

Rapid Adaptation Is 'Must' For Successful Corpsmen

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Editor's Note: Mr. Ebert, president of the USSPA and editor of The Daily Nebraskan, was one of four editors to spend one week in Washington recently to edit the Peace Corps News, a supplement to campus news papers that appears twice yearly. This is the second of a three part article on the Peace Corps.

"In most of the world, it's six o'clock in the morning—and it's dead," Dave Pearson said.

"When the Peace Corps Volunteer moves from a highly mobile society into a sleepy, dawning world where progress is slow and sometimes feared, he must adapt rapidly if he is to be successful."

Pearson, a Peace Corps information officer, said it has been this challenge—and not the stereotyped dangers of mud huts, savage natives, and wild animals—that has created the most problems for volunteers in the field.

During the first two years of Peace Corps operation, Volunteers had few complaints about living and working conditions. Indeed, many governments went out of their way to see that Corpsmen had adequate living conditions.

But over and over, field representatives heard stories of loneliness, boredom and solitude. In many areas, volunteers were the only people with an advanced education, or even with the ability to read and write.

"Yet these Volunteers were bright, inquisitive young people accustomed to a fast-

moving society," Pearson said. "To them, the apathy and the quiet were actual enemies, particularly for volunteers living by themselves."

Almost all volunteers managed to succeed in spite of these problems, however, and in many cases they reported that for the first times in their lives they were learning to "really live."

"I had been exposed to an education," Volunteer Ralph Gilman, working on a Ghana project, said. "But I began to feel I'd had enough of second-hand knowledge which had been picked over for my consumption. Now was the time to learn directly from people struggling in life."

Gilman found the slow, underdeveloped society of Ghana a challenge. But in it he found a need to be fulfilled in himself as well as in the society. "Americans of my generation have inherited a healthy and abundant country," he wrote. "But this good fortune implies the responsibility of some constructive use—responsibilities to the people yearning for an education."

"We tend to become so involved with our fraternities, our jobs, our competition for an education, and our courtship system, that we forget to ask: to what end? After asking myself these questions, I concluded that I hadn't found all the answers in school."

"And so I came to Ghana—

not because I feel sorry that others are not like me, and not out of sloppy, superior pity—but because they asked and I am able to help."

Volunteers such as Gilman, with the ability to see long-range purposes behind short-term Peace Corps projects, are needed if the Peace Corps is to become a significant, permanent form for world improvement, Pearson said.

"Peace Corps service is not glamorous," he said in a CPS interview. "We've never said it was. It's hard, and tiring, and sometimes discouraging."

"And so the question before us is: now that the newspapers, in interviewing returning Volunteers, have made it clear that boredom and apathy go hand-in-hand with excitement and progress in the Corps, will young Americans still be willing to take up the burden?"

The answer, Peace Corps officials believe, can be found in the American student community. "The Corps has no

corner on the idea market," Pearson emphasized.

And Sargent Shriver, Peace Corps Director, told 2,000 students at the National Student Congress, held in August at Indiana University:

"I am here to solicit your advice in the months ahead . . . with that continuing support, you and other Americans will continue to build a program that represents the highest traditions of this nation."

All May Attend Debate Meeting

A meeting for all students interested in intercollegiate debate will be held in 210 Temple Building tomorrow at 7:15 p.m.

The national debate topic for this year is: Resolved: That the Federal government should guarantee an opportunity for high education to tuition for higher education to tuates.

Interested students are invited to attend this meeting whether they have had experience or not.

Campus Calendar

TODAY

BUILDERS Executive Board will meet at 6:00. Regular Board meeting at 7:00.

TASSELS, CORN COBS will hold a squad leaders' meeting at 4:15 p.m. at the East Stadium or, in case of rain, in 235 Nebraska Union.

KERNELS will meet at 5 p.m. at the Stadium or in the Nebraska Union ballroom in case of rain in order to receive their season tickets and ID's.

RED CROSS will hold an executive board meeting at 4 p.m. in 232 Student Union.

STUDENT UNION special events committee will meet in 332 Student Union at 4 p.m.

STUDENT COUNCIL will meet at 4 p.m. in the Pan American room of the Student Union.

COMMUNITY CONCERT ticket seller will meet at 4:30 p.m. in 334 Student Union.

STUDENT UNION hospitality committee will meet at 4:30 p.m. in 346 Student Union.

TOWNE CLUB will meet at 6 p.m. in 234 Student Union.

ICF will meet at 7 p.m. in the Pan American Room of the Student Union.

Educational Music Center To Open In Love Library

A new music center in Love Library will be in operation within a week according to Frank Lundy, library director.

Located on the second floor near the humanities section, the center will provide students and faculty with the opportunity to listen to educational records and tapes.

The center consists of four stereo turntables and two tape machines wired to ten booths equipped with earphones. Student assistants will operate the machines.

Lundy said that when fully equipped, the facility will be valued near \$10,000 and that it would cost \$1,500 a year to operate. "We hope to maintain a high quality with the

best equipment we can buy," commented Lundy.

Some 300 records, chiefly donated by the teaching departments are now available. The collection will be expanded as the year progresses.

Intended for the serious student, the center will provide recordings in the fields of speech, drama, foreign language and general knowledge. It will be open afternoons and evenings on a 40 hour per week basis.

NEBRASKAN COFFEE
6:45, 334 Union

Reporters Wanted!

ALL STUDENTS INTERESTED IN REPORTING FOR THE DAILY NEBRASKAN

Are invited to a coffee Wednesday, September 25, in Room 334, Student Union at 6:45 p.m.

Grants To NU Total \$657,777

University of Nebraska Regents Monday accepted research and training grants totaling \$657,777, all received through the office of Vice Chancellor Roy G. Holly, research administrator, between July 1 and Sept. 13.

Grants from three federal agencies, US Public Health Service, the National Science Foundation, and the Federal Extension Service, accounted for 58% of the research money received. All but \$1,800 of \$118,728 for training grants came from the U.S. Public Health Service.

Among the 68 grants for research projects and programs, totaling \$539,049, were the following:

—\$109,500 from the National Science Foundation for continuation of the Nebraska College Teachers Development program, a five-year pilot project now in its third year.

—\$39,319 from U.S.P.H.S. for a continuing study directed by Dr. H. P. Jacobi, biochemist, College of Medicine. The study concerns arterial functions and hardening of the arteries.

—\$34,770 from the Nebraska Council for Educational Television for ETV instructional service by KUON-TV to 36 Nebraska school systems for current year.

—\$12,500 from the Lincoln Public Schools for ETV instructional service through KUON-TV.

—\$40,000 from Nebraska Heart Association, support for two years of cardiovascular research directed by Dr. Denham Harman, College of Medicine.

—\$12,000 from U.S.P.H.S. for support of a continuing study of soybean growth inhibitor, involving nutritional interrelation of certain antibiotics and amino acid imbalance; Dr. Raymond Borchers, College of Agriculture.

—\$15,004 from U.S.P.H.S. for continuing enzymic research by Chemists Robert B. Johnston and John J. Scholz.

—\$18,500 from Federal Extension Service for rural Civil Defense educational project under direction of Elvin C. Schultz.

Driving Lessons Will Be Offered

University students, faculty members, or their spouses wishing to take driving lessons should sign up at the Physical Education building or call extensions 2480 or 2481 by Oct. 10.

Dick Klass, assistant professor of physical education for men, said that a nominal fee will be charged, but a driver training car will be provided and the students will receive 6 to 10 lessons behind the wheel.

Driving skills, no driver education, will be taught to the students.

Innocents Organizing Homecoming Displays

Fraternities and sororities paired in last year's homecoming displays will have to select new partners in the rapidly approaching Innocents Society Homecoming display contest.

A letter from the Innocents homecoming committee to the presidents of all living units outlines the rules for participation. Prizes will be awarded to and sorority are not on a joint house basis as in the past. However, a fraternity allowed to remain paired for two successive years.

The cost limits are \$300 for

Fall Dance Starts Ag Union Events

Ag Union's first big event of the year will be Friday's Fall-Roundup in the Ag Union auditorium.

The Kopsi Katz Combo from Hastings will provide music for the 8:30-11:30 p.m. event. Admission will be \$1 for single tickets and \$1.50 for couples.

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joint projects and \$200 for a single house project. There is also an entry fee of \$15 for joint projects and \$25 for single projects to defray the expenses of organizing, publicizing, co-ordinating, and judging the displays.

All organized living units in good standing with Student Affairs are eligible to compete. The following dormitory groups will be considered: Selleck Quadrangle, Women's Residence Halls, Pound Hall, Cather Hall, Fedde Hall, Burr West, Burr East, and the Kellogg Center.

Trophies will be given to the three winners in each division. If less than ten houses compete with single displays, they will be judged as one division. If there are more than ten single entries but less than four in either the men's or the women's division, the single entries will be divided into two divisions on the basis of size according to house rolls as recorded at the Division of Student Affairs Office.

Intentions to build displays and bonafide joint pairings must be submitted by 5:00 p.m. Tuesday, October 1 at the Innocent's mailbox at the main desk of the Nebraska Union. Envelopes should be plainly marked: Innocents Society, Homecoming.

Nearly-New Shop Reopening Today

The Faculty Wives' Nearly-New Shop at 1610 R will be open again this year.

Beginning today, the shop will be open every Wednesday evening from 7 to 9. Used clothing, household goods and furniture are available at the store to all University students who present their ID card.

CLASSIFIED ADS

POLICY

Classified ads for the Daily Nebraskan must be entered two days in advance and must be paid for in advance. Corrections will be made if errors are brought to our attention within 48 hours.

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