

Frontier College challenges life

by Alan Kell

Stop the world I want to get on! Yep if you're with Frontier College there's no standing around watching the world go by. You have to be prepared to jump right into life, often meet with a lifestyle that you've never experienced and might never see if you move directly from the university to a profession. You have to say yes, I want a whole new experience and am prepared to give a lot (and get a lot!).

The commitment may be from three to twelve months and the diversity of assignments is great. You may find yourself; working on a C.N. rail gang in Northern Manitoba, involved in a mining operation up in the N.W.T., at work with a fishing co-op on an Albertan native peoples settlement or there's just a chance you'll hit an "urban frontier" working with young people in Halifax.

Frontier is recognising the existence of "urban frontiers", that highlight the stratified and highly structured nature of our society—the line for example between young and old, between youth and community. Frontier in recognising this need responded by placing a worker with the community of Kline Heights to work as a community youth worker. The original placement was full time, supported by the Nova Scotian Youth Agency now defunct, administered by the city of Halifax Social

Planning and Development Department and directed by the Kline Heights Community Youth Support Group. However funds from the N.S.Y.A. were only available for three months (Nov '76 - Jan '77). Now I continue on a part time basis being paid and directed by a group of community residents.

The task of any community youth worker is, through a process of education, to bring about a community based response to the problems/needs of the young people. The type of work already underway is as follows:-

1) Acceptance and placement of one young person on the building committee of the community centre with provision for one other young person to attend as an observer. I see this as an important part of my work as it helps provide an arena for an ongoing dialogue between young and old thus allowing for a better understanding of each others attitudes, needs and problems.

2) The bringing together of an informally structured youth group of a 'freewheeling' nature to discuss, chat, tell jokes, organize and plan activities. We now present a regular filmshow and have held a bake sale. The onus here is on the development of leadership skills.

3) Work is underway in the area of (un)employment. Contact being maintained with manpower, J.O.Y. (Job opportunities for youth), school guidance departments, special services of the school board and the young people themselves.

4) Regular meetings of the community youth support group (C.Y.S.G.), not just so that I can get



my pay! But in order that the identification and the nature of the response to the needs of the youth and community can be sensitive to

the feelings of the adult community as represented by the C.Y.S.G. and further that the community through the C.Y.S.G. has the responsibility for directing the activities of the community youth worker in dealing with those areas of concern identified.

As a youth consultant with the Y.M.C.A. I have an excellent opportunity to obtain an overview of the metropolitan Halifax Situation. Thus helping me to better understand the broad band of economic, cultural, educational and social forces at work on the youth. Working in Kline Heights keeps me down to earth and in touch at grass roots level.

Yes, Frontier throws down a big challenge but for those willing and able to accept the challenge, a year with Frontier could prove to be an exciting and unique experience. One thing that you'll always remember and one that could provide you with insights, attitudes and memories useful in whatever you take up after leaving Frontier.

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count was 1-0 in my favor). I would like to take this opportunity to thank the sole voter who gave me his support: thank you A.C. Clamation.

More seriously though (just a little more), the apathy exhibited here by the students of Dalhousie is not only pathetic, the implications of this attitude are disturbing to say the least. It is this lack of genuinely concerned involvement, this widespread apathy for the betterment of our future, which nurtures the rise of Nixonites and the like. So if I turn out to be a corrupted megalomaniac, I will feel no guilt because I couldn't care less about betraying only one, solitary person: sorry S.C. Yours "truly", Andrew "Kickback" Lynk

Council privileges

Re: Letter of Ms. Sheilagh Beal
 I find the above mentioned letter very weak and nonsubstantive and support the "unknown" author of the first letter, "Disgusted". I must say that I was out of town for the meeting mentioned but have consulted with some of my Council colleagues and they were, to say the least, "disgusted" with the conduct of Council concerning the selfish matter in question. It is on a matter of principle that I write.

Firstly, I am opposed to Council

having "privileges" in the first place; I consider it a privilege to sit on the Council. Indeed, I also consider it a privilege that many of the councillors have misused, attempting to gain personal benefits such as free tickets to S.U.B. events.

Secondly, Ms. Beal's reason for Council getting free tickets is not a reason but an excuse to save face, of exploiting councillors.

Thirdly, I cannot agree that some Council members work very hard, only a very few do so—one or two at the most. I admit I am one of the slackers.

Lastly, the reason why many concerned students are not on Council is that they know that it would be a futile effort; Council has members who are looking out for themselves rather than the students. Take, for example, the lack of concern shown by Council for events such as National Student Day, our employees, AFS-FEA, NUS, students under the age of nineteen, and look at the major thrust — entertainment — where councillors can get freebees. Sincerely, Brian P. Duggan

ISA support

To the Gazette:

Along with the upcoming elections on Feb. 16, 1977, two important referenda will be held to decide whether we shall continue our membership in the National Union of Students and the Atlantic Federation of Students. We feel that Dalhousie's participation in these student organizations is vital, and I am taking this opportunity to voice our support for these organizations and our continued affiliation with them.

As international students at Dalhousie, we are increasingly alarmed by recent moves by both provincial and federal governments to impose restrictions on visa students wishing to study in this country. We are concerned about the proposed changes in the immigration act which would place further barriers in the way of our studying in Canada. Presently, we

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