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QUESTION:

What do you think of Duck Call registration?

"I like it because it's quicker, but it's more frustrating when they go down. But I guess they're going to have some glitches with the new system."



--Chris Bryant junior, geology

"It hasn't given me any problems. I was really surprised, but things worked out perfectly. I got all the classes I wanted."



--Chileshe Nkonde sophomore, finance

"I like it a lot. It's real convenient even for adding and dropping classes. The first time I used it I registered in five minutes, so it's a big improvement."



--Steve Martin senior, geology

"I think it's a very creative, innovative and convenient service for students. It makes things very pleasant for the students."



--Patricia Michaels graduate, political science

"It's a lot easier than Mac Court, but I kind of like Mac Court, because you get to see everyone. With Duck Call you have to talk to a machine."



--Stacy Mitchell sophomore, journalism

"You can't print what I think of Duck Call. Before professors would say, 'Oh, I'll just slip you in,' and now they can't. The human aspect is gone."



--Mary Elizabeth Ager junior, sociology

CORPS

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broke my back," Parsons said. She had intended to spend the rest of her life in the Peace Corps. "I really like the Peace Corps. You get back so much more than you give. Two years is really nothing."

While Parsons has only recently returned, Lane County Commissioner Jerry Rust, who served in the Peace Corps from 1965 to 1967, has had more time to absorb his experience.

Although the idea of putting his Peace Corps experience on his resume "is a zero," Rust said his helping found Hoedads Inc. was an outgrowth of his Peace Corps service. Since its creation, Hoedads has employed several thousand people in planting trees and building trails.

"There's hardly a day goes by that I don't consciously think about my Peace Corps experience," Rust said. "It's just a part of me now."

Over the 26 years the Peace Corps has been sending Americans to aid others overseas, the organization and its volunteers have mirrored society's changes. The stereotypical "flower child" of the 1960s is no longer accurate for the Corps.

"Such a variety of people go in the Peace Corps, you can't pinpoint them," said Rhea Connors, campus Peace Corps recruiter.

The average age of volunteers today is 31, up from 24 to 25 in the 1960s. About 10 percent of the 6,000 people serving each year are over 50. The oldest volunteer was 84.

The Peace Corps is also trying to raise the number of minority volunteers from its current 7 percent to a figure that better reflects American society.

The Peace Corps has moved from accepting almost anyone during its first few formative years to focusing on liberal arts majors who "were willing to go anywhere and do anything" to people with specific skills, said Peace Corps Information Specialist Tim Grosser.

Specifically, the Peace Corps is looking for agriculturalists, natural resource managers, teacher trainers, fishery specialists, engineers, business people, health professionals, skilled tradespeople and educators.

"In a lot of ways, its become-

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