

Young Canadians start farmer's union campaign

OTTAWA (CUP) - The Company of Young Canadians is sponsoring a campaign to give Ontario farm workers the right to form unions and strike.

CYC director, Dal Brodhead, said the agency would provide money and moral support for the cause of Ontario's estimated 60,000

migrant farm workers until they are able to bargain with farmers on their own.

The CYC is paying two Southwestern Ontario field organizers to recruit the migrant workers into a labor association aimed at eventually bringing free collective bargaining to the province's agricultural industry.

The association wants an overhaul of Ontario labour acts to give farm workers the right to bargain with farmers for higher pay and better working conditions.

The labour relations law which governs collective bargaining in the provinces, now excludes farmworkers, household workers, policemen, firemen and teachers.

Last year a Manpower investigation revealed "inhuman and intolerable conditions" among the workers, including inadequate housing, long hours, low pay and exploitive use of child labour.

The association also wants

power to control excessive use of harmful pesticides during harvest time, improvements in workers' housing, a federal commitment to guarantee priority in harvest jobs to Canadians and a mediation role in settling small disputes between farmers and migrant workers.

New initiation precedent set

By WAYNE ARSENEAULT

Last Friday, after two strenuous nerve tearing weeks, the hour of decision was to have fallen upon NEVILLES 56 freshmen. However, this initiation was not like others previously held by this house or any other for that matter. At five p.m. several vans, which had been rented, were dutifully loaded up by upperclassmen with the new stock of freshmen to be driven some 10 miles to Mactaquac Park.

Unaware of the ensuing events, silence was predominant during the entire trip as freshmen sat quietly, rosary in hand, contemplating the anticipated long walk ahead of them. Once there however the feast began, and with blind folds removed freshmen and upperclassmen alike enjoyed super delicious Bar-B-Q steaks (thanks to S. McKnight) and a more than ample supply of liquid refreshment.

What an invitation this was. Who

says you have to treat 'em mean to keep 'em keen! Following the bash the boys returned and were lined up in front of the house for a group photo, unaware that three floors above lay several large cans of water on the balcony. At the appropriate moment the baptism was performed and the sins of their high school years were washed away.

Unlike most initiations the freshmen so enthused with the festivities, has little but praise for this new and great idea.

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Students live in tents

THUNDER BAY (CUP) -- Lakehead University has erected four tents designed to hold 30 students because of a housing shortage. However, the tents have not yet been filled to capacity although some students have been using them.

The tents were erected by the Laurentian University Students' Association (LUSA) that there is a housing problem. The purpose of the tents is to protest the building freeze placed on all universities by the Davis government and hopefully to seek a more modern type of residence accommodation.

"The residences on campus now are dorm style," said Jan Elliot, LUSA president. "If we can succeed in having additional residences constructed they should be small apartment-like units with cooking facilities included. It is important for students to realize just how the Conservative government's policy is affecting us."

Out of town students are facing problems trying to find housing in the city. One family with a 9-year-old child had to spend a

month camping out until they found a place to live. Campus security guards also tell of finding students sleeping in their cars because they had nowhere else to stay.

Returning students are also finding sharp rent increases in the city. Apartments that rented for \$115 last year now cost \$150.

While there is a long waiting list for students who want apartments the rooming situation isn't too bad. Housing officials at the campus say that publicity surrounding the erection of the tents has made many people in the town open their doors to student roomers. There are about 100 rooms for boarders available in the town.

Some students have also come to Lakehead thinking they had residence space only to find that the residence had never heard of them.

"It's bad enough coming to university faced with the prospect of apartment hunting," commented Elliott, "but imagine arriving thinking you have a place to live when you actually don't."

Housing short at Acadia

WOLFVILLE (CUP) -- Students at Acadia University are once again faced with a housing shortage as school begins.

"The difference in the housing situation this year is in a matter of degree," said Dr. Eric Hanson, Dean of Student Affairs at the university.

"This year it's a problem of a few more individuals getting caught in the crunch added to the aggravating factor of a smaller response from the community in terms of temporary housing," he said.

Some of the housing shortage is created by Hanson's own office. Once the residences are full, the university purposely accepts an additional "small number of individuals" into residence with the understanding that they will be

temporarily housed somewhere else until vacancies become available in the regular university residences.

But this year because of the shortage of temporary housing the university has been forced to house some of the students in the infirmary. Students who are housed on a temporary basis can move into the residence once it is determined the person that had been assigned the room will not be showing up.

The situation at Acadia looks brighter in the future than most other Canadian universities as a new residence is being built for the 1975-78 school year. The residence will accommodate 300 students once it is built and is expected to handle all future requirements of the university.

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