

Student work-travel programs available

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Have you ever considered farming in Norway, waiting tables in West Germany, or being a live-in babysitter in Austria?

These are some of the jobs that accompany study and travel programs offered to Texas A&M University students.

Mona Rizk-Finne, study abroad adviser, said not enough students know about the office to benefit from it. She said she gives individual

counseling to students wishing to travel, work, or study abroad.

The International Services Office has catalogs from foreign universities and information on work and travel programs for students.

A file of grants, loans, scholarships, and fellowships is also available for inspection. Rizk-Finne said there are many opportunities for financial aid, but the student must seek them out.

"Some grants are very competitive," Rizk-Finne said. "They might

require a 3.8 GPA."

Other scholarships are based on such things as academic major or foreign language proficiency.

Student travel loans are available through the Memorial Student Center Travel Committee. Rizk-Finne said the individual student should check on his own potential for financial aid.

Rizk-Finne said even students on work programs should expect to pay for living accommodations and trans-

portation. The manual labor-type jobs mentioned above, which are part of the Working in Europe program, are usually "minimum pay for long, hard work," she said.

Low wages coupled with the rise in airline ticket prices and the fluctuation of the value of the dollar in foreign countries, makes it necessary to have a substantial cash reserve.

Travel and study programs require the student to pay all expenses, but often a student can arrange to

live with a family in the foreign country, she said. University-sponsored trips can sometimes get airline group rates.

Rizk-Finne said there are several overseas travel programs offered at Texas A&M, such as MSC Travel Committee trips, summer foreign language programs, and individual department study programs. Students can also arrange to obtain college credit for overseas studies.

The International Services Office

can arrange for home stays, since it works with the Experiment in International Living, a student exchange program.

The office issues international student ID and Eurail passes which provide for student railway fare discounts in Europe.

Rizk-Finne holds seminars each semester to give students an overview of opportunities and procedures for travel overseas.

She stresses early planning at the

seminars. Applications for overseas work or study must be submitted several months in advance.

things as credit transfers, living accommodations, airline reservations, passports, vaccinations and After the initial application, such

The International Services Office advises students in all these areas.

The office is on the second floor of Bizzell Hall.

Japan gets U.S. beef

United Press International
DENVER — When Texas native Bert Tension dons a red, white and blue apron and a chef's hat to barbecue beef, he resembles any other amateur cook enthusiastically preparing a feast of ribs.

But most any time Dr. L.B. "Bert" Tension cooks, it is for one reason — promotion.

Tension is the representative to Japan of the U.S. Meat Export Federation, an organization working to open foreign markets for U.S. beef. He relies on his fluency in Japanese to convince Oriental residents to introduce hamburgers and steaks into their traditional rice and fish diet.

At booths in Japanese supermarkets and at trade fairs, Tension explains techniques such as broiling and marinating to "get across to the Japanese that U.S. beef is juicy, flavorful and tender."

Tension, who worked his way through the Texas A&M University veterinary school by flipping hamburgers at a College Station fast-food stand, says the Japanese were opposed to the opening of an MEF office in 1978 because of what it might do to their own cattle industry.

Japanese cattle producers, he says, demonstrated by parading steers around the U.S. Embassy in Japan to protest the opening of the MEF office.

But opposition to the lobbying efforts of the American meat group has turned around. Now the Japanese Livestock Industry Promotion Corporation, which controls beef imports to Japan, has opened a Denver office. MEF President Alan B. Middaugh says this will enable closer contact with a leading importer of U.S. meat and meat products.

Heretofore, Japan's prime source of meat has been grass-fed beef imported from Australia.

An MEF spokesman said Japan has a quota structure that essentially guarantees the continued purchase of Australian beef. But Tension says younger Japanese, becoming more and more indoctrinated into Western culture and lifestyle, want Western meat dishes.

Middaugh says most of his organization's promotions are geared for hotel chefs and restaurateurs who want to "Americanize" their menus. But he says steaks sold in big hotel chains still are not cheap, and prime cuts sold in Japanese supermarkets are scarce and nearly prohibitive in cost.

"If you end up paying \$50 for a nice steak dinner in the Ginza area, you can figure you're getting a fairly good bargain," said Steve Carpenter, assistant to the MEF president in Denver.

Bill suggests grain for fuel

United Press International
WASHINGTON — Sen. Herman Talmadge, chairman of the Senate Agriculture Committee, says more should be done to help farmers recover from the Russian grain embargo.

The Georgia Democrat said Tuesday government-held corn should be available at a lower price than otherwise for newly built alcohol fuel plants.

The administration unveiled a program to encourage construction of more gasohol plants, but officials have opposed isolating any Russian-bound corn for gasohol production.

Talmadge proposed that government stocks of corn be sold to new alcohol plants for about \$2.41 per bushel. Under current law, government stocks could be sold in the market for no less than \$3.15 per bushel.

The gasohol provision was part of a bill Talmadge introduced by to soften the impact on farmers of President Carter's Jan. 4 embargo of 17 million tons of grain and 1 million tons of soybeans. Hearings on the bill are expected soon.

Talmadge said he is not sure enough has been done to minimize the adverse impacts on the American farmer. The administration says its post-embargo policies will keep farm income as high as it would have been without the embargo.

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