

# WHO WE ARE...

We are about people.

We are an organization run by young people for young people.

We are young people working with people across Canada: in small towns, big cities, Indian reserves, fishing villages, the far north.

The Company of Young Canadians, a Crown corporation, now has more than thirty projects in operation. Our volunteers are young people who have come from high schools and the universities, from labour groups, from church and community organizations.

The people who we want as volunteers have reached beyond an awareness of the social problems and injustices in Canada to an active concern with their eradication. They are intelligent, mature, self-confident, emotionally strong. They can withstand the stress of working in unstructured environments, towards goals they may never see achieved. They have an understanding of people and a sensitivity to their needs.

The Company is new, a unique venture created to promote social change, to open avenues of opportunity for the people who have been left behind, or left outside, by the rush of a modern Canadian society. We believe our goals are within reach.

Planning and Policy are co-ordinated at the national office in Ottawa under the direction of the council and executive director. Operations are decentralized through five offices in Vancouver, Winnipeg, Toronto, Montréal, and Halifax.

## THE TRAINING

The Company's training programme serves to provide volunteers with the skills to gain entry into a community, to contact and build relationships with the people on their projects and to assist these people in seeking solutions to their problems through group action.

The six-week course involves one week of orientation, two weeks of field training, two weeks of in-residence work where trainees evaluate their field experience and learn how to work in groups and one week of specific, or 'how', training where they are taught techniques of dealing with news media, finding resource people and obtaining information.

## THE BENEFITS

Volunteers normally agree to serve two years with the Company. During this time they receive a monthly allowance of \$35, living expenses and medical and life insurance, an annual \$100 clothing allowance and special allowances for far north projects and required on-project transportation.

Volunteers who have borrowed under the Canada Student Loans Plan may be allowed to defer repayment until after they leave the Company. They also receive two weeks annual leave from their projects and will be paid an honourarium on completion of service.

## THE HISTORY

The Company of Young Canadians was created as a Crown corporation by Act of Parliament in July 1966.

Parliament has given it maximum autonomy, in effect creating an organization run by the members themselves. Under legislation, the Company is controlled by its own advisory council of which ten members will be elected by the volunteers and the remaining five appointed by the Government.

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**EXCALIBUR:** How do you feel about the Vanier constitution?

**Larry Rapoport:** It's amazing that we've even got one. I do think that it is flexible enough to adjust to any changes that need to be made.

**Barry Wood:** It is interesting because it is experimental. Personally, I don't like the idea of a rotating chairman.

**Richard Sand:** I think the idea of a rotating chairman is excellent for two reasons. First, councils need to experiment and secondly the council members get a chance to develop their leadership abilities.

**EXCALIBUR:** Do you really think that students take college councils seriously?

**Sue Brown:** No I don't think they do. I know I didn't before I got on it. I had no idea what they were doing.

**Larry Rapoport:** No, not at all.

**Barry Wood:** No, I don't think so.

**Jackie Tifford:** No, not really.

**Ian Brooks:** Yes, I do.

**EXCALIBUR:** Do you feel that council presidents should receive honoria?

**Sue Brown:** No, I don't think they should be paid.

**Leslie Gardner:** No, I don't, money shouldn't enter into it.

**Joan Stewart:** I think it would be a good idea. I think they work extremely hard.

**Ian Brooks:** No.

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**Ruth Ann Whipp:** 'hope to narrow the gap, through Athletic programme with dances afterward'.

**Harvey Margel:** 'evening activities to attract day students'.

**Doug Barrett:** 'Complete solution impossible. Coffee house will help narrow the gap'.

**EXCALIBUR:** What are your suggestions to improve communications?

**Rolly Stroeter:** 'daily announcements in dining hall every half hour during lunch'.

**Radio York.**

**Dave Anderson:** 'better and more enthusiastic publicizing of events'.

**Kim McLaren:** 'Communications are already being worked out by several methods--new centralized bulletin boards, and fewer but larger posters in prominent positions'.

**Paul Fort:** 'Fountain should be bi-weekly; should include news; council minutes plus opinion of Fountain staff'. Council should become well known.

**Harvey Margel:** 'weekly activities sheet'.

**Doug Barrett:** 'better use of Jet Spray'.

**Ruth Ann Whipp:** 'announcements in dining hall plus better use of Fountain'.

**EXCALIBUR:** What is your opinion of the present constitution?

**Mel Freedman:** 'will work with it till the end of the year. Changes will be made in it over the summer'.



COMPANY of YOUNG CANADIANS

# CYC AT YORK

by Gary Gayda

The Associate Director of the Company of Young Canadians, Stewart Goodings, will be visiting the York Campus on March 6 and 7 to talk about this dynamic new organization. The organization was formed to support and encourage and develop programmes for social, economic and community development in Canada, and abroad for voluntary service workers. At the present time there are sixty-six volunteers in the organization, all within Canada. The Company has not yet expanded abroad. One-third of the workers are university graduates and the remainder have a high school education. The majority are from middle class homes and they range in age from nineteen to thirty. Most have had community work experience. According to Mr. Goodings whom I interviewed in Ottawa last week the organization is non-political in a partisan sense but some volunteers and staff are connected with the New Left. The staff is almost

as large as the body of volunteers. Fifty of them maintain six regional offices. Next year it is hoped that two to three hundred volunteers will be involved in the Company. Although the CYC does not have a summer programme for interested students Mr. Goodings foresees its development. In the meantime such groups as the Student Christian Movement and the interdenominational Summer of Service programme are providing excellent opportunities for volunteer work by service conscious young Canadians.

Of interest to Toronto's students is the new CYC project in Trefann Court, an impoverished area of the city, now being redeveloped. If you are interested in helping to develop Canada as an adventurer in the Company of Young Canadians or if you just want to watch some good movies while you eat your lunch, reserve Monday and Tuesday, March 6 and 7 for Stewart Goodings.

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What does a renegade cleric have in common with a sensual moralist who hates "erudite dwarfs, eunuchs, and oracular donkeys" — with an ex-varsity literary mogul — with "a Monster from Toronto" — with sex on the CNR?

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