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## Volunteers around the world CUSO people 'trying to become obsolete'

By MONICA WILDE Do you want the experience of return to Canada. another life-style, the chance to teach, to learn, to grow? Then Canadian University Services maybe CUSO and you should get Overseas, is a non-political, nontogether.

outlook on life," says Greg Allen a member of York's CUSO com- areas of the world. mittee. Their two-year term of service has given them a concerned, open mind, he says, sometimes so open that they find it training. In practice, those with a

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technical or scientific degree are much more in demand than arts students.

Graduates in the social sciences. such as psychology or sociology, have found it especially difficult to be accepted by CUSO, since many of the requests from the host countries are for English and History teachers for their high schools. Such countries have not yet felt the need for the specialized knowledge of the social sciences.

CUSO's operations extend to 46 countries. Though volunteers have a choice of the area they wish to serve in, most are placed where the need is greatest. Many go to Africa, some to the Caribbean and South America. Volunteers also have a choice of serving in an urban versus an isolated area, or structured rather than unstructured job.

As teachers and advisors, CUSO volunteers are trying to help people to help themselves. As Allen puts it "the volunteers are trying to make themselves obsolete.

During their two-year term, volunteers are paid a small salary which corresponds to the appropriate wage level of the area they work in. Their travel expenses to and from the host country are

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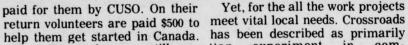
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