

Exchange Program

In the 1981-82 school year there are currently 15 American students attending UPEI. Out of these, 3 are participants in a special program. It is called the International Student Exchange Program (ISEP). This is UPEI's first year in the program and so far it has proved to be very successful.

What is ISEP? ISEP is a unique program developed and administered by Georgetown University in Washington, DC. to assist in the exchange of students among academic institutions throughout the world. Through ISEP, institutions of higher learning in Africa, Asia, Australia, Canada, Europe, and Latin America can exchange students on a one for one basis with colleges and universities in the United States.

ISEP enables students at institutions outside the United States to have the opportunity to study at

any of a large number of U.S. Colleges and universities. Students at all academic levels and in all academic fields who have completed at least one year of study at their home institutions are eligible for an ISEP exchange, but studies must be completed in your home institution. Consequently, anyone who is currently a freshman or sophomore attending UPEI would be able to participate in an ISEP exchange.

The basic principle upon which ISEP rests is that a period of study abroad ought to be available and affordable to all students, no matter what institution they attend or what their financial situation may be. Through ISEP, a college or university can receive and send equal numbers of students on international exchanges without significant extra cost to the home institution, the host institution, or the students.

This is possible because ISEP is based upon the reciprocal exchange of benefits. Each participating American student pays to his or her home institution an ISEP program fee - based on regular tuition, fees, room, and board - and thus creates a "place" and a set of benefits for one full-time student. In other words, all tuition and fees are paid to your home institution, as though you were attending, but you are actually enrolled in an institution abroad.

Each participating foreign student makes a similar arrangement at his or her home institution to create a "place" and a set of benefits. The priority at UPEI right now is to fill the places in the US universities that were made by the students attending this year. These vacancies are located in New Jersey, Pennsylvania, and South Carolina.

Specifically, your host institution in the US is obligated under the terms of participation to provide for you the following: enrollment, fees, housing, and meals that a typical student would have. The quality of the provisions should be the same as those for a typical native student.

Not included in the benefits by ISEP are books, pocket money, health insurance, fees for passport or other documents and the cost of travel to and from the university you wish to attend.

Adjusting to the living patterns and standards of the new country and area is one of the biggest and probably the most difficult challenges you may face as an ISEP participant. But more than 1,000 students are expected to participate in ISEP in the coming year. Why not be one of them?

Repressive Freedom

By Larry Loveless

As the American people and the American press are becoming increasingly weary of the Reagan-Haig hardline stand on El Salvador, the administration is in desperate need to justify its support for the Salvadorean government. A recent Newsweek poll indicated that 74% of those Americans aware of the Salvadorean situation are opposed to the administration's stand. Last year the White House was receiving mail 10-1 against the Reagan line on El Salvador, this year the numbers have increased to 20-1 against the president. People are beginning to object to their tax money being used to supply guns to a government which is killing its own people.

In the face of growing concern over human rights violations the Reagan administration has desperately tried to convince the American people that the apparent threat of communism justifies supporting the Salvadorean junta. After all, if the communists take over the Salvadoreans will lose their chance for freedom. This

indeed is a strange line of argument because it essentially asserts that to support freedom is to support the government however, the present government is repressive therefore, to support freedom is to support repression.

This was made quite clear by Max Singer when he wrote in the conservative American think-tank magazine COMMENTARY, that each Salvadorean has to make a decision whether to side with the junta or with the liberation forces. Singer asserts that to side with the junta is to follow after freedom but to side with the liberation forces is to follow after totalitarianism. Singer writes, "For many saving what one believes in may mean having to have to form an alliance with the murderers and torturers of one's own family and friends.

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Could you imagine supporting someone who has actually tortured and killed your own family and friends? Could you further imagine supp-

orting those killers because you believe in freedom!

Few government officials have been as clear and insightful as Max Singer, despite his

strange understanding of freedom he knows what it means for a Salvadorean to support the junta. He's also shown American and Canadians what it means to support the Junta.

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