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Peace Corps Week Brings 6 Members

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John Eriksen, James Morris, Rosemary Durkin, Wendell Gaillard, Carol Trueblood, Jim Adams—

What better could be used to describe the Peace Corps than the example of these six young, healthy Americans with both intelligence and idealism?

That's exactly what the University has on its campus this week—these six young people who believe in something deeply, who represent American youth trying to do something to help the world and at the same time gain all the adventure and intrigue that every young person dreams about.

When this reporter went to interview these visitors from the Peace Corps, who are spending this week at Nebraska informing students about the Corps and what it is trying to do, he expected to find one that would speak for all in an ordinary, everyday interview.

But instead he found himself listening to six at one time.

"The Peace Corps isn't going to change the world in a day," said Adams, representative from the Washington Peace Corps office, "but it can definitely help some countries work out small local problems which will help to make their lives a little easier and possibly lead to bigger improvements later."

Adams went on to point out that although the Peace Corps does often help countries with local problems, another just as important part of the Corps work is promoting both a better human understanding and an interchange of ideas between Americans and the people the Corps serves.

"One can't always measure the Peace Corps work and success in miles of road that are built," he said.

He said that the Peace Corps was needing more and more volunteers all the time. This year's goal is for 10,000 new members.

"There is no Peace Corps type," Adams stressed. "Selection is made for individual projects and every project has particular requirements."

"In general," he added, "we are looking for liberal arts graduates who want to spend two years overseas helping people to help themselves."

The only specific requirements for the Peace Corps, he said, is that a person be 18 years or older and a high school graduate.

Adams said that he would like to recruit about one per cent of the University students for the Peace Corps.

He pointed out that the Peace Corps volunteer might be described as making financial or material sacrifice, but that the personal returns in other ways far

overshadowed the low \$75 salary or maybe poor living conditions.

On the other hand, he did say, that a Peace Corp volunteer's life wasn't "all mud but".

Volunteers, he said, live not as the poorest or the richest people in the country he serves, but on an equal basis with his counterparts in the country. For instance if he is a teacher he will live on a level equal to that which the teachers in the country he is in live on.

"A lot of volunteers," he said, "complain because they feel their living allowances are too high."

"The Peace Corps," he said, "can definitely be an added advantage on a personal basis, but it is true that it might not be an ultimate professional advantage," Adams said.

Eriksen, who is a Peace Corps returnee from Niger in central Africa where he worked on a cattle development station, said that there was especially a need for people with some technical skill and agricultural ability.

Recalling his stay in Africa, Eriksen said he was only the third white man that the natives in his part of Niger had ever seen.

"Americans just aren't what they read about in the newspapers," he stressed, "and the Corps gave me a chance to change my stereo-type idea of the Africans and likewise helped them change their ideas about Americans."

Eriksen said that he also felt like he was able to contribute something to the people in his area because he helped reduce the rate of starvation by improving the health conditions of the livestock.

James Morris, who was a Peace Corps volunteer in the Dominican Republic, described his experience in the Dominican Republic at a time when diplomatic relations had been broken off with the United States shortly after the removal of the Trujillo family.

"I really had no trouble in the Dominican Republic at this time except for the usual questioning and searching of my car," he said.

He pointed out that the Peace Corps was non-political and was not an instrument of foreign policy.

The six-member Peace Corps team here at Nebraska is presently manning a Peace Corps Information Center in the lounge of the Union every day for the rest of the week.

In the basement of the Union a movie is being shown every day at 4:30 called "Mission of Discovery."

Also placement tests will be given daily beginning Wednesday until Tuesday for anyone interested in the Corps.



PEACE CORPS . . . Volunteer Joe Grand, 25, of the Bronx, teaches the fundamentals of baseball to youngsters in a dry, dusty part of Chimbote, Peru.

RAM Endorses New Constitution

The proposed constitution for a new student government at the University Monday night received endorsement of the Residence Association for Men (RAM).

After some discussion, the RAM Council passed a motion by Kent Neumeister backing the constitution and urging all residents to vote in favor of it. The issue will be decided in a special election for all University students Friday.

Discussion on the motion centered around the effects of the proposed Association of Students of the University of Nebraska (ASUN) would have on RAM. President Dave Kittams told the Council that the ASUN's powers over such things as organizations, rallies and migrations were traditional concepts at this University and merely represented a clarification of existing policy.

Kittams, himself a member of the Constitutional Conven-

Art Students Plan March In Protest

Students and graduate instructors of the University Art Department will demonstrate at 2:30 today in protest of the selection of the first-prize winning piece of art in the Governor's Art Show held in Omaha.

Judges selected the work by Ward Douglas Schumaker, a senior art student at the University of Omaha as the first place winner. However, after conferring with Gov. Morrison the officials of the Crossroads Merchants Association decided the painting was not appropriate to be hung in the governor's mansion.

First prize was then awarded to Fred Sommers, also a student at the University of Omaha.

According to Thomas Coleman, professor of art at the University "The majority of works exhibited by members of the University Art Department were removed Monday."

"These pieces were removed from the show because the sponsors broke an ethical

contract by allowing outside censorship of the prize awards," commented Gail Butt, professor of art at the University.

When questioned about the planned demonstration, Professor Butt said, "The University and the Art Department cannot take any action, but each person must act as his conscience dictates."

Larry Cummings, graduate assistant in the Art Department, said, "The demonstration will meet in front of the Woods Memorial Art Building at 2:30 and march to the Governor's Mansion."

IFC, Pan Hel Talk About White Clause

The "white clause" in fraternity and sorority charters was discussed last night by representatives of the executive councils of Interfraternity Council (IFC), PanHellenic and the division of Student Affairs.

The meeting came two months after a Student Council recommendation that all organizations at the University remove clauses requiring racial discrimination and eight days after a Daily Nebraskan editorial suggesting that Administration work with these groups in eliminating the clauses.

IFC last year issued a statement discouraging the colonization of any group with a clause condoning racial discrimination.

Vice Chancellor G. Robert Ross, dean of Student Affairs, and J. Winston Martin, associate dean of Student Affairs, discussed the problem with IFC President Buzz Madson and PanHellenic President Jean Probasco and their executive committees.

Lomax Speaks Tomorrow On Muslims

Dr. Louis Lomax, noted author and authority on the Black Muslim movement, will speak at the Nebraska Union at 3:30 p.m. tomorrow.

Lomax, appearing under auspices of the Union Talks and Topics Committee, will speak on a number of race-relations topics, including a number of his writings.

The author of three best-sellers, "The Reluctant African," "The Negro Revolt," and "When the Word is Given," he is considered one of the leading authorities on race problems in America.

A native of Georgia and recipient of three honorary doctorate degrees, he was named one of the 100 most influential men in America by Ebony Magazine, and has appeared on many television shows and newscasts for NBC, CBS, and ABC.

Lomax also will speak at the Unitarian Church in Lincoln at 8 p.m. Friday.

University Budget Presented To Committee ... Asks Increased Tax Funds

By Keith Siner
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"Nebraska is an excellent University, but I do not think it is a great University. We should strive for greatness or close it up," said Board of Regents President Val Peterson to the Legislature's Budget Committee yesterday.

Peterson presented to the committee the University's \$462.3 million operating budget request for the coming biennium and capital improvement plans totaling \$35.8 million.

The proposal for the financing of an academic building program on the University city campus through revenue bonds was also heard and no action was taken.

The bill would permit the University to issue bonds for about \$20 million to \$21 million to help finance some \$24,545,500 in capital construction on the city campus. If the proposal were approved, the bond issue would be backed by student fee income amounting to about \$2.5 million per biennium.

This week is reserved in the Legislature for University Budget hearings.

The University proposed \$965-67 biennial budget calls for a \$10.5 million increase in state tax support, or from the present biennial level of \$31.7 million to \$42.2 million.

This sum, supplemented by other anticipated revenue from students, federal sources, endowment, etc., and expanded further by inclusion of cash auxiliary accounts, would establish a total current funds budget estimated at \$62.3 million, compared with the present biennial estimate of \$49.4 million, a difference of \$12.9 million.

The proposed budget, Chancellor Hardin said, includes faculty, professional and administrative staff salary increases to be distributed on a merit basis, not across the board. These would compose an aggregate approximating a 7 per cent general average increase during each of the two years. Also included are salary increases, tailored in the same fashion and approximately 5 per cent per year, for non-academic staff members. A single increase of 10 per cent is proposed for graduate assistants.

Approximately 40 per cent of the \$10.5 million increase requested from state support is sought to cover work load increases resulting from rising enrollments. The budget anticipates a 1600 enrollment increase next year and another 1200 the following year.

The University has four major sources of income: state support, tuition, federal funds, and sales and services. The new biennial budget is expected to come from these sources in these proportions: \$42.2 million from state

support, \$8.3 million from tuition, \$3.8 million from federal funds, and \$7.9 million from sales and services.

The largest increase in the amount taken from any of these areas as compared with last year's budget is in the portion allocated by state support. The increase of \$10.5 million represents a rise of 33.1 per cent.

Five specific factors are listed as causes for the increase in budget, all of which are tied directly or indirectly with the continuing growth of the University. These factors, listed by the University, are as follows:

I. The Step Up To Stay Even—Nebraska's system of budgeting on a biennial (rather than Annual) basis has produced a "built-in" factor of increase in the University's operating costs.

For example, during the first year of the current biennium, the University's operating costs totaled \$20.9 million but this year they have increased to an estimated \$22.2 million. Main reasons for the second-year increase: (a) adjustment in pay scales as planned and approved, and (b) staff increases needed to handle increased workload resulting from growth during the first year of the 1963-65 biennium.

Result: The University will begin the new biennium at a higher rate of spending than it had at the start of the old biennium. This is the "step up to stay even."

This factor in the financial planning for the new 1965-67 biennium accounts for an increase of \$1.3 million, or 9.8 per cent of the total estimated increase. Of the \$1.3 million, just over half will come from state support.

II. Continuation-Salaries—A basic assumption in the financial planning for the new biennium is that Nebraska desires no reduction of quality in the operations of the University. Therefore, the maintenance of quality is a fundamental objective.

Ability to pay for the services of qualified scholars, scientists, and other staff members is widely accepted as a standard requirement for quality control among institutions of higher education, both public and private.

A continuing aim of the Board of Regents is that salary scales at the University shall be kept at the general level of those paid by universities which rank at the midpoint on any representative list of American public institutions of higher learning.

Figured on the basis of staff now employed, these salary adjustments are estimated at \$3.8 million for the biennium and account for 29.8 per cent of the total estimated Current Funds increase.

III. Continuation-Costs Other Than Salary—These increases are divided into three major categories:

A. The Unavoidable. These include maintenance and operating costs which rise in proportion to the increased use due to larger enrollment.

B. The Desirable. The replacement of obsolete or inadequate material falls in this category.

C. The Overdue. This division is comprised of those improvements which are needed to continue adequate operation.

During the next biennium it is estimated that expenditures such as these will total \$1.7 million and account for 13.3 per cent of the Current Funds increase.

IV. Workload Increases—During the past two years the number of regularly-enrolled students at the University increased from 10,401 to 12,901, a gain of 2,500 students. This added the equivalent of a good-sized college to the University's operations within the space of 24 months. During the next two years the enrollment will again increase by at least 2,800 students, and the impact of growth will be repeated even before the impact of growth received during the present biennium has been absorbed completely.

Over one-third of the total estimated increase is attributable to workload increase, and of this sum the major part is required to hire the additional staff and to pay for the other cost increases directly related to providing instruction for an increased number of students.

V. Improvement and New Programs—The governing officers of the University are recommending a limited number of proposed program additions and improvements which will require \$1.7 million in operating revenue and account for 13.2% of the total budget increase.

New programs and program improvements are proposed for these instructional areas: mathematics, physics, chemistry, engineering, agronomy, animal science, home economics, nursing, teacher training (in special education), law and medicine. The recommendations for medicine include the inauguration of a coordinated system utilizing the facilities of hospitals affiliated with the College of Medicine and also a greater emphasis on preparation of medical students for general practice.

Approximately \$400,000 of the \$1.7 million proposed for new programs and program improvement is for research in the area of agriculture, including further efforts in the development of new crops and crop uses, more effort in the engineering phases of livestock production, and more study of and support for ag-related industries and services.