

CUSO helps others help themselves — Bogdasavich

Canadian youth have come up with a better idea on how to help solve some of the problems of the world today.

At a meeting in Room at the Top Thursday, Mr. Frank Bogdasavich, co-ordinator for East and Central Africa, and recruiting agent for the prairie provinces said that there are at least 920 young Canadians presently serving under CUSO in foreign countries.

Explaining what CUSO is, he said that CUSO stands for Canadian University Service Overseas. It is a non-governmental non-political agency which sends skilled persons overseas for a period of two years at the request of the hosting government.

He emphasized that CUSO does not like being identified with its American counterpart, the Peace Corps. This is because the Peace Corps' aim is to show "natives" the American way of life, and to convince them that the American way is the best way, said Bogdasavich.

CUSO feels that the job to be done is more important than the political philosophy of the sponsoring country.

The important thing is to give the people the tools to improve themselves, and to let them decide what they want in terms of their government.

For example, said Mr. Bogdasavich, we send a chemist somewhere to teach chemistry, not political theory.

In stressing the need for CUSO, Mr. Bogdasavich stated that last year, \$200 billion was spent in the world on armaments, as opposed to \$10 billion on foreign aid. CUSO is a very small attempt by a few to offset this big difference.

The title Canadian University Service Overseas is somewhat misleading because a person need not be a university graduate to be eligible. There are many volunteers now serving who are not university graduates.

What is required is that a person be technically qualified to fill some skilled position.

Before a volunteer leaves for his assignment, he must spend a six week training period where he learns the language of the country, receives professional training such as how to teach, and is subjected to a course called area studies.

Area studies includes the history of the country, current politics of the area, and customs and traditions of the people.

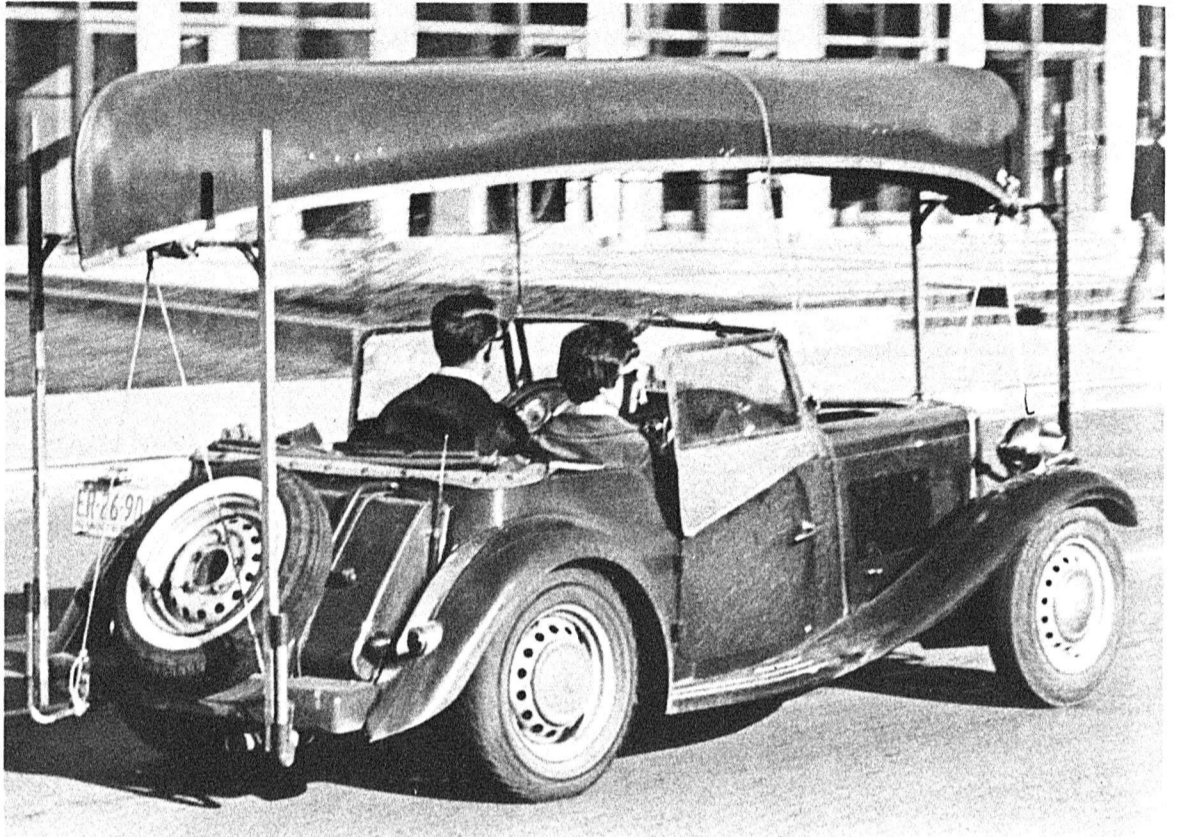
The area studies are usually presented by natives of the area because CUSO believes a real understanding of the people can only arise from our willingness to hear their viewpoint.

Mr. Bogdasavich stated that transportation is paid both ways, there is full prepaid medical coverage up to five months after the return to Canada, and a prepaid life insurance up to \$10,000. He said interest on Canada Student Loans is paid by the federal government, a \$500 re-establishment fee is paid to a volunteer upon his return, and a smaller establishment fee is granted upon his arrival overseas.

Married couples are accepted where both persons are qualified, and in exceptional cases couples with up to one child will be accepted.

The greatest demand upon CUSO is for trained medical personnel, and for agriculturalists. The demand far outweighs the supply.

Persons interested in obtaining further information are urged to contact either Major Hooper, dean of men, or Mrs. Sparling, dean of women.



—George Yackulic photo

FANTASTIC FLOATING FLIVVER—This amphibious vehicle was seen around campus last weekend. No one is sure exactly what it is or what it does, but it is unique. It's either a car with a canoe on top, a canoe with a car on top, or both. It was last seen leaving the Research Council parking lot. It could be an imported Ukrainian Batmobile.

Official students' union notices

Students interested in attending the WUS international seminar in West Africa next summer are asked to pick up applications at the SUB information booth. The seminar will last six weeks, starting the last week of June. Students must be fluent in French and must be planning to return to the U of A next year. Cost of the seminar will be about \$250 for the student but his next year's tuition will be waived. Deadline for applications is Nov. 15. For more information call Richard Hewko at 455-6057.

The Students' Union is accepting

applications for the following positions for 1967-68:

- director of U of A Radio (deadline 5 p.m. Nov. 3)
- Freshman Orientation Seminar-director and assistant director (deadline 5 p.m. Oct. 31)
- Awards Committee—one member (deadline 5 p.m. Oct. 31)
- Student Cinema—members (deadline 5 p.m. Oct. 31)
- Conference Selection Committee—two members (deadline extended to Oct. 31)

Applications should be sent to the

Personnel Board c/o secretary Val Blakely, SUB.

New deadline for all yearbook photos is Nov. 29. Students in all faculties can have their pictures taken by making an appointment in rm. 139 SUB before that date.

After Oct. 31, a student's registration is subject to cancellation for non-payment of fees and the student to exclusion from classes.

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