## Company of Young Canadians

# Halifax members express views on Company problems

### **Drop-out** problem

enough to provide an interest in school. If someone is interested University of Toronto commerce and

ways the case.

Joan: Yeah, well how do we get around this type of thing. I don't think we try to any great extent. I don't. I don't really know how to go about it. I'm not a professional and I never profess to be. I just can't stand the thought of someone drumming something into somebody's head. Like they have to get through school in order to be somebody. Providing a place is enough.

Editor: Providing the opportunity isn't the same as providing the motivation is it?

Joan: Yeah, but that also sometimes motivates people. If they haven't got a place they figure what the heck is the use of trying. Of course there are other factors - just plain lack of interest is one. Also they need the money to buy clothes to keep up with the kids that are going to school. It's a damn fashion show most of it; you have to keep up and the kid that doesn't have as much as the rest loses interest. There are so many reasons really, so many silly reasons when you think about it. Editor: During your stay here as a company worker do you hope to overcome this problem? Joan: I don't know how I can.

Carol: No. Darby: I can't see how.

Carol: I don't feel that it is up to us to say just because you don't have a pair of pants you should drop out, . . it's their decision and if they don't want to go then you just can't make them

Darby: They have to help themselves in the first place. Joan: I have no definite ans-

wers, I know that it shouldn't be but what are you going to do? Editor: Would you advocate the adoption of a programme similar

**Operation Headstart?** Joan: So what if they take them

# Company is born Joan: You must realize that for a domestic Peace Corps; more than one

Joan: You must realize that there are ways of keeping them in school other than running around saying "stay in school." Providing a place to study and the school other than running around saying "stay in school." getting help with your studies is ment's answer to those kids who want to do

school. If someone is interested enough to tutor you or to be there when you are studying, that is enough." Editor: The teacher probably tells them that if they work hard they will get ahead; surely they soon discover that this isn't al-

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The middle

Carol: You look down upon me the education you can't expect to and our people as lower class people. Okay, well maybe they don't feel this way. Maybe they feel so long as I've got food in my house and a little bit of heat to keep me warm and something to put on my back I am not poor. those with grade nine don't have Let's face it; there so many definitions of poor. have a job in an office or any-

with life itself.

to the one initiated in New York.

right out of their homes? That still doesn't make their background any different. Darby: How can they take the children out of a particular environment? I can't see how any. one feels God enough to do that. Joan: How would they feel towards their parents after that. What happens to the parents? They are still there. So you just leave them to rot.

Approximately fourteen months ago to handle." There are projects in every we be leaders and I don't think Prime Minister Pearson amounced his plan province of Canada at the present time. that's what we are trying to be;

Halifax under the auspices of the Nova Scotia Project. Each receives room and board and thirty-five dollars a month. Carol Oliver is 19, single, a Dartmouth resident, and has a grade 9 education. Darby Eddy hails from Northern Ontario, has grade Car thirteen and has previously worked "at

various laboring jobs mostly." Joan Jones is married and has two children, one of

go and talk to these people but

you get a defeatist attitude. They

keep trying for a job that they

like and they don't get it for some

reason or other so they give up.

Editor: But if you don't have

Carol: I mean okay. I have a

Joan: All middle class people

don't have a fantastic education.

eight education so you can't go

by that. Getting a lot of education

doesn't throw you up in a middle

Carol: There are such things as, what do you call them • edu-

**On housing** 

Carol: There is such a thing as

liking the people that you live

around and liking the place that

you see and this sort of crap. I

right down to earth. I like fun,

fun, fun. The higher you live in

a building the higher your nose

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# class

obtain a very good job. grade nine education but I had a fairly good job and I would consider myself just as good as a middle class person. Maybe such a high rate as a middle class person and they mightn't

Joan: I consider the middle class are very poor mentally in thing like that but nevertheless. their outlook on life. I figure they have a lot less fun than a person who is poor materially. Gordon Sinclair has only a grade Darby: Middle class people are happy about material things whereas the economically poor people have life to look forward to. The middle class consider material things more than life itself. I would honestly say that there is a greater percentage of people who are in the economically poor class who are happier

you live in. People that live in places like Park Victoria are very stuffy, like it's important what you wear and what youdon't wear and things like that. This here Park Victoria reminds me of La Salle boulevard where you have to be just so to be there. You have to greet everybody that don't go for this because I'm goes up in the air. 9 Editor: The fact that they are happy isn't particularly relevant. say it. Darby: Why isn't it? What are we living for?

ple to help themselves, to or-ganize so that they can solve their own problems. This is kind of difficult. From your viewpoint I think you are suggesting that Three members of the Company are in we just want to see their view-

Joan: I am definitely not here to be a leader nor do I claim

Carol: Nor I.

Darby: If we do our job properly I should be able to leave this community at any time and they'll continue and not feel the terviewed with a view in determining their loss. While I'm here, if there is general attitudes about housing, prejudice, a problem that they feel as a the "drop-out problem", children, and the group they can do something group they can do something about.

Editor: Should one of the members of the community come to you with a problem what would or could you do about it?

Darby: I don't know. Find out what they want to do about it. Carol: It's not what we want; it's what they want. This is the

whole damn trouble. Joan: They're not dumb; they're not stupid or ignorant. Why should we be coming up with all the answers when those people are sitting out there?

Darby: They've got a lot of Project up to this point? answers. They have a lot of ideas but nobody listens to them. People come along and say this is good for you so we'll do it. Maybe they can't communicate their ideas but that doesn't mean they don't have any. They can't do anything because they haven't been organized.

Joan: Yeah, education just means that you can express your-self better; you are not an idiot because you don't have a large dented city council and were given our pre-sent building for \$50 a month and were promised \$600 worth of re-pairs. Various firms donated its education.

In fact they probably have a lot more brains than the people who do. A lot of poor people ceived in the first month. Friday have a lot more common sense. Some middle class kids stay in nights, Sunday it is used as a cofschool because there is nothing fee house. During the week there better to do,

> Films are obtained from the National Film Board.

they please.

Darby: You'd be amazed. do you see in Halifax? Everyone takes everyone else as

or who their father is. It's a

great experience. If these kids

never do anything again this is

Creighton Street which we run

you get going.

Editor: What programmes next six weeks he will be giving have been initiated by the Halifax an orientation programme in parts unknown. My problem isn't Joan: Well, there are a few a singular one. Rocky Jones, the things on the go. There's Kwacha man who furnished Coford with house. (Kwacha means freedom the three CYC workers said: in Zambia.) It was started in the "I've only seen him three times basement of the Surf club, Our and they were by accident," advisors gave us \$150 for the Occasionally groups bog down first month's rent but unfortu. in their own bureaucracy; what

nately we were only there a lies ahead for the Company of month. Later we approached city Young Canadians?

furnishing-paint, paper, pencils, just everything. One hundred and seventy memberships were reand Saturday nights are dance is tutoring, seminars, and films. College students tutor grade one r i g h t up through high school.

Editor: What is the radious of your membership?

Joan: The Whole of Halifax, All over really. A good deal of the kids come from this areabut that is only natural when it is one area. No one asks really. They sort of supervise their own activities. Only when there is something special is there any the education he wants. He can supervision; otherwise they play have grade thirteen and a colping pong or sing on the stage, lege education and still have to play darts, or sit around and do something that a grade seven talk. It's for them to do what dropout might do.

Editor: How much prejudice

No summer jobs for students at Expo

dents.

#### By TIM FOLEY Editor

There will not be any jobs for full time students at EXPO next ummer

An official of EXPO in Monteal told a gathering of univerity newspaper editors on Monlay that the corporation does not ntend to hire students for part ime employment. He said the decision was the

less than six months. Anyone wishing to work at

employ over 6,000 people during the course of the exhibition.

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new Dean of Mens' residence, Dean Foote, Also there are as. portunities in Montrealnext sociate Deans in both residen. year. They said the influx of

many changes, one of them being in the service industries. a new librarian, Professor Louis Students interested in obtain-Vagianos. The main reading ing further information concern-



result of corporation policy not to hire personnel for any period salaries for unskilled workers at EXPO would start at about \$60 per week and all the jobs would involve shift work.

EXPO would have to be available to work from the last week of April to the end of October. The Canadian government will

The announcement does not in clude the 225 guides the federa government will use in its pavilion, and the guides and other per-sonnel that will man the provincial exhibits.

Of these jobs it is estimated

700 require unskilled workers and would be suitable for stu-

they would be pleased to hear

from any students that could work

have decided to work a year be-

tween degrees or before seeking

for the six month period.

full time employment.

Representatives of EXPO said

This would include people who

However, they cautioned that

They also pointed out that ac-

commodations are hard to find

and living costs high in the Mont-

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The EXPO people also said there would be increased job optourists and visitors will create The library has undergone a new demand for summer help



### **On children**

Darby: The rich get richer and the poor have kids and so this presents problems.

Editor: Do vou not feel that it is irresponsible to continue to have children year after year when you obviously cannot afford to feed, clothe, and educate them?

Joan: Irresponsible - what! in having kids. What if you want ed? kids?

Editor: There are many things that I'd like to have but if I am unable to finance them I just darn well go without.

Joan: Yeah, but some people don't think that way. They happen to like them and they figure they'll find a way to look after them.

Editor: If you have a grade 9 education how are you supposed to find a way?

Darby: I don't know. But you are thinking from a middle class viewpoint though.

Editor: I'd like to travel but I can't afford it so I don't. That's it. Period.

Darby: That's because you can't get it easy. Children are easy to come by. It's probably the only thing that they can have and call their own.

Joan: I don't have the answers to all these things and I never claim to.

Darby: Children are the one thing they can look forward to and that is that they are leaving something in the world.

Joan: Besides who needs three cars, five or six TV sets, and ten bathrooms and stuff like that. You can get along with one bathroom and one car and maybe not live in such an expensive house. There is a lot more in life that just material things and gobs and gobs of money. Fifty dollars a week can do a lot of things. I have done it before and been quite happy and not done without any. thing.

Editor: Oh come on now; you cannot raise a family on fifty dollars a week.

Joan: What says you are poor when you are making fifty dollars a week. You learn to live cheap.

Editor: Nevertheless they are a drain on the community at large. Darby: Why isn't it? What are

we living for? Editor: Nevertheless they are

drain on the community at large. Darby: Are they? Or is the

community at large a drain on them? Joan: Where's all the money

going then? Who's got it? . the middle class. I don't see any middle class going poor. They sure can afford it.

Editor: Don't you think that they deserve what they have earn-

Spradul 66 Darby: Why does the middle

class deserve it? Just because they had the opportunity that maybe the rest didn't get? The middle class is making around ten thousand a year so they have to pay three thousand in taxes, so what? The other guy didn't have a chance. Of course there are cases of people who don't care; they like this sort of life and you can't change it. You can't help people who don't want to help themselves but why should the guy who has been cut off be left to sit and rot? Say he's making two or three thousand a year and can't afford to pay taxes. So what? The guy who is making ten thousand sure can and if he can't he sure has a poor bud-

get. Editor: What percentage of the unemployed in this area are with. out work through choice and not necessity'

Joan: I wouldn't say too many. Not if people took the time to portant thing is to help the peo- months.

Darby: You have to say a lot Darby: Yeah, you can't stun of things that you don't mean these people. They have been there. Here you say something thinking about their situation for and mean it or else you don't a long time. If you get a group

of people together to voice their Editor: This is all very fine opinion then they can get somebut some of these houses are thing done. Get people with the obviously in need of repairs. same idea together, suggest al-What are you going to do about ternatives to the present then you

have something. Soon as they tell Joan: The people can do it if us "we want it done this way, they get together. What if all the this is step one, that is if they people had a rent strike? This want us to."

Carol: If they say keep your would sure bring attention somedamn mouth shut then this is Editor: Do you advocate this what we have to do. We can't type of activity ie. rent strikes? just go in like an army and say Joan: If it is necessary. If the we are here to help you and this people want it. It's not me who that and the other thing. . . it can't is doing any of this. It is only be done that way. Supposing it w h a t the people want. Things don't stay done if somebody else says this is what you are going

to do and how you are going to do it. You take Mulgrave Park, (Note: Mulgrave Park is a low rental complex in Halifax. Rents trying to help them out and not are determined according to the having the same background and family's ability to pay), there all the answers but using comare rules but people don't pay mon sense.

any attention to them. Maybe if Editor: I'll concede that you they made their own rules they care for these people but is car. would be happier. ing enough? None of you has had Carol: Why should somebody professional training; do you

else make their decisions? These think that your six week orientaidiots that are making their detion programme qualifies you to deal with these complex prob-Joan: I hate the thought of lems?

Joan: What have the professomebody being able to sav: "You can't do this." I don't believe in sionals done? I suppose if you certain people making the re. had a professional training they strictions. Who are they that they tell you when you get to this should be able to make the de. point you do this but that doesn't cisions. Just a few little people always work. They don't seem to decide what everybody will do, have made much success in this I just can't see that. Now you take neighborhood or in this whole this government housing. They city. Why not listen to what everytake half the people's money, body has to say for a change in-They hardly have any chance to stead of someone with a big proget ahead. There's lots of rules fessional background with lots and regulations and the more of letters and names and checkmoney you make the more you marks after their name. It have to give. You just get a raise doesn't really mean that he's and they raise the rent. (At this any more on the ball than just point one of the numerous people an ordinary joe. It's just that who had been wandering in and people listen to them because out mentioned that just last week they are professional. They lissomeone had been thrown out for ten just a little closer.

bootlegging.) Boy they really Editor: What guidelines have suck you in. There are some slum been set up by company direct. landlords and that is for sure. ors?

Joan: The company hasn't set Company and up anything. We are the company. It's up to us. We volunteers are the company.

Editor: Who evaluates the success of your activities within the community?

Darby: We do. Oh we do. We do hope to get together as a Editor: What would you con. group of volunteers to evaluate sider the single most important what we are doing at different task that faces you in the next points. The kids that are working here in the Maritimes have a Darby: I think the most im- regional meeting once every two

Carol: Well they claim there a person, not as someone who has is none. gone this far in their education

Joan: Ask a middle class white how much prejudice there is and they'll say none. I have never had any trouble with them but I know something. We have a tot lot on that there is.

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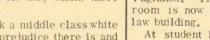
ON PREJUDICE:

Carol: A negro can have all

as well. But you can't measure Carol: Where it is I can't quite our success in concrete terms pinpoint.

such as how many playgrounds change it

Editor: Perhaps not. However Joan: It's attitudes again. If a there are criteria to measure to person realizes that you don't success. Will the Nova Scotia have to like me to work with project meet them? Only time me; if I can do my job well and Jerry Coford can tell. Co. that is all that is necessary. . ford is the project developer for Just last week we sent a girl the East and the Company's link down to apply for a hairdressing with Ottawa, Just how close a takes a year for them to accept link I was to discover when I cause she was a negro. A white us then we've accomplished tried to contact him. For the girl went shortly thereafter and Darby: I think the key to the past three weeks he has been was accepted before they even "consulting" in Ottawa and Mont- asked her qualifications - and whole thing is to develop an idea real; last Friday saw him at a you try to tell me that isn't prebusiness meeting and during the judice?



Editor: What can be done to

position and she was refused be-



### **Company** Chief

"To get something done, you can either raise heil or try to change things from the inside ... All raising hell gets you is a hoarse voice."

McWinney's words are brave but there remains grave doubts of his ability to control the "Revolution from Within".

oom is now located in the old ing job opportunities at EXPO can

ter Carnival.

write to ... The Canadian Corpor. At student health, Dr. Kings- ation the 1967 World Exhibition, ton is replacing Dr. Cudmore as the recruiting section. Head of Student Health.

real area.

WUSC National A Fall Festival chairman as well as a Winter Carnival chairman are needed, Also there is a vacancy for Open House which will be held this year during the last two days of the Marchbreak. Council voted to form a committee which will establish guide Assembly lines for Fall Festival and Win-

This committee will give the chairmen an idea of what stuients want and the sort of funcions expected.

The annual meeting of the Council also voted to set up a WUSC National Assembly will be ommittee to make contact with held at the University of Windsor he group of students not living in from the afternoon of Friday. the Residences and not having October 7, until the morning of their family homes in Halifax. Monday, October 10. Each uni-

George Munroe said these stu- versity that has an officially redents often need help. Rev. Don cognized WUS Committee is en-Trivet, Anglican chaplain, stated titled to send two voting delethat these kids don't know who to gates - preferably a student and relate to, and many times their a faculty member. landlady is their enemy.

Graduate students have received their year books. The books were held up as a result of the rail strike.

When the books arrive they vill be distributed to those under graduates who have placed orders,

### STUDENT LEADER 'BANNED' IN SOUTH AFRICA

CAPE TOWN (CUPI) -Ian Robertson, president of the National sembly of WUS. Union of South African Students, was recently banned by Prime Minister Vorster, then acting in

the capacity of Justic Minister. Mr. Vorster said he banned Robertson to prevent another (i) Many of the participants were Leftwich incident (this former NUSAS president was involved in sabotage trials two years ago), and because Robertson was a member of the communist front' Defence and Aid Fund which is now banned.

Mr. Vorster also alleged Robertson had been in contact with subversive groups in Basutoland and Swaziland.

The NUSAS, however, possess ter's charges. NUSAS leaders hope the evidence they will submit made in parliament on the banning order will persuade Mr. Vorster to review it.

the following year. A special feature of this year's meeting will be a series of discussions concerning ways in which Canadian students might participate more effectively in developing the types of practical international university co-operation that were identified at this summer's meetings, in Africa, of the International Student Conference and the international General As-The WUSC National Committee believes that two weaknesses

The normal business at each

Assembly includes discussion of

reports and the election of the

WUSC National Committee for

have been apparent at some previous meetings of the National Assembly:

not fully informed about current WUS programmes. (ii)Many of the participants had

not previously discussed the Assembly topics with their student councils, and were therefore tending to present their own personal views and

not the collective views. In an attempt to reduce these weaknesses, WUSC is convening three Regional Workshops.

The Workshops are designed documents refuting Mr. Vors- (a) to provide information about current WUS programmes and (b) to stimulate frank discussions to Mr. Vorster, and the attacks concerning all aspects of WUS, as a prelude to the more formal debates at the WUSC National Assembly one week later.

