

Well worth it!

Overseas education program praised

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special writer

As part of your formal academic studies in college, you could:

- Sip a fine chablis at an outdoor Paris cafe while studying the intricate details on the facade of Notre Dame.
- Contemplate the fine lines of Michelangelo's David at the Accademia Belle Arti in Florence, Italy.
- Or, simply attend a play in London's famed West End.

Overseas study opportunities are appealing to more college students than ever, said Charles Glizozzo, director of Michigan State University's Overseas Study Programs.

The strength of the American dollar abroad and the interest U.S. employers are showing in students with foreign understandings are two reasons to participate in study programs in other countries, Glizozzo said.

MSU offers a large variety of overseas academic programs, with more than 50 programs to choose from, Glizozzo said.

A sampling of these programs include natural science in the Caribbean, comparative health care in London, and archeology in Italy. The most popular MSU programs, Glizozzo said, are the language programs abroad, including French, German, Chinese, Russian, Japanese, Italian and Spanish.

MOST OF THE language programs are combined with other courses, Glizozzo said. For example, the French language program in Paris is coordinated with humanities courses.

Students studying abroad learn much more than can be taught in the classroom, Glizozzo said. A strong advocate of overseas studies, Glizozzo said "Students become more culturally aware and have more choices as to what they can do."

"Also, most of our foreign language programs have the students living with a family. This allows the student to become immersed in that culture."

Living abroad teaches students how to make decisions on their own, Glizozzo said. "You learn to make decisions more rapidly. They may be simple decisions like which train to take, but decision-making is an important skill."

CHARLY GORDON, an MSU Junior and 1982 Southfield-Lathrup High School gradu-

ate, recently spent six months in Israel studying at Tel Aviv University.

"It was a fantastic experience to learn about your own heritage," Gordon said. "I was able to meet Jewish people from all over the world."

She also learned "There are other ways to live than here in the United States," she said. "Many people who don't get to travel, or study abroad, don't realize that."

Tammy Sisler, also a 1982 Southfield-Lathrup graduate and MSU Junior, participated in MSU's Humanities and Social Science program in London last spring.

"It was nice to be able to study a particular painting and then be able to go to a museum and actually see it," Sisler said.

Sisler's favorite activity, though, was attending the theater.

"All the plays were good and cheap for students. I also enjoyed shopping and walking around Piccadilly Circus."

The cost of overseas programs may be more affordable than many students think, Glizozzo said. Although the programs cost

more than a regular term at a tax-supported university, students may apply for nearly all grants used for tuition. The Pell Grant, the Michigan Higher Education Grant, and the Michigan Comprehensive may be applied to overseas programs.

In addition, MSU offers scholarship money for overseas programs available to students with a 3.0 grade point average or better.

With more U.S. businesses locating abroad, many employers are looking for students who speak a foreign language or have some type of international experience, Glizozzo said. Overseas experience makes graduates more marketable, he said.

"The students who went to Japan for packaging are doing very well in comparison to the students who didn't go."

"Of course, an overseas experience doesn't guarantee you a job when you graduate, but it doesn't look bad on your resume either."

Area dealership to open Saturday

With a court order limiting picketers to 10 at a time, the situation at Tel Twelve AMC/Jep/Renault in Southfield has settled down since the dealership broke tradition and opened on Saturdays.

"They only picketed a couple of hours last Saturday, and then they left," said John Cini, who along with Frank Lopez own the dealership.

The dealership has had Saturday hours since it opened in September. The owners said the Saturday hours were needed to get the new dealership off the ground.

But salesmen from other dealers, citing long hours and time away from families, have picketed Tel Twelve AMC.

At one point, the dealership received bomb and other phone threats and was picketed by 200 people.

Windows were broken at Tel Twelve AMC and at Southfield Dodge, also owned by Cini and Lopez. Two weeks ago, \$3,500 was taken from a safe at Southfield Dodge, Cini said.

"They stole our American flag this weekend but the phone threats have stopped since I got my phone tapped," Cini said. "It's very important to be open on Saturdays."

Even with the picketing, Cini said his dealership has taken 71 car orders on Saturdays in seven weeks. Out of a total of 80 to 90 sales a month, the weekend business represents a large percentage, he said.

"I plan to stay open as long as I can handle it," Cini said. "I don't care what other dealers do. I'm just concerned about this dealership. I want to make a go of it."

Firewood aplenty

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