

Peace Corps, VISTA solicit applications

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Policy changes and increased funding is creating a resurgence in the Peace Corps and Volunteers in Service to America Programs, says Larry Brown, who directs recruitment nationwide for both programs.

"We're making up for ground lost during the Nixon-Ford years — our numbers are up again and funding is rising as well," he says.

Brown says declines in the Peace Corps and VISTA in recent years are mostly attributable to budget cuts and ideological disagreements between the programs' original missions and direction from Presidents Nixon and Ford.

"Nixon wanted to turn VISTA into a candy stripper program. His idea for the Peace Corps was to provide technical assistance to Third World countries and hope that some of that money would trickle down to the poor."

"Experience has shown us that those trickle-down theories don't work. We're turning Peace Corps back to a direct-assistance program. One that can serve the poorest of the poor."

In that process, ACTION, the parent agency that sponsors VISTA and the Peace Corps, has experienced transitional difficulties of its own.

Last week Peace Corps Director Carolyn Payton resigned over differences about how the programs should operate. "Those differences are largely internal," says Brown. "There won't be any noticeable changes in the direction the Peace Corps is taking or in its recruitment policies."

Brown says Pres. Carter's concern for human rights and human needs have contributed to the Peace Corps ability to operate in underdeveloped countries.

So has pulling out of Vietnam. "During the war the president of Tanzania requested that we pull out because of what he called the basic incongruity of helping us while you're bombing our brothers a few countries away."

Other nations are worried about cultural intrusion. "We try to sift out people who have a starry-eyed view of what they'll be doing. We don't want people who think they're going to go in and save the natives."

Instead, Brown prefers a mix of commitment, motivation and flex-

ibility. "People volunteer both out of self-interest and altruism. The ones who do best develop strong relationships with the native-speaking nationals and government representatives."

Up to 35 percent of those who do sign up for a two-year commitment in the Peace Corps drop out before their commitment ends.

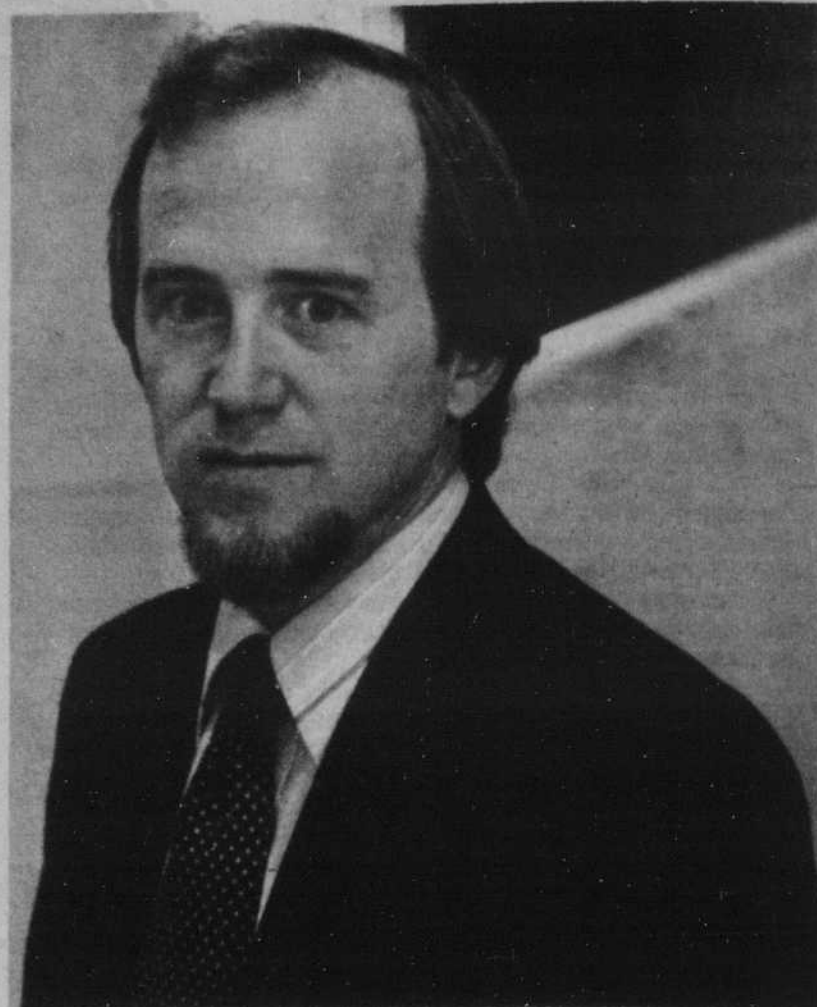
The Peace Corps will have about 800 openings in January and VISTA will have about 600 openings at the same time, says Brown.

About 80 percent of the programs require bachelors of arts or sciences degrees. Most positions have no prior language requirement.

The programs provide five to 14 weeks of training before the commitment of one or two years.

Living expenses are covered while in the program and a readjustment allowance of \$125 per month of service is distributed at the end of the service period.

Recruiters will be available in the EMU today to answer questions about both VISTA and the Peace Corps.



Larry Brown

IFC approves sale of truck, postpones 3 other requests

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For the Emerald

Tuesday was a slow money day for the Incidental Fee Committee.

The IFC heard requests from representatives of five groups during its weekly meeting, approved two and postponed action on three others.

The Jewish Student Union's request for a \$95 refund for JSU member Phillip Mannheim was approved. Mannheim personally paid that amount to cover a JSU deficit which was later found to have been a mistaken debt.

The IFC will vote next week on a request from the Foreign Students Organization for \$324 to fill an assistant-director work-study position.

"We have come up with new plans to expand our social and cultural activities," said FSO

spokesperson Ahmed Gubartalla.

The FSO stressed that additional office help is needed if they are to provide adequate service the the approximately 600 students involved in the organization.

The Willamette Writer's Guild requested a grant of \$250 to help secure private funds which they risk losing if they are not matched by some other source. The request was made by Stephanie Martin in the name of the English Department.

IFC member Scott Bassett said money is not usually given to individual University departments. "I just want to be sure we're not funding the English Department," said Bassett.

In other action, the IFC approved a request from the Food-Op to sell its truck. Money from the said would be re-allocated by the IFC to the Food-Op to pay debts

and purchase a smaller, more suitable truck. The IFC and ASUO would hold security interest in the new truck.

The IFC postponed action on the Chinese Student Association's request for funding 30 persons' travel expenses to an out-of-town conference.

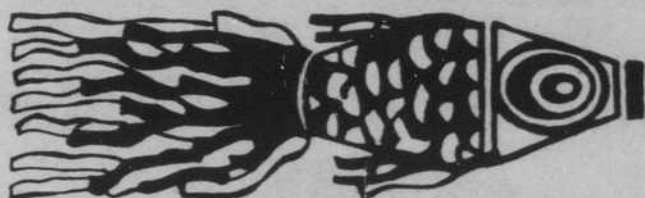
Bassett commented that perhaps funding only one or two persons travel expenses would be adequate.

The Committee rescinded a motion made by IFC member Dusty Rhodes to allocate funds for an EMU Board advertisement to fill the position of budget chair.

In other action, the IFC voted to spend \$200 to run advertisements publicizing future IFC hearings.

Bassett opposed the allocation saying it was "too much advertising and too much cost."

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