organization. Cheques should be made out to the Grande Cache Christmas Centre.

Thus far the response has been

very good. *The Gateway* would like to take this opportunity to thank all those who have already opened their hearts to the unfortunate plight of the small mining town residents.

We have even received one large donation collected by the students of an occupational therapy class who wanted to help out.

The children who receive the gifts your donations have paid for won't have the chance to thank you for your concern. But you will know.

If you haven't made a donation yet though - hurry. The deadline is November 26. This is so that toys can be bought wholesale. Once again, many thanks to all those who have already shown they care.

INFORMATION for INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

Welcome to the University of Alberta.....there are approximately 1450 International Students from 86 different countries studying at the University of Alberta.....this constitutes close to 5.5% of the total student enrollment. Because of your special status in Canada as Visitors with Student Authorizations there are certain regulations and conditions that you must be aware of. Please read the following information carefully and contact the International Student Adviser if you require additional information or assistance.

Immigration Regulations

Planning to leave Canada over Christmas? If so, please note the following:

If You Are Going To The U.S.A.

You will probably require an American Visitors Visa.....application forms are available at the International Student Office.....applications often take a minimum of three weeks to process.

Apply Early

In order to re-enter Canada you will be required to show Canadian Immigration Authorities at the point of entry into Canada your valid Student Authorization and Passport (American students do not require a passport).

These regulations apply regardless of whether you come from a Schedule II or Non-Schedule II country.

If You Are Going To Any Other Country In The World

Citizens of Schedule II countries will be allowed to re-enter Canada as long as they have a valid Student Authorization and Passport. Letters confirming your status at The University of Alberta are available at the International Student Office. Citizens of Non-Schedule II countries require a new visitors visa, even if their Student Authorization is still valid. The visa can be obtained at any Canadian Immigration Office OUTSIDE of Canada.....it cannot be issued at the point of entry into Canada. (If you have been issued a multiple entry visa that is still valid you may not require a new Visitors Visa to re-enter Canada.) Check with the International Student Adviser if you have ANY doubts about your status. Letters confirming your student status at the University of Alberta are available at the International Student Office.

Do Not Allow Your Student Authorization To Expire

Renewal forms, required by Immigration to verify your student status are available at the International Student Office. Renew your Student Authorization at least 2-3 weeks before the expiry date.

Remember that your Student Authorization is valid ONLY for the institution named; if you intend to change institutions you must receive prior authorization from Immigration officials or you will be in violation of immigration regulations.

Remember that you cannot work in Canada without an EMPLOYMENT AUTHORIZATION.....issued to International Students only after Canada Employment is satisfied that there are not Canadian citizens or Permanent Residents available for a particular job. Working in Canada without authorization is a violation of immigration regulations.

Schedule II Countries

1. Citizens of Andorra, Argentina, Australia, Austria, Bahamas, Bangladesh, Barbados, Belgium, Bolivia, Botswana, Brazil, Costa Rica, Cyprus, Denmark, Dominica, Dominican Republic, Fiji, Finland, France, Gambia, Federal Republic of Germany, Greece, Grenada, Guatemala, Guyana, Honduras, Iceland, Ireland, Italy, Jamaica, Japan, Kenya, Kiribati, Lesotho, Liechtenstein, Luxembourg, Malawi, Malaysia, Malta, Mauritius, Mexico, Monaco, Nauru, Netherlands, New Zealand, Nicaragua, Norway, Panama, Papua New Guinea, Paraguay, Peru, Portugal, Solomon Islands, San Marino, St. Lucia, St. Vincent, Seychelles Republic, Sierra Leone, Singapore, Spain, Sri Lanka, Surinam, Swaziland, Sweden, Switzerland, Tanzania, Tonga, Trinidad and Tobago, Turkey, Tuvalu, United States, Uruguay, Venezuela, Western Samoa and Zambia.

2. Citizens of the United Kingdom and Colonies with the right of abode in the United Kingdom.

3. Citizens of the United Kingdom and Colonies who derive their citizenship through birth, descent, registration of naturalization in one of the British dependent territories of Belize, British Virgin Islands, Cayman Islands, Falkland Islands, Gibraltar, Hong Kong, Montserrat, Pitcairn, St. Helena, Turks and Caicos Islands, or in one of the West Indies, Associated States of Antigua or St. Kitts-Neve-Anguilla.

If you have any problems or questions about immigration contact the International Student Adviser.

Attention National Groups

Have you registered your organization with the Office of Student Affairs? Please remember that your group will not be able to obtain a liquor permit unless it is officially registered with the office. It is also important for the office to be kept informed of changes in executive positions.

The International Student Office is planning a series of discussion groups to deal with issues related to international development. Many students and faculty members have expressed an interest in facilitating a dialogue on development issues. If you have suggestions for topics to be featured, resource people to facilitate, or are interested in participating, please contact the International Student Adviser. The discussion groups will begin in January 1983 and will be held either once or twice a month, probably on Friday evenings, depending on the level of interest from students.

The following magazines and journals are available in the International Student Office:

New African, India Today, Asia Record, Singapore Minor, Iraq News, Cyprus Bulletin, Dawn, Bangladesh Today.

Many of your High Commissions and Embassies send regular newsletters for the information of their Nationals.....these too are available in the office.

Awards and Bursaries

The following bursaries are available to International Students holding valid Student Authorizations.

The Board of Governors International Student Bursary

Bursaries, based on financial need are available to International Students who have successfully completed one full year of their academic programme at the University of Alberta. Because the number of applications far exceeds the amount of available funds, priority is given to those students who could not complete their academic programme without some financial assistance. Applications forms are available at the International Student Office. Deadline for applications for the winter bursary is **January 30, 1983.**

The Royal Overseas League Commonwealth Undergraduate Award

Undergraduate students from Commonwealth Countries who have successfully completed the first two years of a baccalaureate programme at the University of Alberta are eligible to apply for this award which is based on academic merit. Application forms are available at the International Student Office. Deadline for applications is **December 15, 1982.**

Have a Merry Christmas and a Happy and Healthy New Year

Submitted by the International Student Office, Office of Student Affairs, 225 Athabasca Hall, 432-4145.