

Student travel catalog now available

Students planning to travel abroad are invited to request the free 1986 Student Travel Catalog, a comprehensive guide just out from the Council on International Educational Exchange (CIEE). The 80-page booklet covers preparations, special travel discounts and programs available to students and youth, and sources for further information. It also includes students' own accounts of their experiences abroad.

The CIEE local office is Council Travel Services, 715 S.W. Morrison, Suite 1020, Portland, OR 97205. It is one of fifteen in the United States, and there are additional offices overseas. From the Portland area or from out-of-state, the Council can be reached at 503-228-1900. In Oregon, the toll-free number is 1-800-228-2854, and Vancouver, WA residents can call toll-free at 206-693-0446.

The Council on International Educational Exchange has served the academic community for over 35 years and is one of the foremost organizations concerned with international education and student travel.

Services available through the Council offices include a Work Abroad program, international volunteer work camps, Eurocenters language study programs (also open to nonstudents), charter flights, special student fares on regular scheduled flights, and budget accommodations and tours. Academic programs include study in France, Spain, Japan, China, and the Soviet Union. Eurail and Eurail Youthpasses are issued at Council offices, as well as Britrail and youth Britrail Passes.

Many travel discounts are available only with the International Student Identity Card, which is administered by CIEE in the United States. Council Travel offices and many college campuses are issuing agents for the ID card. Some of the student discounts are age-restricted, while others are available to students of any age. The ID card costs \$10 and is valid for one year. Youth under 26 may obtain a similar youth card at CIEE that entitle the cardholder to many travel discounts as well. The youth card costs \$3. Teachers have a card of their own, introduced in 1984, which is also described in the Student Travel Catalog.

Council Travels also serves the general public with discounted airfares, accommodations, and railpasses, and is an issuing office for American Youth Hostel memberships, which are honored at youth hostels around the world.

Feds agree to national payback on food stamps

As a result of efforts by Legal Aid Service for Multnomah County, the Food and Nutrition Service (FNS) of the U.S. Department of Agriculture has agreed to reimburse families denied food stamps due to an erroneous federal food stamp policy. The old policy provided that people who quit their jobs without good cause were ineligible for food stamp benefits for 90 days, beginning with the date they applied for food stamps. FNS has now agreed to change its policy so that the period of ineligibility begins on the date of the job quit, not the date of application for food stamps.

Because the erroneous policy was in effect for approximately one year, many families had to wait longer for food stamps than they should have. FNS has instructed all state food stamp agencies to pay retroactive food stamps to all households which the agencies know were wrongfully denied food stamps in the past. FNS is also requiring all state food stamp agencies to seek out other people who may have been wrongfully denied food stamps in the past.

People who were denied food stamps in the past year because they quit their jobs may be entitled to additional food stamps benefits now as a result of this change in policy. It does not matter whether you are currently eligible for food stamps or not. People who feel that they were wrongfully denied food stamps due to this policy should immediately contact their local food stamp office and make a written application for retroactive food stamp benefits.

Sunshine

This year the Portland Police Bureau's Sunshine Division goal is to distribute 3400 Christmas food baskets to needy Portland families. Each will be filled with enough food to feed a family of five for three days. Donation barrels may be found in more than 150 Portland metropolitan area grocery stores. Shown collecting non-perishable food donations from a local shopper are Sunshine Division chairman H. Richard Steinfeld (middle) and Sergeant Mike Salmon (left).



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