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# OPINION...

## Stockholm in June...Jah!

There are many advantages to having a university education, not the least of which is the opportunity to travel.

Because we are students, there are countless opportunities, from university sponsored exchange programs, to career development programs in private industry that are simply waiting for people like you and I to take advantage of...and chances are, there may be something waiting just for you.

My own experience has shown me how simple it is to get involved in university exchange programs, and I always say, if they'll take me, they'll take anybody. Like most people, I always dreamed of far away places, but the only reality that they were for me was through photographs and the written word. I really had no chance, or so I thought, to go overseas and go to university or work. Little did I know how simple it all was...simple in the sense that once you are over there, in my case, Norway and Finland, you will be thankful for the time you spent filling out forms and waiting

for replies.

Many European universities offer exchange programs for the summer. The International Summer School in Oslo, Norway, for example, and some governments, Finland for example, will set you up in career development positions that pretty well cover your whole cost of living during the time spent in the country and under their sponsorship.

Another advantage to these exchange programs is that you will meet people just like yourself, who are involved at the same level and for the same reasons. The friends whom you will meet on an educational or a professional level will be remembered for life.

But perhaps the most important aspect of going to school overseas or working in foreign countries, is that you can travel and not have people complaining that "he's wasting his time" or "she's loafing around Europe". You have a home base, stability, and more important to the folks back home, a phone number where they can reach you in case of emergency.

Just Wednesday I received a post card from a friend who is working in Finland on a career development project teaching English to Finnish children. And only last week I got a letter from a friend from Poland whom I met in Norway at the International Summer School two years ago. Our friendship has grown since those days in Oslo, and my friend in Finland has practical experience in a job that he may decide to pursue as a career. There is no limitation to what you can do, whether you are an Arts student or an Engineer. The opportunities are endless, and the experience unforgettable. So start now, if that is what you want to do...but one hint of advice is this. Don't hold your breath waiting for replies from governments or universities. It may take a long time to get the verification and the work visa, but if you are accepted, it will arrive eventually and all the time spent waiting and wondering will certainly be worth it.

Bon Voyage

MELYNDA JARRATT  
News Editor

## Some Consideration is Needed

by MARK STEVENS

Last Saturday night, along with countless other students, I went to what allegedly masquerades as the social club. I say "masquerades" because there seemed nothing social about the behaviour of a small group of people present.

It seems a shame that the majority of students (who, let's face it, simply want to go out

and have a good time) should have to put up with the mindless tribal rituals of a minority.

Sure, I admit that some of us may find this interesting. Anthropologists, for instance. But I for one don't wish to be subjected to the cultural manifestations of the "let's see how much beer we can drink before we're sick" ritual, or the "I wonder how many fights I

can start tonight" ritual.

Unfortunately the anthropologists had a field day last Saturday night...("Gee, is this some kind of fertility rite...Yeah, I see, the regeneration cycle. Birth and death. You drink lots of beer, throw up, fall over and start again. Groovy!) So did the eviction technicians - have a field day, I mean.

What about the rest of us?

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