

Canadian Crossroads' projects spanning the world

Canadian Crossroads International, a private voluntary organization, fosters international co-operation and intercultural understanding by providing young Canadians and Third World people the opportunity to participate in development projects overseas and in Canada for periods of 3 to 10 months. For fifteen years, Crossroads projects have spanned the globe.

Crossroads work with local counterparts, engage in medical, agricultural, construction, teaching, youth leadership and research projects in the West Indies, South America, Africa and South East Asia. Work assignments in the developing countries respond to the needs of the local community but serve a more important function as the focus for a cross-

cultural learning experience for the Crossroads volunteer.

In 1974, the Anglophone program of CCI sent 50 Crossroads to 9 developing countries - SRI Lanka (Ceylon), Philippines, Zambia, Ethiopia, Ugeria, India, Guyana, Barbados and Sierra Leone. In addition, 12 Crossroads volunteer from various Third world countries participated in development projects within Canada.

After reading an article similar to this one in last year's Brunswickan, I applied to Crossroads, survived the selection process, and spent one of the most rewarding summers of my life in SRI Lanka (you know, that little island country of the southern tip of India). I was involved with a "grass-roots" rural development movement in SRI Lanka. It was a

tremendous "live and learn" experience and an education in the fullest sense of the word. It made the educational intake of a normal academic year seem small in comparison. I am planning to show my slides and relate my impression of SRI Lanka during the third week of November at the SUB.

This year CCI is planning to send approximately 50 Anglophone Crossroads overseas with up to three from UNB. Both undergraduate and graduating students, male and female, are encouraged to apply. For many years the number of female candidates has exceeded the number of male volunteers.

Applications can be obtained at the Business Administration Office, 3rd Floor Tilley Hall from Monday, Nov. 4. Any further information regarding the CCI program will be gladly furnished by myself, Alan Archibald, at 454-0269. Applications will close Nov. 22 and should be returned to the Business Administration Office.

Participants must be 19 years and over. Candidates applying for overseas placements must have Canadian citizenship or landed immigrant status. Volunteers 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, obtaining references and having a personal interview by a local Crossroads

selection committee, potential Crossroads must have a medical examination and attend a regional selection weekend.

Local selection for the 1975 programme takes place in the fall and is completed by December, 1974. Final selection occurs in January.

Participants are expected to raise a portion of the total cost. This is set at \$500. Crossroads are also responsible for other costs including the medical examination, the required inoculations, passport, and travel to and from the point of departure in Canada. Expenses from the time of arrival at orientation are the responsibility of Crossroads. This includes transportation to the project and back to the point of departure by the most direct route, lodging, meals and a limited amount of travel within the host country. No salary is provided. All personal expense are the responsibility of the participant.

Crossroads is made possible by contributions from "Miles for Millions" walkers, private donors, churches, service clubs, Canadian International Development Agency, and Crossroads' fees. In addition, board and committee members, regional selection chairmen, alumni and friends from community universities and colleges across Canada, and overseas project contracts devote countless hours to Crossroads' unique person-to-person program.

The Crossroads programs attempt: - to enable Canadians to gain an understanding of development in historical and social

contexts; - to involve Canadians in activities that relate Canada to the Third World; - to stimulate greater mobilization of public support for international development within the Western World through public education at the community level; - to encourage a reallocation of the world resources to the greater benefit of the developing countries.

Crossroads are chosen through a national selection process for placement in projects at the community level with people of the Third World. The planning and implementation stages of CCI programs are followed by an extensive evaluation process which evaluates an monitors projects and participants' performance so as to increase program effectiveness and adapt future projects to meet the changing needs in Canada and the Third World.

Upon their return from a Crossroads project, Crossroads commit 200 hours of their time over a two year period in support of CCI and related development activities in their communities. They are asked to organize themselves in community groups: - to promote links between Canada and Third World countries; - to develop a greater sensitivity on the part of Canadians to development issues; - to involve more people from the community in development activities in Canada; - to develop active support and involvement at the community level in CCI operations; - to identify and utilize other human resources in their community that will contribute to, and gain from an involvement in group and community activities.

Science Students!

Interested in a
Science Club or Society?

There is a meeting
Thursday, Nov. 7, at 6 p.m.
in Chem 3 (lecture theatre).



One way to judge a political party is by the candidates they elect to represent them'

Here are ours:

Carl Howe
Fredericton North

Fredericton city
Councillor in his
third term of office
A dynamic small
businessman
(Proprietor of Carl's
Cycle Service)
Former championship
athlete
A lifetime resident
of Fredericton North



Dan Hurley
Fredericton South

Professor of Law,
UNB Law School
Chairman, District
26 School Board
Chairman, New
Brunswick
Parole Board
Educated at Saint
Thomas University,
UNB Law School,
University of London,
England



On
November 18:

VOTE

Carl Howe — Dan Hurley

UNB-STU Student Liberal Association