

Students could work in London hotel this summer

By FORREST ORSER

There are opportunities for Canadian students to spend the summer working in London for the Grand Metropolitan Hotel chain.

Due to a staff shortage in London, Grand Metropolitan needs between 150 and 200 students to work as chambermaids and porters.

Director of Personnel and Training for Grand Metropolitan, H.C. Crawford, is recruiting at UNB and McGill. He expects to be able to hire forty students from each university. "If we get more than that, I'd be delighted," he said.

There are also possibilities that students will be hired as waitresses, clerks, as well as other jobs, but this depends on what vacancies exist next summer. "We work on the principle that we don't offer anything we can't guarantee," Crawford said, explaining that he will not be sure what opportunities exist until the students actually arrive in London. Any students going to London for Grand Metropolitan should be prepared to work as chambermaid or porters, since these are the only positions that can be guaranteed.

The possibility also exists that students will be able to work in

hotels in other parts of Great Britain, also owned by Grand Metropolitan, but again, these opportunities will not be known for certain until next summer.

The minimum wage for students will be £20.00 a week, though it may be higher for some jobs. The pay scale in hotels outside of London is lower, but the cost of living is usually also lower.

About three pounds a week will be deducted from this for Social Security and Income Tax. Students will be paid time and a half for any overtime they work.

Students will be housed in hostels owned by Grand Metropolitan for £3.50 a week. Three to four students will share a room. Each hostel has a TV room. Usually male and female students are housed in separate wings of the building. Rules prohibit visitors in the rooms after eleven.

In the event that these hostels are full, Grand Metropolitan will provide other accommodation, either in their hotels or elsewhere in London. Crawford says no student will have to pay more than the hostel rate for a place to live.

Grand Metropolitan will give £20.00 toward air fare for each student. Crawford says last year most students went to London on student standby.

All meals during working hours are provided free by the hotel. Breakfast is served at the hostel. Hostels also have kitchens where students can prepare their own food at other times.

Crawford explained that Grand Metropolitan is recruiting in Canada for a number of reasons. Canadians often have relatives in England; and most of them speak English. Also Canadian universities get out in May, the time when the tourist rush starts in London. British universities usually do not get out until June or July.

Clark Hamilton, a UNB student who worked in London for Grand Metropolitan last summer, says, "I enjoyed it - it was a great time." Hamilton explained that he was in a better position than most students since he was able to get tips, £10 to £13 a week, as well as his regular wages.

By not traveling through Europe,

as many students do, and by not going out a lot, Hamilton says he was able to save three hundred dollars during the summer.

He adds, "If you're going to have a good time, you will for sure." He describes London as "an attractive city," with a pub on every corner and many clubs.

According to Hamilton the transportation system in London is very good, including buses, taxis and subways (tubes); and also inexpensive.

He describes the hostel where he stayed as "a pretty good place," with a large courtyard in back of it where students could relax.

Ted Tweetie, a STU student who also worked for Grand Metropolitan last summer, says it is "a good opportunity," since students are provided with a job as soon as they get to England.

Tweetie worked for the hotel in London for about six weeks before

leaving to travel. By not spending too much he was able to save about \$150.

Tweetie said his particular job was not very enjoyable since he was working in the wine cellar where there were "mice and cockroaches."

He also did not like the fact that his two days off each week were not given to him one after the other. He has assumed he would be given the weekend off.

According to Crawford, "The hotel and catering industry is not directly affected by the three day work week in Britain, or by the energy crisis in general. He says reports of the situation in Britain have been greatly exaggerated. "We don't expect a major crisis," he says.

Anyone interested in more information should contact the Placement Office in Annex B.

Business offers new math course

By RON STEWART

The faculty of Business Administration will be offering a new math course in the upcoming school year. Business professors from the Fredericton and Saint John campuses supported the inclusion of the additional half credit course. This motion was officially passed at last Tuesday's Senate meeting.

The new math course will be open only to students wishing to enter the business degree program and who have not had New Brunswick grade twelve math or its equivalent. Other students will not receive credit for the course.

Other news from the Senate meeting included passing a motion for only one seat on the Senate for graduate student representation. Librarians hoping to be represent-

ed were refused their request.

The Student Standings and Promotions Committee revealed further time was needed to obtain reports from various faculties on the Kepros marking system.

Also, a motion was passed for the awarding of a \$2500, one year, Henry Harvey Stuart Fellowship Award for the Study of Modern New Brunswick History.

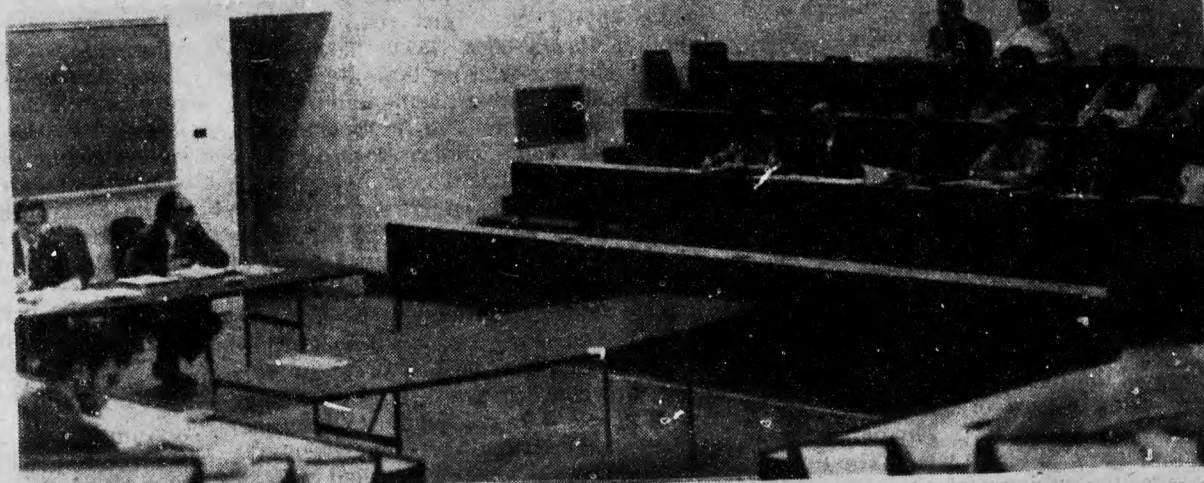


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At this week's Senate meeting various faculties submitted their proposals for changes in the new Kepros marking system. The final document should be presented at the next Senate meeting February 20, which will probably be in Saint John.

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