

Crossroads taking on new participants here

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The recent series of articles on the UNB students who went overseas last summer has been an attempt to illustrate what Crossroads is all about.

In this last article, prospective Crossroaders will be provided with the information available to us at this time plus a list of persons that must be contacted if and when more details are needed.

Canadian Crossroads International is a private, voluntary organization engaged in promoting international understanding by offering qualified Canadians the opportunity to live and work abroad for 3-6 months.

Work assignments in the host country attempt to satisfy a local need but serve a more important function as the focus for a learning experience involving as many aspects of life as possible. Special emphasis, however, is placed on the social

service and development programmes of the country.

Previous Crossroads projects have taken place in Africa, India and the West Indies. Some examples of these projects are: youth work in Congo; agriculture and nutrition survey in India; audio-visual equipment repair in Ghana; a textile printing co-operative in Lesotho; recreational leadership in Barbados; medical programmes in West Africa; and construction in India.

Future programmes in South East Asia and the Far East are being considered.

Where possible, assignments are made with the Crossroaders' area preference in mind. An attempt is also made to place people in situations where special skills or interest, if any, may be used. Although several Crossroaders may occasionally be assigned to the same area or project, each is independent and is not considered to be part of a group. This places special demands on the person and requires maturity, responsibility and self-

reliance.

Crossroads believes that a participant's commitment does not end with the termination of the project and subsequent return to Canada. Each is expected to use the knowledge and experience he has gained in the interests of communication and social development, in Canada or abroad, in whatever ways hold special interest and seem most appropriate.

A short orientation session is held in Canada prior to departure. All participants must attend. In some cases, this is supplemented by an in-country orientation or briefing session on arrival.

Undoubtedly there are many questions about the formal nature of selections, and schedule of tests required by Crossroads.

The following list is a rough outline of the schedule for prospective Crossroaders.

TUES. NOV. 2 -- Issuance of application forms and general discussion for prospective Crossroads Volunteers.

WED. NOV. 10 -- Deadline for

the return of application forms to SRC Office.

-- Preliminary selection. Nov. 12 or 13 -- Informal gathering.

SAT. DEC. 20 -- Interviews. Dec. 1 or 2 -- Psychological test at STU.

WED. DEC. 15 -- All Medical & Psychological test MUST BE at Toronto H.Q.

Feb. - March 1st -- Notification of successful applicants. March-May -- Solicitation of sponsorships.

Participants are chosen on the basis of their emotional maturity, social awareness, adaptability, range of interests and past experiences, motivation, and understanding of the aims and philosophy of Crossroads. In addition to completing application forms and obtaining references, potential Crossroaders must have a medical examination and the psychological test as mentioned above. The medical examination & references must be obtained as soon as application forms are received. The minimum age is 19.

This whole procedure requires a commitment; to plan and to wait for something that may or may not happen, several months ahead.

It is asked that Prospective Applicants ask questions & consider carefully WHO THEY WILL BE AWAY FROM during the summer and possible financial arrangements for the coming school year. This must be done by Nov. 10.

Last year, there were 400 applicants from about 20 universities across Canada. 20 students from UNB applied and 3 of these were chosen to be among the 60 or so who were sent overseas.

ANYONE who has the desire to participate in cross-cultural understanding and communication, can apply. The more people that apply, the more students who get a chance. And to quote Gord Cousins, one of the lucky three, "It's a worthwhile effort that will be remembered for a long time." FOR FURTHER INFORMATION, PLEASE CONTACT: DEBBIE KARREL - Murray House 475-8707 GORD COUSINS - 163 Regent St. - 454-3801. DON LOREE - Prof of Sociology - Tilley Hall. DAN FENETY - 163 Regent St. 454-3801 or SRC Office in the SUB.

Ker returns

FREDERICTON - Dr. J.W. Ker, dean of forestry at UNB, has returned to Fredericton from Victoria, B.C. following his installation as President of the Canadian Institute of Forestry.

Accompanied by forestry professors Dr. G.F. Weetman, Dr. A.J. Kayll and Norman L. Kissick, Dr. Ker was in Victoria to attend the C.I.F.'s annual meeting, which was hosted by the Vancouver Island Section of the Institute. Dr. Ker, a member of the Institute for 30 years, is a past president of both the Vancouver and the Maritime Sections of the C.I.F.

The Institute's 1972 annual meeting will be held in Fredericton at the invitation of the Maritime Section of the C.I.F.

Dr. Weetman, who joined the faculty of forestry this year, has recently been elected second vice-president. With many years of experience in silvicultural research with the Pulp and Paper Research Institute of Canada, he is a former editor of the Forestry Chronicle, the official bi-monthly

publication of the C.I.F. He is currently chairman of the Natural Areas Committee of the C.I.F., which also met in Victoria to discuss a draft national policy.

Dr. A.J. Kayll, a co-director of the UNB fire science centre, as a member of the national board of directors of C.I.F., is the representative of the Maritime Section on that 22-member board. Also a member of the N.R.C. Associate Committee on Forest Fire, Dr. Kayll visited forest fire research facilities at the University of Washington, Seattle, Wash., and the U.S. Forest Service Fire Laboratory at Missoula, Mont.

Professor N.L. Kissick is chairman of a national C.I.F. committee charged with the responsibility of developing a rational land-use policy for Canada's forest and wildlands. While assembling and maintaining a current file of land-use deliberations and policy decisions, this committee provides information and advice to the national executive on forest land use.

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