



CYC Birth

Revolt Among The Young

This article, written by R. J. Walker, senior Southam political writer, appeared early in May, roughly two months after the Company of Young Canadians was mentioned in the Speech from the Throne.

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OTTAWA—In a third-floor garret in the aged East Block, with a stimulating view north to the Gatineau Hills, the Company of Young Canadians will be born this week.

This latest addition to the age of activist youth may have mixed parentage and an unknown future, but its presence will be made lustily known by its guiding spirit, 29-year-old J. Duncan Edmonds.

Mr. Edmonds is a tall, engaging but earnest young man, with the unbounded enthusiasm, vision and overconfidence which the University of Toronto's president, Claude Bissell must have been thinking about recently when he called for the energetic voice of youth to be heard in running this country.

This week the Pearson government will announce the public-spirited men, young and old, who have been chosen to head the organizing committee for the proposed new Company of Young Canadians, Canada's own peace and youth corps.

And secretary to the CYC running its special research secretariat, will be this former lecturer from Carleton University who is leaving the office of External Affairs Minister Paul Martin, where he has been executive assistant for the past two years.

NEW AND BOLD

Mr. Edmonds and his colleagues will plot the overthrow of the country's antiquated ideas on the use of youthful energy in a hot and dreary set of rooms set high in one of those weird Victorian cupolas atop the external affairs building. But he hopes that magnificent view will inspire new and bold ideas.

It may take a map and an experienced external affairs guide to reach CYC headquarters in the labyrinthine reaches of the East Block, but Mr. Edmonds has no trouble at all in going to the heart of his vision—one in which he sees the government spending as much as \$10 million annually in a few years and involving thousands of young Cana-

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The Gateway welcomes letters on topics of student interest. Correspondents are asked to be brief, otherwise their letter will be subject to abridgement. And correspondents, in replying to one another, should keep to the issues under discussion and abstain from personal attacks. All letters to the editor must bear the name of the writer. No pseudonyms will be published.

Exceptional circumstances apart, no letter should be more than about 300 words in length. Short letters are more likely to be published promptly—and to be read.

dians in CYC activities in the near future.

He wants, and in this he has the full support of Prime Minister Pearson, to harness the energies and talents of youth, now often manifested in Selma marches and ban-the-bomb sitdowns, behind projects for economic and social development in Canada and in under-developed countries.

Mr. Edmonds is a youthful "old hand" at this sort of thing, having been one of the founders of the African Students' Foundation, later was involved with the Canadian University Service Overseas, and spent a summer in Rhodesia guiding an Operation Crossroads Africa project.

RAZZLE-DAZZLE

"I think the company can provide the sort of razzle-dazzle leadership needed to help in these projects," he said the other day, meaning as he explained that while these voluntary organizations had been doing an excellent job, and incidentally before President Kennedy's Peace Corps was started, they could use enthusiastic government support and professional leadership.

Canada's Sargent Shriver does not expect Canada to develop an individual peace corps at the moment, but to help CUSO expand while developing the CYC's own projects.

Mr. Edmonds hopes to enlist the interest of high school students initially in learning about the process in this work and in raising funds for it. In London, Ont., recently, after he had spoken to a student body of about 1,200 about the possibilities, \$1,200 was raised for CUSO.

The demand abroad, as CUSO has found in its four years existence, is mainly for teachers, medical personnel, engineers, geologists, agriculturalists and social workers.

AVOID THE ELITE

But one of the things the CYC wants to avoid, according to Mr. Edmonds, is too close an association with an "elite" group.

This will become even more necessary, he indicated, in looking at the domestic scope of the CYC. The vision here is to engage, in time, the interest of not merely the students and graduates, but the dropouts and juvenile delinquents, to provide them with a feeling of "involvement" with their country.

Mr. Edmonds is the first to admit

that this is an idealistic approach, but he is not one to be shaken by incapacities, or scared off by cynics of an older generation. He intends to learn by doing, within certain treasury board limitations, but he warns that "You'll be surprised at the size of the Company budget. It will be into the millions soon."

(Editor's note: The following article consists of excerpts from a Canadian Union of Students newsletter published late last spring.)

The Bladen Commission of the Canadian Universities Foundation, which is at present conducting a study of the Financing of Higher Education in Canada has agreed to delay its final report until the results of the CUS Canada Student Means Survey are available.

This welcome step will be a great relief to the many student governments and other agencies that have been making submissions to the commission throughout the past academic year. It is particularly pleasing to CUS in view of our earlier request to the commission to follow just this course of action.

This move on the commission's part follows closely on the heels of an announcement by the Board of Governors of the University of Alberta that they would hold the line on tuition fees pending receipt of the reports of the commission and the CUS survey. It is to be hoped that other university administrations will follow Alberta's enlightened lead in this regard.

Fee increases have, however, been announced at several universities—notably, at all the universities in the provinces of New Brunswick and Nova Scotia and at McGill University in the province of Quebec.

These increases have aroused strong student protests against the method and amount of government assistance to universities. CUS approaches to members of Parliament have brought favorable responses.

As a previous newsletter outlined, the CUS Survey is intended to fill the present "information gap" facing all those agencies and individuals concerned with both university and student finance. Specifically, it will provide information on the financial needs and resources of students in Canada's universities, colleges, and technological institutes as well as sociological data which will shed new light on many oft-debated questions such as the degree of equality of educational opportunity.

Some measure of the importance of this survey is the degree of sup-

Student Charter?

At Lennoxville, Que., a declaration of student rights was passed this fall which many students have called the beginnings of a Canadian student charter. The five-part declaration follows:

1. The Canadian student is a member of society who is intensively engaged in the pursuit of knowledge and truth and who has both the capability as a student and the responsibility as a citizen to contribute to his society's well-being.

2. The Canadian student has the right to establish a democratic representative student association governed by its student constituents.

3. The Canadian student has a vital interest in the administrative and academic affairs of the institution, and has the right to have his views represented.

4. The Canadian student has a vital interest in the future of his country, and has the right, and re-

sponsibility to exert pressure in favor of his goals.

5. The Canadian student is a member of a global society, with the duty to be concerned about his fellow citizen, and the responsibility to promote human rights and mutual understanding.

This motion was presented to the Congress by the University of Ottawa.

It was seconded by U of A, and subsequently passed.

The document was born in a workshop session, when a delegate from the Southern Alberta Institute of Technology mentioned that students at the Calgary institute are subject to control by their administration.

The delegate's remarks led to presentation of the preceding motion, which passed after almost no debate.

Delegates from another technological institute, Ryerson Polytechnical Institute, also claimed their administration has exerted an undue amount of control on the student body via the students' own constitution.

Determining Student Means

port given to CUS by the Department of Finance, which provided most of the funds, and the Dominion Bureau of Statistics which advised on the design of the questionnaire and samples, and the conduct of the field work. Also co-operating in the design of the survey questionnaires were the Canadian Universities Foundation (CUF), the Canadian Association of Teachers (CAUT) and the Federation des Associations Generales des Etudiants des Colleges Classiques du Quebec (FAGECCQ).

The survey is one of the largest projects CUS has ever undertaken. Its total cost will run very close to \$30,000 and this does not take into account the thousands of man hours of volunteer labor expended on the project by all CUS' forty committees

and by volunteer groups at the twenty-five odd non-member institutions involved.

There are three main sections to the survey: the university and college survey, the Quebec classical colleges survey and the technological institutes survey. These three sections involve respectively approximately 13,000, 2,000 and 1,800 respondents.

At present the administration of these six to eight-page questionnaires to the selected respondents is almost complete. The indicated percentage return is at least 70 per cent and it may reach 80 per cent. This high return will guarantee a valid survey and will assure that it will have the same effect as the DBS surveys.

Viewpoint

(Editor's note: Viewpoint offers U of A students and faculty members a weekly opportunity to write a signed editorial. Submissions to this regular Page Five feature are to be made to The Gateway office, room 209, SUB. This first Viewpoint is written by Doug Walker, The Gateway's Associate Editor and University Athletic Board Treasurer.)

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Did the university Board of Governors commit an error in judgment when they cancelled the plans for the proposed university grandstand? Last spring, you remember, students' council reconsidered and withdrew the proposal for a university stadium, and passed its objections on to the Board. Residents of Windsor Park then took up the fight, and the Board, apparently yielding to various pressure groups, cancelled plans for the concrete stadium.

Provision for the stands had been made in the University Athletic Board budget as early as the middle 1950s, and plans had actually been completed last spring. The structure, a permanent concrete grandstand seating four to five thousand people and costing \$80,000, would easily have been completed this fall.

Since the cancellation, however, plans for a substitute set of bleachers have bogged down, and the seats will not be ready until at least October 8, well after the first two home games of the football team.

The games will now have to be played at Clarke Stadium, with the consequent loss of revenue through transportation, stadium rental, operational costs, etc. The financial loss in these two games alone will be substantial.

In addition, the new bleachers, when ready, will provide no protection from the wind, a poor view because of lack of height, and no dressing rooms or storage space. They will be far more unsightly than the proposed grandstand would have been, and there will still be the noise and crowds the residents complained of, without the benefits of adequate seating facilities.

Moreover, a large permanent stadium will have to be built sometime in the future simply because the bleachers are not a permanent structure, and because facilities will have to be provided for future spectators and athletes which our growth in size will inevitably bring.

The university needs a grandstand now, but it seems it will have to make do with second-rate facilities.

Looking Back through The Gateway

October 11, 1935

Varsity Cheer Song Recorded. Varsity Orchestra and Bill Adams Collaborate to Provide Masterpiece. University of Alberta cheer song is on the air.

Tune in to CJCA. Request the record first. Listen and be thrilled.

September 28, 1944

Green and Gold ankles have taken the campus by storm!

From Podunk, Leduc and Calgary the wide-eyed Freshmen have invaded the halls of learning to brighten the future of sharp-sighted

seniors, whose vision and foresight grasp at the two-inch letters and phone numbers with untold meaning.

Even professors have pulled up their socks (their own, of course) and gone out of their way to make the Freshmen welcome.

September 23, 1955

"There is still plenty of accommodation for university students looking for a place to live, the Student Housing Services reported Tuesday.

However, none of it is within walking distance of the campus . . ."