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BOB RUPERT ACCLAIMED

Professor Bob Rupert, School of Journalism, has been acclaimed as CUASA's President-Elect for 1984-85. Professor Rupert's term of office will commence on July 1st, 1984.

OCUFA SEEKS EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

OCUFA representing ten thousand professors and academic librarians in Ontario is seeking an Executive Director. The Confederation works to advance the professional and economic interests of academic staff. It concerns itself with issues of quality, funding, and access to university education in the province.

The Executive Director is the chief executive officer of the Confederation and is responsible for the delivery of services and information to members; maintains contacts with government and media; functions as Secretary to the Board of the Confederation; and supervises the work of a small central office staff.

Candidates should have familiarity with higher education issues and organization; possess suitable academic qualifications; have administrative experience and the ability to function in a team atmosphere with professional staff.

Salary and benefits package will be in the range of \$50,000 to \$60,000 per annum.

Applications (including a resume) should be made by May 22nd to Professor John Snyder, Chair, Search Committee, at OCUFA, 40 Sussex Avenue, Toronto, Ontario M5S 1J7.

QUESTIONNAIRE FROM THE SCIENCE COUNCIL OF CANADA BY CAUT

CAUT has advised CUASA that in conjunction with its March 1984 *In Touch* (Volume 1, Number 3), the Science Council of Canada has sent a questionnaire (with prepaid response) composed of two questions, one of which reads as follows:

"Should professors be allowed to use university facilities to commercially exploit the results of their research?"

This phraseology indicates that the Council does not understand the complexities of the problems posed by consulting on the part of professors, nor that most universities with substantial research facilities have negotiated policies in this area. Members may wish to write to:

Dr. Stuart Smith,
Chairman,
Science Council of Canada,
100, Metcalfe Street,
Suite 1705,
OTTAWA, Ontario
K1P 5M1

suggesting that such questions might yield better results if CAUT had been consulted. If anyone does write, please send a copy to CAUT. Those who receive this questionnaire with their regular issue of *In Touch* might answer the question with a "yes" but suggest in a written comment that the question is misleading and the Council might have created a better questionnaire and secured more significant information on the complexities of the matter by consulting CAUT.

REPORT AVAILABLE FROM CUASA OFFICE

CUASA has been sent a copy of the Canada- Caribbean- Central America Policy Alternatives' (CAPA) new report 'From Acquiescence to Action'.

The brief deals with the Contadora peace initiative, the U.S. military role and the underlying roots of the present crisis. CAPA makes specific proposals on aid, diplomatic representation, recognition of the FDR- FMLN as a representative political force, and support for initiatives to promote a negotiated settlement in El Salvador.

CAPA's proposals are the product of the collective work of such prominent academics as Professor Meyer Brownstone (University of Toronto), Professor Liisa North (York University), Professors Kari Levitt and Warwick Armstrong (McGill University), Professors George Lovell and Fred Judson (Queen's University), and Professor John Kirk (Dalhousie University) among many others.

Anyone interested may borrow the report by requesting it from the CUASA office.



SUPPORT CAUT RECOMMENDATIONS ON INCOME TAX

Reproduced below is a news release from Revenue Canada stating a change in regulations for artists. You will recognize that the change in item (1) is about the smallest concession Revenue Canada could make. It does, however, suggest that they are on the defensive. This means that we might actually be able to persuade the Parliamentary Subcommittee, the opposition or the government to take up our tax suggestions. But this will only happen if there is a massive response from the faculty.

ARTISTS CAN DEDUCT TRAVEL EXPENSES IMMEDIATELY

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

The Honourable Pierre Bussières, Minister of National Revenue, announced that Revenue Canada has accepted the Canada Council's recommendation that would allow artists to deduct travelling expenses related to the production of their art the year they are incurred.

The decision follows submission of a brief by the Canada Council that has been under study by the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Communication and Culture as well as by officials of Finance and Revenue Canada, Taxation.

Several of the six recommendations of the Council would involve changes to the law but the recommendation involving travel expenditures does not.

The decision to allow artists to deduct travelling expenses related to their work in the year they are incurred will take effect immediately.

CUASA strongly urges members of the academic staff to write in support of the four CAUT recommendations.



1982 GUIDE FOR SABBATICALS

CUASA still has one copy of this Guide in the office. Others are out on loan and are returned from time to time. You may call the office and put your name on the circulation list or visit 447 St. Pat's and read the office copy.

TRAVELLING TO WINNIPEG?

The Winnipeg Downtown Holiday Inn has written to CUASA to announce a special rate for all university personnel. This Holiday Inn which is located 5 minutes from the University of Winnipeg campus and 20 minutes from the University of Manitoba campus is offering a special rate of \$48.00 single or double in effect on advance reservations and is net non-commissionable. Regular rate \$75-85.

Call 204-942-0551 or 1-800-268-8980 for reservations.