

## CUSO: what it means

The CUSO Coffee Party last Wednesday night drew nearly 100 persons to hear about the aims and work of Canadian University Service Overseas.

"The purpose of CUSO is to serve and learn—to make people sensitive to and aware of intra-cultural problems existing in the world today," said Ken Stickland, a member of CUSO's Board of Directors.

CUSO is an independent, non-profit organization which provides professionally and technically qualified Canadians to serve overseas for periods of two years.

CUSO personnel work under contract to governments and agencies in response to specific requests from overseas countries.

"We are in no country where we are not wanted," said Mr. Stickland.

"The greatest demand is for people with specific training in

professional and technical fields. Most countries want people from their own countries in fields such as political science, anthropology and sociology," he said. "These are cultural areas and many developing countries are very suspicious of neocolonialism and political activism developing."

Orientation programs are provided for periods of from one to six weeks. These include a study of the country's language, the political situation in the country and the specific area in which the volunteer is involved.

One concern expressed was whether the main goal of the CUSO worker lay in accomplishment or in understanding.

"Seeing life in other countries makes you more aware of other cultures and leads to a re-evaluation of Canadian society," said one CUSO returnee.

## Council contemptuous of ed reps?

A motion of censure against the students' union executive will be made at Monday night's council meeting.

This motion will be presented by education reps Bill Askin and Brian McLoughlin, who feel that during the meeting at College St. Jean the education representatives were not given a worthwhile chance to speak on any of the issues in question. Mr. Askin said though the ed representatives accounted for 12 and one-half per cent of the students' union present they were given only two out of 270 minutes or .69 of one per cent of the time during the whole meeting.

Personally favoring abandonment of the Evergreen and Gold, he still thought "Education representatives who supported the Evergreen and Gold should have been able to elucidate their opinions at length."

Criticizing the chairmanship of the meeting, Mr. Askin said, "the

people to whom the gavel was passed did a very poor job. Points of Order and Procedure, which should take precedence over all other matters were brought up but were completely ignored by the chairman. Dialogues were allowed to occur between the students' union executive and supposedly senior members of the students' union, while other representatives had trouble even obtaining the floor through orthodox means."

He went on to say that the students' union executive must try to involve the whole of the students'

union, and further stated, "the students' union executive is rather contemptuous of the education student as was reflected at the last students' union meeting."

## Be involved

An ecumenical project has been set up at the new Misericordia Hospital in the psychiatric ward.

This project would involve one night a week; the focus being not merely to entertain but to establish some sort of relationship with the patients, involving them totally in the program, and individually to meet more personal needs on a friend-to-friend basis.

If you are interested, please come to the orientation meeting at the Misericordia Hospital (170 Street and 87 Avenue) on Wednesday, Oct. 29, at 7:30 p.m.

If you need a ride, meet in St. Joseph's basement at 7 p.m.

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