

# An Idea

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The Cadre  
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To the members of U.P.E.I.

To develop and monitor a sense of community within a given community, each member of that community ought to be aware of each other member and his activity in that community. If for some reason each member is unaware of some or all other members, or is unaware of other members interests and activities in that community, distrust, prejudice, fear and anxiety, may develop which, of course, is detrimental to the growth and development of each individual and, hence, the community itself.

The university newspaper as a medium may publish a best essay of each department written by your student in the normal course of his semester work, which, among the essays of other students may be selected for publication by his/her professor. This may be weekly, bi-weekly or monthly.

The contributions of each department would invite constructive criticism from all other departments.

One department would become aware of all other departments, students and faculty would become aware of all other students and faculty and their interests and activities in the university community.

With the projection of the university newspaper

onto the general Island community, the university would be recognized by the Island community as an academic entity.

The businessman would be made aware of, and participate in, the philosophy of the department of business administration. The same holds true for the Island clergy and the religion department; psychology, engineering, etc.

All areas of human endeavor would be included which would mean that there would be something of interest for everyone.

No longer need the parent doubt the validity of a university education because he/she lacks knowledge and understanding of what an academic university entails. The parent could keep abreast of student thinking in all areas.

No longer need the high schools students find it difficult to decide whether to enter university or not.

Through reading the university newspaper (perhaps having followed it for several years) he could keep abreast of his special interest which would help prepare him to pursue his career beginning as a freshman rather than studying for two or three years before making up his mind as to what field he is best suited.

With such newspaper content the faculty and students would be making a major contribution toward educating the general public contemporary thinkers are in agreement that it is through education that prejudice, hatred, apathy, and fear may be removed to make way for the development of individual and communal integrity.

It has been indicated that the philosophy department may be one of the first to participate in this endeavor, which may begin next semester.

Sincerely Yours  
Stan J Dalton.

# From One End of the Park Bench

"Old Friends,  
Winter companions, the old men  
lost in their overcoats,  
waiting for the sunset."

After exams are over and we have retired to the comforts of our homes for some much needed relaxation during the Christmas break, we will have plenty of time to stop and think about our own state of affairs. And no matter how bad our marks are or how different our high school friends have become, we know that we will be returning to our new friends

at university and can expect many good times to follow.

However, there are many people in our own communities to whom Christmas is nothing but an echo of happier times, replaced now by the loneliness of old age. If they're lucky they'll get a phone call from a relative. There are no more lively singalongs for them, laughing, parties, sharing

bottles of wine, knowing that "these are the days". Only memories. As lonely as we may all become from time to time, we are never as lonely as these senior citizens. Talking to the people who work at senior citizens homes or who regularly communicate with "this other world" (something which we unfortunately do not do), you can begin to see that they need to talk with other people, even if it is only a total stranger. Christmas,

with all its spare time, affords us the opportunity to replace this loneliness with some form of communication, inadequate as it may be. Get a group of friends together and share your happiness with others. It might even be fun!

"Can you imagine us years from today sharing a park bench quietly?"

Old Friends by Paul Simon  
from  
"Old Friends Bookends"

# C.U.S.O.

In June of 1969 an idea became a reality when representatives of 22 interested organizations gathered at the annual meeting of the national conference of Canadian universities and colleges to produce a draft constitution for a national non denominational organization for overseas service. The draft was subsequently adopted by the annual meeting, and a new organization came into being: Canadian University Service Overseas. Today, 10 years later, the organization is almost universally known simply as C.U.S.O. It has over 1,300 Canadians at work in some 44 developing nations.

Like many similar organizations—the American Peace Corps and British Voluntary Service Overseas—C.U.S.O. came into being in the flurry

of enthusiastic activity that marked the preparation for the UNITED NATIONS DEVELOPMENT DECADE. Preferring such low key objectives as "filling the gap which cannot yet be covered by local manpower resources", C.U.S.O. attempts to meet the continually changing demands of the countries it serves. The requests fall into four main professional areas—education, health, agriculture, technology. While teachers remain the largest single group, even the demand is changing. More experienced teachers are required, math and the sciences and an increasing number of positions are at teacher-training, and other post-secondary levels.

C.U.S.O. has been geared to recruiting on campus, where the organization began, without this continued support

the organization would cease to exist, at least on its present scale, but off campus recruitment is essential if we are to meet the requests from overseas.

C.U.S.O. has been in operation at U.P.E.I. for a number of years. Its function has been one of a recruiting station and for giving general information to interested persons. This year the committee has set up a new program for public education. We do not intend to be a fund raising organization by any means. Instead our main objectives are to educate the population in such areas as what is happening in developing nations or how may Canada develop natural resources.

C.U.S.O. is in the process of setting up a C.U.S.O. club in three Island High Schools as a pilot project. It is hoped that these clubs will keep their members and the school population informed of the news in developing countries around the world. Perhaps the clubs could set up an exchange with a foreign country in such things as artifacts and ideas to stimulate interest. Many high school courses may be able to integrate this extra-curricular activity into the general course.

For further information on C.U.S.O. at U.P.E.I. contact Jim Griffith, Hap Poirier, or Gerard Bondt.  
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BROADCASTING ON FRI. DEC. 10.  
MERRY X-MAS FROM THE MANAGER  
AND STAFF OF R.U.P.E.I.