

A national service program where young people would work in the fields of education, health, conservation and governmental protection was discussed in a speech Wednesday by Donald Eberly, executive director of the National Service Secretariat in Washington D.C.

"Society seems willing to call upon young men to win a war but seems reluctant to call

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on young people to win the peace," Eberly said. "It is out of this dilemma that the idea for a national service act comes."

Eberly envisions the national program as being made up of young volunteers ranging from high school drop-outs to college graduates who will serve for two years in a field of their choice. He believes the program should be balanced between learning and service.

Eberly said a volunteer would receive room and board plus a small allowance during his service which would not last more than four years. He estimated the program would cost the government \$5000 per person per year.

According to Eberly, a civilian volunteer would have the same draft status as a person

National Service head proposes program to 'win the peace'

serving two years in the military and hopefully would be entitled to the same benefits.

Eberly said he hopes to change the national services idea from theory to practice by instituting a pilot program involving 10,000 participants at a cost of 50 million dollars.

The pilot programs would be started in cities with a population of 500,000 or more and would concentrate on one problem in education or conservation. Eberly used the example of employing 4,000 teaching aides in the schools of Washington, D.C. After two years the effect of the aides would be evaluated and further proposals would be

made on the basis of these evaluations.

Although Sen. Mark Hatfield has drafted a national service bill, Eberly said he felt the best chance to get funds for the pilot program would be to have the proposal attached to the draft bill being considered in the U.S. Senate. He said Sen. Hubert Humphrey was the most likely person to take such action.

The only governmental program for civilian service now in existence is the California Ecology Corps, according to Eberly. The corps was initiated by Gov. Ronald Reagan to provide jobs for conscientious objectors.

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None of it has been returned thus far and there are no new leads on the case, so program director James E. Hill placed an advertisement in the Emerald offering \$100 reward for "information leading to the recovery or the conviction of person or persons responsible for 'ripping off' the equipment."

So far there has been no response to the ad either.

Upward Bound is a program which offers high school seniors from low income families a chance to go to college. Though they may not be doing well in high school, Upward Bound is concerned with their possibilities and offers an eight-week academic program during the summer which prepares them for the stiffer academic requirements of college. The program graduated 28 such promising high-school seniors last summer, and expects to do the same for 50 seniors this summer, according to director Hill.

Upward Bound used the camera equipment for photography classes, because "the students expressed an interest in photography," Hill said. "We have been shooting a film, but it will never be finished now," Hill added.

None of the equipment can be replaced, according to Hill. There was no insurance covering it. Hill is investigating through University channels to secure the money needed to replace the stolen property. Money is appropriated however, on a priority basis. Loss of the property will not kill the program, "but it hurts," according to Hill.



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