

—Summer Opportunities '88—

Agencies help students in summer work search

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Summer is nearing and that means students are now on the lookout for summer jobs. There are a number of agencies in Chapel Hill set up for just this purpose.

"We have workshops set up over the next three to four weeks. It's just tips on how to go about getting a summer job," said Ellen Mitchell, secretary for the experiential learning program in the University Career Planning and Placement Service.

The placement service does not actually place students in jobs, but it does show them where the resources

are to find jobs, Mitchell said.

Judy Judkins, employment interviewer at the Employment Security Commission (ESC), said students have already started coming to her for help in their job searches.

"When a person comes in and fills out an application here, we get their basic work history and what they're interested in," Judkins said. Last summer the ESC placed 288 people in jobs, she said.

"We try to solicit job orders from employers in our area," Judkins said. "We will try to match the student with the job."

"In Chapel Hill, the most available jobs are service-related: retail stores, fast foods, restaurants — that's where the bulk of the employment is."

As a result of the mass exodus of students out of Chapel Hill for the summer, many business owners face changes in their total income and the size of their staff.

"Our business caters a lot to sororities and fraternities, and that's really seasonal," Johnny T-Shirt manager Alicia Hardin said. "Business slows down almost to a halt in the summer."

Each summer, Johnny T-Shirt cuts

its staff by about 40 percent, she said.

Garry Messenger, president of North American Video, said, "We do employ students during the year, but it gets increasingly difficult in the summer."

"Student labor is very valuable to us," he said.

Because most of the available jobs are service-related, a student cannot always work in his or her field of study.

Some businesses that do not require a large staff are not negatively affected by the employment situation in the summer.

Paula Inserra, assistant manager of Benetton on Franklin Street, said even though business is slower during the summer, she does not foresee having to cut back on staff. "We really don't have any problem with it. We don't have that many salespeople," she said.

Judkins said, "I think students should be looking at summer jobs as something that's going to help them learn more about the work force."

Keeping an open mind and exploring as many opportunities as possible are key factors in summer job hunting, she said.

Preparation is vital to a memorable European vacation

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Advance planning and good information are the keys to enjoying a European vacation for the student on a budget, travel agents advise.

With the decline of the dollar overseas, summer sightseeing in the Old World may not be as affordable as in past years, but that does not make Europe any less popular to vacationers, said Jeff Mallett, owner of Cole Travel in Glen Lennox Shopping Center.

Because of the perennial popularity of Europe, travel agents recommend that students organize their trips as soon as possible, especially if limited by a fixed timetable or budget.

The most important aspect of planning is to find the best airfare available, said Mark Fisher, the owner of Small World Travel

Agency on East Franklin Street. Discounts and specials are often available to students. For example, American Airlines has a student rate for a direct flight to Paris for \$537 during the low season and \$577 during the peak, with reservation restrictions.

The peak season for flights to Europe begins in June. An average round-trip flight without discounts costs between \$740 and \$800, said Stephen Lynthacum, a travel agent at Circle Travel Inc. on South Estes Drive.

After finding their bargain flight, students need to worry about expenses for accommodations in Europe. Travel agents recommend youth hostels as the least expensive places to live during their vacation. Hostels are similar to dormitories and are located across Europe. Youth Hostel Association cards cost \$20 and require 30 days for delivery.

Hostel directories can be purchased for \$8.

Students can stay in a hostel for as little as \$8. Generally, hostels are more economical than even the inexpensive hotels, Fisher said. However, the relative economy of hostels creates great popularity.

"It used to be people could just show up (at a hostel), but now it's recommended that you make reservations," Fisher said.

Upon arrival in Europe, many modes of travel may be used. Trains are one of the more popular options. Eurail tracks crisscross 16 countries.

Eurail passes must be purchased before arriving in Europe. A discounted pass is available to people under 26 years old, offering one month of unlimited travel for \$320 or two months for \$420. But possession of a pass does not guarantee a seat, so summer travelers should

reserve seats in advance when possible, according to a Eurail brochure.

Students must also consider passports, which cost between \$45 and \$53. The only visa necessary for European travel is in France and costs about \$9. Lynthacum stressed the importance of travelers having their documents in order in advance of their departure date. A passport takes two to four weeks to receive, and longer if it must be mailed to France for a visa.

A useful document for student travelers is the International Student Identification card, an internationally-recognized identification certifying student status. The Council on International Educational Exchange (CIEE) provides the card, which costs \$10. Cardholders can then take advantage of student discounts, such as reduced admissions to some attractions, said Greg Posey, CIEE director of cam-

pus information. An application for the card is provided in the Student Travel Catalog published by CIEE, which is available at the International Center in the Student Union.

As a practical recommendation, Mallett suggests exchanging a small amount of money for the currency of the destination country in advance. The United States will convert only paper money, not coin, for returning travelers.

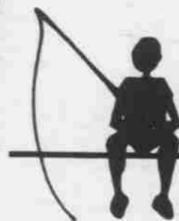
Other options open to students who prefer a more structured agenda are packages arranged by travel agents and tour groups.

A plethora of travel books exist for students interested in doing some advance reading. David Grey, a book clerk at The Intimate Bookshop in Chapel Hill, recommends the following books to students: "Europe for \$35 a Day" by Frommer's for \$10.95, "Europe by Eurail" for \$9.95.



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