

CUSO is an alternative for university graduates

EDITOR'S NOTE: The following article was written by the staff at the national headquarters of Canadian University Service Overseas in Ottawa and provides information on CUSO work in foreign countries.

If you are graduating this year, this is the time of decision - making and the weighing of alternatives. One of those alternatives is an overseas posting with CUSO.

Don't be deluded by the name. Canadian University Service Overseas does not mean young,

idealistic university graduates 'doing their bit' in developing nations. Instead, it means highly-skilled individuals participating in the field of development.

Each year, several hundred Canadians fill positions in develop-

ing countries in Africa, Asia, Latin America, Caribbean and the South Pacific. The requests - CUSO receives are in response to overseas Governments and agencies and, for the most part, are for periods of two years. A high proportion of CUSO workers are university graduates, some of them new graduates. They go in a wide range of occupations: Accountants, Business Development Officers, Architects, Civil Engineers and Technologists, Teachers, Public Health Nurses, Doctors, Physiotherapists, Foresters, and Farm Managers.

CUSO can't offer regular salary reviews and increases - because we do not pay you, the requesting government does - roughly equivalent to a national with your job, which is enough to live on comfortably and do some travelling. Accommodation is provided by the overseas country and is usually close to your place of work. Depending on the job, the rent may be free or subsidized.

CUSO picks up the bill for your travel and settling in at your post. Some programs have in-country language training and orientations. CUSO pays your way back at the end of your contract and gives you a resettlement allowance in Canada.

Before you leave for your posting, CUSO will orient you to the culture and climate you are going to, and give some special training (eg: teacher training) needed to do the job. CUSO also pays for insurance - medical and life - and makes arrangements to defer student loans for those with them.

Your main concern working overseas, as it would be in Canada, is to perform your job competently but you will be living in a foreign culture, and personal qualities such as initiative, adaptability, sensitivity, and a sense of humor will go a long way toward making your stay enjoyable and worthwhile. Living and working with people of another culture can provide an awareness and insight that can't be gained any other way, if you allow yourself to become involved.

CUSO wants your involvement. The time has long past when a CUSO worker's contribution to Tanzania, or Belize, or any other developing country affected only that country. Two years spent in development overseas is spent in the betterment of the global community.

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Campus radio fifteen years old



Photo by Tim Gorman

College Hill Student Radio is the product of fifteen years involvement by the student union in the radio business. They are presently one of the best student radio stations in Canada.

The 15th anniversary celebration of student radio at UNB will be held Saturday, Jan. 24, in the Tartan Room of the Memorial Student Centre, Fredericton.

More than 200 guests have been invited to the occasion including former students who worked at the radio station, as well as university

administrators students and faculty.

The evening begins with a buffet dinner followed by the presentation of the "Barry Awards". Named in honor of Radio UNB's first director, Barry Yoell of Wolfville, N.S., the "Barry Awards" are

given for the best newsman, the best show, the best rookie and for the best technical person.

The director's award, a statuette will also be given for the person who has made the greatest all-round contribution to College Hill Student Radio during the year.

Summer job outlook is not good

By MICHAEL LENIHAN

For University students the job outlook for summer seems disappointing at present.

Mr. Hollis, manager of Canada Manpower in Fredericton, says the reason why student employment will be less than previous years in the capital city is because of federal government cut-backs. One of the major employers of students, particularly university students has been the opportunities for youth grants. The stoppage of these OFY grants by the federal government means that several students normally employed by

OFY will be out competing with other students in the scarce job market.

The federal and provincial government which has been a large employer of youth in the past, will not be hiring very many this summer in an attempt to decrease their spending. Hollis stated that about 4000 students applied for summer employment in the Fredericton area last year. Of these, Manpower was able to place about 2000. He added that the 2000 manpower could not place does not give any indication of the student unemployment in the area as many probably found work on their own.

The largest paying jobs for students last summer were in the construction industry and Canada Manpower placed 400 students in this field last year and estimates to employ the same amount this summer. J.D. Irving also was a high salary payer and hired about 100 students last summer to help in its reforestation program and hopefully will hire students in the area again this summer. Canadian Forces Base Gagetown hires several students every summer but these are mostly high school students. Last year the average wage for student workers in Fredericton was about \$2.50 per hour.

For graduate students; those who have degrees in Engineering, Business Administration or Commerce, the outlook for work is very good. "Students with degrees such as BA or BSC usually have some problems finding a job". Mr. Hollis said, adding "The good high-paying jobs today usually go to those who specialize in a certain field."

To sum up the job outlook for the summer of 1976, Hollis stated that in general our expectations are not as good as in the last two years. He said if one is hunting for a job in Fredericton this summer, "Look early, put your name in campus Manpower in March or early April", adding, "the early birds always get a job and usually the best ones."

White Cane Week coming

By DEBBIE DARKIS

The first week in February is National White Cane Week. The slogan this year is "you can make the difference."

The week is held to promote a better public awareness of the problems of blind people. People can help in many ways - the little things are the ones that count. Mrs. Best who works in public relations believes one should get to know and

recognize the different kinds of blindness. People tend to be more at ease with someone if they know that someone suffers from a visual handicap, she said.

It should be of interest to know that there is at least one student on campus that is blind.

"During White Cane Week you can make the difference. Help someone across the street or read a label to a handicapped person - it's well worth it," Best said.

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