

Earn Return Trip Cost

Students interested in going to Europe this spring or summer can earn back most or all of their trip cost by taking a summer job in Europe. Paying jobs are available in resorts, hotels, restaurants and snack bars in Switzerland, Austria, France, Germany and England. A few weeks on the job earns back the air fare, a few more weeks work earns ample money for traveling around Europe, especially if travel is by bicycle.

Standard wages are paid, but the big saver is the free room and board provided with each job and arranged in advance by the Student Overseas Services. SOS fills the jobs on a nonprofit, first-come, first-served basis as it has done for the past 16 years.

Students are also taking to the roads on bicycles in Europe as a

means of bearing with the energy and money crisis. Under a new arrangement students can bicycle around Europe with a new European bike that they can put on the plane and take home with them. SOS has arranged bike tours for groups or individual bikers who want only a new bike, a map, and a "Survival Kit."

"But no matter what the reason for going to Europe—exploring, studying, working," advised John Carodine, SOS Placement Officer, at a recent University of Miami meeting, "Students should immediately sign up for their flight in order to sidestep increasing air fares." Students can also sign up with a neighboring school charter, or any local civic group, museum or town group sponsoring a charter flight to Europe. "This is the cheapest

way to fly to Europe," emphasized Carodine, "and students should take advantage of it." SOS does not operate charter flights. Students should look into all local charter possibilities because, once in Europe, it will be easier to earn back the trip cost by taking a paying job, a unique experience in itself.

Interested students may obtain application forms, job listings and descriptions, and the SOS handbook on earning their way in Europe by sending their name, address, name of educational institution and \$1 (for postage, printing, handling and addressing only) to either SOS-Student Overseas Services, Box 5173, Santa Barbara, Calif. 93108; or to SOS Placement, 22 Ave. de la Liberte, Luxembourg, Europe.



Sue Montanille and Dave Cota audition with three other potential cast members for parts in the play, "The House of Blue Leaves". It is a contemporary play and quite a switch from the melodramatic play "The Drunkard."

Great Year For Erie

The year of 1973 was a great year for Erie County.

Business analysts at The Pennsylvania State University in their quarterly report say that if national conditions favored Pennsylvania generally in that there was strong demand for steel and associated products, they favored Erie even more.

SGA Argues Over ROTC

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received an allocation of \$300, and Keystone got \$420. The largest allocation was given to the Spring Arts Festival with an amount of \$2,500. The Budget was passed unanimously.

In the final moments of the meeting, Vic Kopnitsky posed the question of the possibility of getting ROTC on campus. Some of the problems that arose were: storing guns on campus and whether or not the program would work in conjunction with Gannon College. The program might, however, attract local students to come to Behrend instead of going to another campus.

The next meeting will be held on Monday night, April 1st at 7 p.m.

After a strong start, the County continued to gain during the second quarter of 1973, paused in the third quarter, and went on up in the fourth. The year ended with area employment at an all-time high. Unemployment amounted to no more than 4 per cent of the work force most of the year.

This is a rather remarkable record considering that the area's work force has expanded rapidly with little interruption for two and a half years, say the Penn State analysts.

King And I Opens March 29

The world's most resplendent musical, "The King And I", comes to the Erie stage in an opulent production that will stagger the mind. Featuring songs we all know and love like "Getting to Know You," "Hello, Young Lovers," "I Have Dreamed," "We Kiss In A Shadow," and "Whistle a Happy Tune," "The King and I" has consistently been placed in the top five when people have been asked to vote for their favorite show. Based on the true story of Anna and The King of Siam, this

timeless story tells of brotherhood and understanding...a theme that will never become dated...and this production looks like a virtual sell-out for all nine performances.

The show opens on Friday, March 29 at 8:30 p.m. through Sunday, April 7. The nine performances include two Sunday matinees which are \$5.00 less per ticket. Group tickets are available at reduced rates, plus student half-price tickets at each performance. These tickets are

will enable the University to begin planning to meet the higher operational costs due to inflation and to make adjustments in compensation effective and payable on July 1, 1974.

"We are of course grateful to Governor Shapp for recognizing the urgent need for additional funds," President Oswald said.

"As I have said on prior occasions, highest budget priority in 1974-75 will be given to provide equitable salary increases for University personnel," he con-

tinued. "Second highest priority is meeting the increased cost of operation because of inflation. The University has been hit particularly hard by increases in such essential items as fuel, electricity, postage, telephone service, and a two million dollar mandated increase in the University's contribution to the State Retirement system. Virtually every item purchased by the University has been affected by the present inflationary trend."

In regard to tuition, President Oswald said the specific amount of the tuition increase for next year has not been established.

"Enactment of the Governor's budget would help insure that the increase will be held to a very modest amount, while at the same time, making some move toward tuition levels called for in the State Master Plan for Higher Education for state-related universities."

Frat Membership Down Chapters Asseme Loss

Fraternity membership at The Pennsylvania State University has decreased steadily since the "boom year" of 1966, when more than three thousand students were in fraternities—but a revival might be in progress.

According to figures compiled at the start of the Winter Term, in December over eighteen hundred men were brothers or pledges in University fraternities.

But, according to David Stewart, assistant director of residential life programs, membership is on the upswing. He reports that there was a fifteen per cent increase in fraternity bids during the Fall Term this year over last year.

And he expects that figures at the end of the 1973-74 academic year will show an increase over last year.

There are 48 fraternities at

Penn State, eight fewer than during the peak years of 1965-67. Forty-five of the fraternities occupy chapter houses.

Stewart points out that some fraternities were lost to attrition, some to national mergers.

"Additional losses of several more of the chapters is very possible for the near future," he says.



A release of laughter and smiles are seen from the casting crew during one of their numerous hours spent in the Studio listening to readings in order to make the best possible assignments of roles. Those members of the casting crew pictured are Jeff Matson, Kathy Lipinsky, and Sue Montanille. The casting crew assists Mr. Selco in the selection of the play's cast.

Thank You

John Pinczewski, chairman of the Erie Chapter of the Myasthenia Gravis Foundation Inc., would like to thank the Hamot Student Executive Council for their generous donation of \$100. The money will be put to good use.

SUB Activities

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after 5 p.m. will be tossed in a vat of candied apples.

This weekend's SUB movie is "Cactus Flower." Walter Mathau, Ingrid Bergman, and Goldie Hawn star in this film spoof. Saturday night's show will begin at midnight and Sunday evening's times are 7 and 9 p.m. Prices are fifty cents with an activity card and \$1.25 without a card.

One more deadline rolls around in the near future. April 5 is the last day to apply for a position on the 1974-75 Student Union Board. Yes, that's right, folks, it's your last chance to get in on the chance of a lifetime. As a member of the Student Union Board you'll have the opportunity to travel, spend the university's money, and get ignorant students upset at you for supposedly going on exotic spending sprees. If this appeals to you, sign up by April 5.

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