

Nation-wide drive starts to recruit Young Canadians



Stewart Goodings, Interim Associate Director of the Company of Young Canadians, was in Halifax last month for the start of a nation wide recruiting drive. Before joining the Company, Goodings worked as a researcher for the Royal Commission on Bilingualism and Biculturalism, served as an executive member of the World Assembly of Youth and was President of the Canadian Union of Students (at that time NFCUS) in 1962-63.

MORLEY: What sort of work will the Company of Young Canadians undertake when it swings into operation?

GOODINGS: We hope to have our volunteers working in situations where the people already there feel a need for some kind of change. Probably requests will come from Indian communities, from the Eskimos in the North, and from people living in run-down sections of Canada's larger cities.

MORLEY: How will the project volunteers be organized and directed?

GOODINGS: There are two methods of organization which we can presently employ. If existing social agencies or government departments require volunteers

to do relevant, exciting work, and the Company is the judge of this, than the volunteers will be under the agencies' or departments, day to day supervision. Other projects will be directly organized by the Company itself and the supervision will often come from a volunteer in the project, perhaps one with more experience than the others.

MORLEY: Will the Company also act as a source of funds for groups already in existence carrying on similar kinds of projects.

GOODINGS: We hope so, although we have not, as yet, received

permission for this sort of thing.

MORLEY: Can you give me some examples of the groups which the Company might aid financially.

GOODINGS: SCM, SUPA, and of course CUS if it is working in this field.

MORLEY: Don't you think that, realistically speaking, the Company will be unable to avoid direct political interference in those projects which really do some shit-disturbing, for example, the organization in the slums of a rent strike.

GOODINGS: Of course this is a possibility, but I don't think that it will happen. When Bill Mc-

Whinney was appointed Director the government committed itself to providing a structure much like that of the Crown Corporations, and this means that the volunteers themselves, will elect from amongst their own ranks, a majority of the Board of Directors.

MORLEY: When is the pilot program for which you are now seeking recruits, scheduled to begin?

GOODINGS: Volunteers will be in the field by August. They will be given a two or three week training program in organizing plus specialized training for their

specific project. By early autumn the program should be moving.

MORLEY: How long will the volunteers have to sign up for?

GOODINGS: The normal term will be two years, though some of the projects will last only a year.

MORLEY: This is a ticklish sort of question for an idealistic group like the Company, but how much money will the volunteer be making?

GOODINGS: It will vary with the project. That is, the volunteer will receive living expenses so that he can live at approximately the same level as the people he

is working with. In addition his medical and travel costs will be paid and at the end of his term he will receive an honorarium somewhere in the range of \$50. per month of service. You certainly won't get rich working for the Company, but we feel we have something else to offer.

MORLEY: One final question, Stewart, what will be the relationship between the Company and CUSO.

GOODINGS: That is still uncertain, though at the present time it is clear that any overseas policy would be based on prior consultation with CUSO.

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from the vestal's temple By NANCY WHITE

Winko is drama time at Dal. The Mikado and Connolly Shield competition are just over, and next is the French department's production of Le Medecin Malgre Lui.

As a salute to theatre on campus, The Gazette is proud to print the first scene of the winner of our annual Great New Plays contest.

This work, we feel, is an exciting one. Certainly we were caught up in it from the first line. The play is in nine acts and can be easily handled by a cast of 27 with some doubling, and we take great pleasure in recommending it to campus drama groups interested in the current restoration.

SCENE 1

Lady Tryhard: Here I am again in my elegant sitting room, receiving thundering herds of gentlemen callers as is my wont. Ah, my Lord Tweakchin, have you come once more to press your suit upon me. Lord Tweakchin: Ha ha ha, lady, I could hope for no such favour, although certainly your suggestion is a pleasant one—but on a Sunday! Zounds. My glove on your pale little hand will suffice. Lady T.: Oh, sir, you bring a blush to my cheek. But tell me, what hostess had the honour of your presence at dinner today?

Tweak: I dined at the home of Madame Vacantstare.

Lady T.: Not that chattering old nunny! For if one were looking for a phrase to describe her, 'singular want of wit' would immediately spring to mind.

Tweak: Indeed, lady. But the occasion was nonetheless a merry one. The hostess poured out a ceaseless string of gibberish, the food was rancid, and the guests the greatest collection of bores and bores ever assembled in one room.

(Enter Madame Vacantstare)

But, Madame, you are just in time. Lady Tryhard and I were finding our conversation sorely lagging. My dear, may I say that you are looking simply ravished today.

Vacantstare: Humph. I cannot stay long, lovely people. I've just come to tell Lady Tryhard that her good name is in jeopardy.

Lady T.: Prithoe, go ahead.

Vac: Lady Tryhard, your good name is in jeopardy.

Lady T.: Indeed, I had not thought that reputation was so light a thing as to fall at the slightest indiscretion.

Vac: Well, dearie, the fact that you've had fourteen gentlemen callers already today and it's only 9:45 does look a bit peculiar from the outside.

Lady T.: But madame, by my deep and long-lasting friendship for you, I swear they came only to make love to me and propose marriage.

(Enter Count Down)

Ah, Count, but how devastated I am to see you again! But I see you are out with such speed?

Count: My dearest love, I came to make love to you and propose marriage, but mainly to find out how you liked the play last night. And who was your escort?

Lady T.: Oh, I fear I had to suffer the tedious company of Lord Tweakchin, that buffoon who hants the chocolate houses simply to lick the spoons. Ah, he is a most tiresome bore. So

windy, so verbose. Why, he were best fit to -

Tweak: Just a cotton-picking second here.

Count: You flatter the fool, lady, by saying he is fit for anything. Why, they say he is scarce able to string a yo-yo.

Tweak: Ahem.

Vac: He is, in point of fact, the foppiest fop east of the Rocky Mountains.

Tweak: Gleep.

Lady T.: Next to his brother, the Duke of Earl. For with his boorish speech and the waving of his handkerchiefs he sorely tries my spirit.

Tweak: Arg.

Lady T.: But come, my dearest friends. My apartments bore me today as always. Let us go for a stroll in Hyde Park.

(Exit)

This is the last issue, alas, and Piers said I could make awards. But I'm completely bogged down on the first, for song of the year. Most emotionally moving a re, of course, Lloyd George Knows my Father, and Pete and Jim's campaign song, A Pub in the Sub. But Al MacDonald's timely French Canadian folk song, God Save Old What's Her Name, poses severe competition.

Next award was for village idiot, and here again the decision was a problem.

So I gave up and turned to editor's other suggestion for ending the year on the proper note of nostalgia. So here it is, what you've all been waiting for, a roundup (that's a newspaper word for a disorganized story) of the year's activities in Shirreff Hall.

"Shirreff Hall has once again had a very successful year. About 239 girls registered last fall; some have single rooms, some doubles. Facilities were considerably expanded this year; prominent here was the addition of a cakes machine in the basement. Also the sewing machine has been fixed.

This year we are being more friendly with the men's residence, having participated in a tug of war with them last fall. Also, co-ed dining every two weeks has been commenced. Although the boys at Dalmen's don't speak to the girls who go and eat there, the organizers feel this activity has been highly successful and are looking forward to increased participation next year.

House Committee meets once a week to punish offenders against the Honour System. After considerable agitation it was agreed that the library lights would be left on during the trials. Sunday Tea is now held only every second week.

The Shirreff Hall formal was held in November and was very successful. An orchestra was hired for the occasion and people enjoyed dancing to the music. Shirreff Hall was well represented at this year's Blood Donor Clinic and some girls also made advance donations of their eyes in another campus project.

After Christmas, singsongs were held every second Sunday night in the reception hall, with Pine Hill and Men's Residence boys sometimes in attendance. These were very enjoyable and successful.

Our Christmas party was its usual success. Shirreff Hall also entered a skit in the Black and Gold Revue. Congratulations, Velma, on a great job.

This year we have "formal dinners" every two or three weeks. We eat off a tablecloth and it's elegant, not to say enjoyable. Also in the line of progress, the television set was moved to the fourth floor and the piano was tuned.

Winter Carnival week a snow sculpture of the hare and the tortoise was sculpted on the front lawn by Carolyn Weston and assistants. Also that week the basement of the Hall was used for the making of decorations for the Ball. Nice going, Terri, they were gorgeous.

Our Open House last Sunday was very successful although it hasn't been held yet at this writing.

Residence activities will wind up with the Senior Banquet which we know will be presented with the traditional daffodil, a class prediction will be read and, probably, the year's activities reviewed just as I am so capably reviewing them now.

In closing I'd like to congratulate the House Committee, the Dean, the staff and the girls on a very successful year and wish you all the best of luck in your exams, those of you who have them, and urge, nay beg you all to have a relaxing summer."

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