

# Collegians need foreign study

## Travel, like practice, goes with theory and degree

The person who receives a college degree without going abroad can be compared to a person who studies music without going near an instrument. The fundamentals, the theory, the entire wealth of written knowledge may all be there. But the essence is missing.

Practically unlimited opportunities to travel abroad are available to A&M students who want to discover the essence of their scholastic careers.

International Association for the Exchange of Students for Technical Experience/United States (IAESTE/US) provides a career vacation abroad for students of engineering, architecture, agriculture, and the sciences. The program boils down to on-the-job training plus international experience for participants.

IAESTE is a private, nonprofit corporation with 41 member countries. Since its founding in 1948, IAESTE has provided career vacations abroad for 135,000 student-trainees.

Most placements are for 8 to 12 weeks during the summer, but a few may be available for longer periods and at different times of the year.

Although IAESTE will obtain visas, work and police permits and offer assistance with transportation and insurance, the student must attend to some red tape. A passport and a Selective Service clearance, when necessary, must be obtained plus individual insurance and transportation.

Ample time is available for travel and cultural pursuit at the individual's own expense.

Experiment in International Living (often called "Experiment") is an international program providing an entirely different experience.

Experiment offers the student a chance to actually live with and become a part of an overseas family.

Although jobs aren't part of the program, work plays a vital part in the program's success.

The student attends The Experiment's School for International Training in Brattleboro, Vermont before going abroad to the country of his choice. Cross-cultural preparation and, if required for the country chosen, intensive language study take place before the student

goes abroad.

A variety of program options include four-, six- or eight-week summer programs in one of 25 countries, fifteen-week study abroad programs in 16 countries, and one- or two-year undergraduate programs for college juniors leading to either 30 hours of transfer credit or a bachelor degree.

The true value of Experiment lies

in the close association established among the participating student, the family with whom the student stays for up to four weeks, and other foreign nationals the student meets and talks with while living and traveling abroad.

Although Experiment can be expensive, the value of the experience to a student's future life must be considered above cost. Summer

programs abroad during 1975 cost anywhere from \$1600 to \$2000, but letters from past participants have never indicated any regrets about the cost.

Loans for travel abroad are available through the Overseas Loan Fund with loan payment due without interest upon graduation. Applications for loans should be made to the MSC Travel committee.

## Two graduations set

Two commencement exercises are scheduled this year to accommodate the families and friends of the expected graduating class of more than 2,000.

Dr. J. Boyd Page, a former graduate dean here, as well as president of the Council of Graduate Schools of the U.S. will address doctoral, masters, and a portion of the undergraduate degree recipients.

Dallas banker James W. Aston will speak at the university's traditional exercises for the majority of the undergraduate degree recipients the morning of May 10.

Undergraduates of the Colleges of Architecture and Environmental Design, Education, Liberal Arts, Science and Veterinary Medicine will graduate on May 9. The May 10 ceremonies will include the Colleges of Agriculture, Engineering, Business Administration, Geosciences and Moody College of Marine Sciences and Maritime Resources.

## Charter election date set

A special election will be held this November to adopt a new constitution as a result of recent adoption by the Legislature of a joint resolution.

State Representative Bill Prenal of Bryan said Friday that an information booklet on the contents of the new proposed Constitution will be available in May. The booklet is being prepared to include the proposed 1976 revision of the Texas Constitution with the transition schedule. This is the complete constitution, assuming that all eight propositions to be submitted to the voters pass.

Also included will be a review of the proposed 1976 revision along with summary comparison of the proposed revision and the corresponding article of the Constitution of 1976. The booklet will include a sample ballot for the Nov. 4 election on the revised Constitution.

Prenal said his office will furnish information on request on the new proposal in about 30 days.

## Brazos DA charges 11 with fraud

Brazos County District Attorney Tom McDonald, Jr. said at a Friday morning press conference that 11 warrants have been issued for the arrest of local citizens charged with the theft of welfare funds.

The stolen funds total \$8,107. Formal charges were filed Monday following investigations by the Texas Department of Public Welfare in Brazos County.

McDonald said all welfare fraud cases will be vigorously prosecuted by his office.

Charged with theft of welfare funds are Jesse Barron (\$1,797) of 605 W. 24th St., Bryan; Patricia Hamilton (\$1,090.35) of 1205 W. 19th St., Bryan; Virginia A. Pinson (\$1,082) of Route 2, Box 108, Bryan; Pamela Cail Thomas (\$980.70) of 212 John St., Hearne; Barbara Ann Jones (\$834) of 708 W. 20th St., Bryan; Cresencia Tijerina (\$469.80) of 305 Highway 21, Bryan; Betty Jean Rhodes (\$459.38) of 2119 Echols, Bryan.


Also charged are Deliah Childs (\$458.40) of 1602 Rollins St., Bryan; Irene Jackson (\$398) of 1200 Ridgedale, Apt. 115, Bryan; Charlie Mae Jenkins Lockett (\$333.40) of 1900 Ave. C, Bryan; and Willie Mae Roberson (\$205.40) of 1200 Ridgedale, Apt. 116, Bryan.

McDonald said that continuing investigations of welfare fraud will be made in Brazos County to insure that only qualified people are receiving welfare.

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