

UNB to host Elderhostel

Senior citizens will have a choice of educational holidays at 10 Atlantic Canada universities this summer, as part of the international Elderhostel program.

Elderhostel is a program for persons at least 60 years old and their spouses. It offers them an opportunity to live in student residences and enroll in a group of low-cost, one-week courses. The courses are taught by regular faculty, require no particular educational background, and are geared to senior citizens who want a lively combination of travel, intellectual stimulation and new friends.

The expansion from one Atlantic member university in 1980 to a 10 member Atlantic region in 1981 is typical of the phenomenal growth of Elderhostel, which originated in the USA in 1975. Last summer, the Fredericton campus of the University of New Brunswick hosted 80 older citizens for courses on the use of archives in preparing a family history, the short stories of Atlantic Canada authors, and managing the northeastern forest. Summer '81 will see tremendous variety in this region's Elderhostel programs, both in terms of locale and course content.

The earliest session in the Atlantic provinces begins on June 14 at the University Sainte-Anne, a bilingual (French-English) institution in St. Mary's Bay, NS. Canadian history since Confederation, the historical development of the Acadian people, and the Acadians today will be the course topics for both weeks of this program.

That same week Elderhostel will begin two weeks of courses at Sir Wilfred Grenfell College, the Corner Brook campus of Memorial University of Newfoundland. Topics will include the history of western Newfoundland, the joy of music, and geography: some aspects of our environment.

From there one might travel to UNB for one of four one-week sessions beginning June 28, and focussing on themes of family history, Atlantic Canadian literature, and several branches of forest management.

Beginning July 5, courses on the Antigonish co-operative movement, highland music, and the Scots in the new world will be offered at St. Francis Xavier University in Antigonish, NS. The session will coincide with the colorful Highland Games in Antigonish.

July 5 also marks the opening of two weeks of courses on Acadian history, man and his environment, and the philosophy of leisure, offered by the University of Moncton, the only entirely French language university in Atlantic Canada.

Acadia University in Wolfville, NS will open its program on July 12, with courses on the natural history of the Bay of Fundy, the ice age in Nova Scotia, and the historic roots of that province.

Two one-week sessions on the history and folklore of PEI, astronomy, and the ecology of an island, will begin on July 19 at the University of Prince Edward Island, Charlottetown.

The Atlantic Elderhostel will wind up July 26 - Aug 8 with courses at the three Halifax, NS universities, which expect to set up some combined outings.

Dalhousie will mount courses on the region's roots in immigration and settlement, the provincial flora and fauna, and traditions and recent trends in Canadian fiction and poetry. Mount Saint Vincent will be the site for courses on the media and society, the golden age of sail in Nova Scotia, and a chemist's views on energy. The Halifax programs will also include courses on the Atlantic fisheries, ethnic diversity in Nova Scotia, and the architec-

ture of Halifax, all taught at Saint Mary's University.

Robert Williston, of the UNB department of extension and summer sessions, is serving as the Atlantic Canada regional co-ordinator for Elderhostel. He describes his role as one of collecting and circulating information to the participating campuses and providing a link with the international Elderhostel headquarters in Boston. Mr. Williston said that each campus develops its own program, reflecting its own particular style, so that students travelling to several campuses have a different experience at each.

He said that close to 1,000 senior citizens are expected to take advantage of the Atlantic Canada courses. The nearby New England region, with 67 colleges and universities participating, expects 37,000 Elderhostel students this year, up from 23,000 enrolled at 29 campuses in 1980. Elderhostel extends to all of the 50 states, to Ontario, Quebec and the Atlantic provinces, and to Britain and Sweden. Mr. Williston says that the organizers are planning to set up international exchanges in future years.

The course fee for one week of Elderhostel in Canada is \$144. The fee includes the academic program, residence room and board, field trips and

social activities. English professor William Bauer, who has taught in Elderhostel both in Maine and at his home campus in Fredericton, says that the groups build remarkable camaraderie in the short time they are together.

Although the Elderhostel programs are designed to include academic material covered in regular university courses, there are no homework assignments, exams or grades.

Two Elderhostel catalogs are available. One lists all the offerings at the 470 colleges and universities in the international Elderhostel program. The Canadian catalog lists only the courses offered at the 20 participating campuses in Canada.

Information is available from the continuing education office of any participating university, or by writing: Elderhostel, Atlantic Canada Region, University of New Brunswick, Department of Extension and Summer Sessions, P.O. Box 4400, Fredericton, N.B., E3B 2Y2. Information is also available by phone, (506) 453-4646.

Should the taste of learning at Elderhostel prove addictive, Williston noted, many Canadian and American universities have eliminated or reduced tuition for senior citizens.

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existence of an active insurrection that has succeeded in convincing the peasants of the injustices of the present system and is directing or instigating them to disobey its precepts."

Not limited to armed insurrection, it could also take the form of non-violent action such as consciousness raising work (as promoted by the Catholic Church), demonstrations, strikes, etc. It was but a short step from this definition of subversion to torture and terror in defense of the need for order.

The link between the military and terror squads has been established in several of the Latin American countries accused of human rights violations including Brazil, Chili, Bolivia, Uruguay, Guatemala, Paraguay and El Salvador. It was evidence of such a link that in 1974 made the U.S. Congress attempt to phase out its ten year public safety program in Brazil which had trained over one hundred thousand federal and state police and six hundred high ranking officers.

According to Nelson Fonseca, Sao Paulo's top criminal judge, "The members of (Brazil's) death squad are policemen, and everyone knows it."

Most recently Amnesty International in its bulletin of Jan. 1981 recounting their message of the UN of December 3, 1980 stated that "government forces had been implicated in the murders of an estimated 6,000 people in El Salvador during 1980."

GRADUATES--MAKE PLANS TO ATTEND:

"THE LAST BASH"
(Almost) Final Schedule

Wednesday, May 20th

9-1 a.m. *EXTRAVAGRADZA in the SUB*
featuring "Cleveland", a 10 piece Show Band
from Ohio.

Thursday, May 21st

7:30-9 am "Hangover Breakfast"

Appropriate liquid and solid refreshments

9:00 am --Encaenia Rehearsal

2:30 pm 152nd ENCAENIA at the Aiken Centre

5:00 pm Faculty Teas

7:30 pm President's Reception.

Presentation of Activity Awards, "Wine and Cheese" in the Colter Room, Aitken Centre.

9-1 am Graduation Ball featuring "The Thomists".--Aitken Centre

Get Ready For "The Packages"