

Canadian Crossroads International wants people

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Studying about world affairs and issues in international development is one way to come to grips with the complex and sometimes hopeless problems of the world. But actually getting problems on a daily basis is another, much more powerful experience, and through the efforts of Cana-

dian Crossroads International, people are offered this opportunity.

Crossroads is working for the ideal of One World. Since 1958, over 1,000 Canadians have taken up Crossroads' challenge to live and work with people of another culture under severely limited conditions. By working directly with local families and groups new

relationships of mutual respect and understanding are established between Canadians and people of developing nations. Crossroaders return from this broadening experience to sensitize Canadians to the values of Third World cultures and the causes and consequences of underdevelopment.

This year, CCI will send over

100 volunteers to about 30 developing countries in Latin America, the Caribbean, Africa, India, and Asia. For four months they will serve on projects in education, health care, youth leadership, agriculture, community development and construction. Crossroaders are paid no salary while overseas, but a living allowance meets basic living expenses and travel needs.

There are two people currently on campus who have participated in Crossroads. John Hamilton of Fredericton has just returned from a four-month stint in Barbados, where he worked as a lighting technician for a Caribbean cultural festival. Janet Colbourne, of Hampton, lived in Sri Lanka for four months in the fall of 1980, doing work with a child-care center and with a travelling physician.

Are you a candidate for MENSA?

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Do you walk to a different drummer? Do you long for someone to talk to on your own level? Do you crave more intellectual stimulation than you're getting? Do you suspect you're different from everyone else? Mensa Canada may be what you're looking for.

Mensa, the international society for those who have an I.Q. in the top two percent of the general population, was formed in England shortly after WWII and has existed in Canada since the 1960s. The word "Mensa" is Latin for "table" and implies a round table of equals, putting their ideas together for their mutual good and support.

Mensa's aim is "To identify and foster human

intelligence." Apart from that, it has no corporate opinions. The approximately 2,000 Canadian Mensas, and the 50,000 others around the world, are free to participate as they choose. This participation ranges from nil to membership in dozens of SIGS (Special Interest Groups) which are groups of Mensas sharing an interest in anything from gifted children to human rights, from D and D to Paul McCartney, from bread baking to religion. Most SIGS are US-based but welcome Canadian members.

There are two ways to join Mensa. Those who already know their IQs may submit proof directly to the national office; others may be tested by a Mensa proctor. Scores on other than standard IQ tests (i.e. LSAT or MCAT) may also be used as proof.

There are about 60 Mensas in the Maritimes. Surprisingly, very few are at university and non (except me, and I'm a part-time student) are at UNB-STU. Surely this does not reflect the intellectual capacity here?

If you're interested in joining or in being tested, or just want to find out more about Mensa, come to our information session in Room SUB, Tuesday, Sept. 29. We'll be there from 7 to 10 p.m.



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The History Department will hold its annual get acquainted coffee and cookie party in the departmental workroom (Tilley 107) starting at 3:30 p.m. on Wednesday, September 30. All students who are taking history courses are cordially invited to attend.

John and Janet will be holding a Crossroads information meeting for those interested in the program, or who would just like to find out a bit more about what it's like to live overseas. If you are interested, please come to Room 102 of the SUB at 7 p.m. Monday.

As Lester B. Pearson once said, "...How can there be peace without people understanding each other, and how can this be if they don't know each other?"

Being a student or university graduate is not a prerequisite to participation with CCI, although students are usually the people who can afford to go for a long period of time without pay. There is an increasing number of people of varying age, experience, and learning who participate in the overseas program. Basically participants must be at least 19 years of age and of Canadian citizenship. They should be willing to adapt to living and working with people whose cultures and lifestyles vary from the Canadian standard.