

Peace Corps Offers Advanced Training

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For the past two years the Peace Corps has been offering a special Advanced Training Program for college juniors. Training for a Peace Corps volunteer, which normally is taken three months prior to active service, is extended for juniors in the advanced program to a 14-month project.

Holly Green, now a senior in English, was one of three University students last year who were accepted into the advanced program. Due in Ethiopia next fall, Miss Green is concluding the second "face" of what the

Peace Corps calls the three-face program.

• The first is summer training between the trainee's junior and senior year in college, with emphasis, in Holly's case, on language.

• The second face is the trainee's academic senior year in school, intensifying what he learned during the summer.

• The final stage is summer training immediately before leaving for active corps service.

In the past, the second stage, the senior year, seemed to keep many volunteers from returning to the corps, sometimes up to 50 per cent. Explained Holly, in many cases students, when they returned to school, lost identity with the Peace Corps. In several instances students were offered graduate study programs; and in other cases students lost contact with the corps, and therefore lost interest.

However, the Peace Corps now sends newsletters to all advanced program trainees, information from program directors, correspondence from the trainee's host country, contact with campus Peace Corps advisers, and mid-winter conferences.

Master of Chess To Exhibit Skills

Samuel Reshevsky, international grand master of chess, will present a simultaneous chess exhibition and lecture-demonstration Monday and Tuesday at the University.

Reshevsky will hold a match against 40 opponents at 7 p.m. Monday in the Student Union. The lecture demonstration will be given at 4 p.m. Tuesday in the SU. Both events are free of charge. A fee is charged, however, for participants in the match.

Reservations for the chess match should be made by mail to the SU Games Committee. A charge of \$3 for adults and \$1 for students will be made for participants. A charge of \$3 for adults and \$1 for students will be made for participants. Participants are asked to bring chess sets, Staunton pattern only.

Miss Green applied for the advanced program during last year's Peace Corps Week and spent last summer training at UCLA. She will return to UCLA after graduation this spring for several weeks final training.

While in the final stages of training, she and other advanced program trainees will live in small groups or two to six with families, or in small hotels and rooming houses, in Los Angeles. They will teach in the poorer sections of Los Angeles, such as Watts—where last summer's riots made national headlines.

The reason, she explained, is to prepare the trainees gradually for the drastic cultural and social differences they will face when they go overseas.

Presently there are about 500 advanced training program volunteers training in the country.

Campus Briefs

Orides will hold an open meeting at 8 p.m. today in the Orides lounge on the first floor of Gerlinger Hall. All interested coeds are invited to attend.

There will be a YWCA Leadership meeting at 4 today in the SU. Room to be posted.

Petitions for Heart Hop committees must be turned in by Friday to the Y office, Gerlinger.

Students interested in summer opportunities and projects, contact the YWCA office, Gerlinger, or the YMCA, third floor SU by Friday.

There will be a YWCA cabinet meeting at 4 today in the Y Lounge, Gerlinger. Bring a sack lunch.

The International Coffee Hour will be at 4 today in the Orides Lounge, first floor Gerlinger.

There will be an Angel Flight meeting at 12 noon today in 104 French.

The SU Recorded Classics Committee will meet today in 202 SU.

General Panhellenic will meet for dinner at 5:15 p.m. today at the Chi Omega house. Social chairmen are to attend. Please call for dinner reservations.

Chi Delta Phi, women's creative writing and literary honorary, will hold an open meeting at 7 p.m. today in the New World Coffee House. The presentation of a manuscript of original work will be the topic for discussion and all interested persons are invited to attend. Questions regarding winter initiation will be answered, and procedure discussed at this time.

Pi Lambda Theta will meet at 7 p.m. today in the SU.

"Raisin in the Sun" will be shown by the SU Movie Committee at 7 and 9 p.m. today in 150 Science. Admissions is 50c.

College Life will meet at 9 p.m. today at the Alpha Phi house.

All students considering participating in publicity of the Canoe Fete are encouraged to pick up an ASUO petition and turn them in on the third floor of the SU. For further information please contact Skip Clemens at ext. 1395 or 1922.

Petitions for Junior Weekend chairmanships are due Jan. 24 in 301 SU. Interested students are urged to fill out petitions before that time.

"Next" staff will meet at 4 p.m. today in Room 15 SU. Be there.

Within the next few years the Peace Corps plans to expand to 2,000.

Distribution of these 500 volunteers "is completely dependent on the facilities the University is able to provide," she said. "Language is one of the most important factors in picking training sites." In Holly's case, four or five persons in the U.S. knew the Ethiopian dialect, one of them a professor at UCLA.

Volunteers are generally paid according to the level of their host country. For example, Miss Green will be basically paid the

same as Ethiopian secondary teachers when she begins teaching English in a secondary school.

In addition, the Peace Corps pays all transportation expenses to training sites, mid-winter conferences, and to host countries. The corps also banks \$1750 in the U.S. for volunteers who are on overseas duty.

As a volunteer, Holly said, "I am simply an extension of American foreign policy. My direct employer is the Ethiopian government."

When signing up for Peace Corps service, juniors who plan to apply for the Advance training program should write their intentions across the top of their questionnaire.

PC Sets Records

With 309 students signed to take aptitude tests by the end of the third day of the five-day Peace Corps Week, the recruiting drive is breaking many Peace Corps campus recruiting records.

Over 75 students signed in the corps information tent Wednesday to take aptitude tests, outdistancing recruiting efforts at Oregon State by almost 200, and causing enough notice for Time Magazine to send a reporter and photographer to the University today.

Testing begins today for students who signed to take the aptitude test for Thursday. Times and testing rooms will be posted in the information tent and the Student Union.

Recruiters urge applicants to bring their questionnaires with them when they take the test. Testing will continue through the week until Tuesday.

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