Off to Europe

Here's a young man on the go. Graham Emzin of Surfers Paradise has left for Europe to do a course in advanced hotel management and catering.

Graham (25) has enjoyed a spectacular career in resort hotels at Surfers Paradise. He began as a storeman with Chevron Hotels Queensland in the Surfers Paradise Hotel. In the following seven years he graduated through every department of the hotel. He was assistant house manager (who looks after the arrival of all guests), assistant catering manager, etc.

When he transferred to the huge Chevron Hotel, the largest resort hotel in Queensland, he did such managerial jobs as Convention Manager, a job which required him to direct the entire conference facilities, including banquets, for all of the hundreds of huge conventions which are held annually at Surfers Paradise.

Some of the conventions which involved important international personalities were attended by over a thousand people. One such convention was the world Poultry Science Conference. Graham Emzin also spent one year as food controller for the hotel. When he ended his term at the end of 1970, he was manager in charge of the Pink Elephant restaurant and lounge section which also controlled the room service throughout the hotel.

Before he left the hotel, the directors, management, and staff presented him with a gold watch as well as a document to take overseas. The letter in part reads: "with him go the very best wishes of the Directors, management, and staff of this company with whom he has had a very good association." Not only the hotel wishes Graham well.

Something of a star footballer—he has been wing rover of the Surfers Paradise Australian Rules club for eight years—he has been in the premiership side for four years. He is also a B Grade squash player and is fortunate enough to be in a champion team. He also plays golf and surf. No wonder he is popular. He also plays guitar and has performed in theatre.

Graham's wife, Kay, is also overseas with him. She is a hairdresser and will be looking at changing hairdressing techniques while in Europe.

When he returns from overseas he expects to find an executive position with a resort hotel on the Gold Coast.

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