## in program supported by College encourages productive 'golden years' SVP

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Smith has operated the rogram since it began in th has worked closely ter agencies in the trirea to help meet the senior citizens in the Her results prove her ute successful. After bewith just an idea and an Smith has managed to program that includes olunteers and she conexpects to meet her 500 by Sept. 31, 1978.

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becoming old, according to Smith. For the person whose forced retirement from a job or whose spouse has recently passed away, RSVP can be a way to bring a person out of their lonely shell and replace their sense of loss of goals with opportunities to pursue new ones, she said.

Smith sees her job as having the responsibility for recruiting and placing volunteers. For and the many volunteers who come in to her office with no clear idea of what they can do to help in a position they find rewarding, Smith will help shop around through jobs until the volunteer finds the place that is best for them.

People are placed according to their skills and the needs of organizations involved. the Sometimes it can be quite difficult to match these two requirements, but the office promises to keep trying until the volunteer finds the right position.

In the past, volunteers have included some genuinely outstanding people. Take for instance the 94-year-old man teaching reading in the public schools. The man was born in Scotland and apparently never lost his brouge because he used to teach the children to pronounce words the way as he always had done, Smith said.

Needless to say, the kids were

going home talking pretty funny on occasion. In spite of this, the man was loved and respected by the kids, taking time to eat lunch with them and walk to school with them early in the mornings. Creative and entertaining while teaching, the man was known for comparing periods to stop signs and commas to yellow lights. Many other people with similar energy and talent are serving in other areas around the county including about 20 to 30 at the

College. In addition to getting volunteers into work programs, the agency also will sponsor activities in conjunction with other agencies, such as Loaves and Fishes, fund raising events and outings for seniors.

A western round-up is being sponsored on campus next week. Over 600 people are expected to participate in the colorful all-day event. Prizes are being given for the best costumes and meals will be served. Transportation is being provided throughout the county to make it convenient for those wishing to attend.

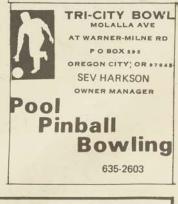
This provides an opportunity for senior citizens to socialize with their peers in a relaxed and fun-filled atmosphere, Smith said. If it were not for the op-portunities that RSVP provides for socializing, many senior citizens would lose contact and interest with much of what is going on in their worlds.

Because the program is federally funded, RSVP cannot be a public advocate for senior citizen's rights.

The program must, instead, try to meet the needs of its volunteers through its programs. There is a need for professional counseling to work with people on the difficult problems of growing old, Smith said. There is also a need to find the lonely people who have ceased through lack of interest to become active participants in their own lives.

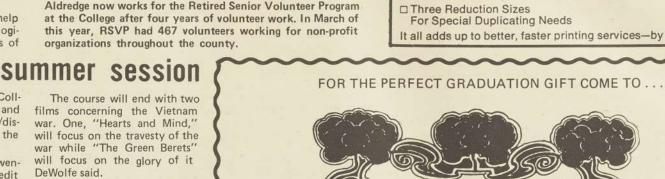
It is easy to see how these people, lacking goals and in-terest, can finish their lives lonely and afraid in their homes completely insulated from the outside world escept for their constant contact the television drug, she said.

RSVP is an attempt to find these people and help find in themselves reasons to live, Smith said.





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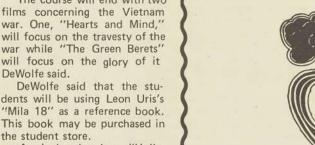


DeWolfe said that the students will be using Leon Uris's "Mila 18" as a reference book. This book may be purchased in the student store.

wood: The Dream Factory" will be a film/discussion being held at noontime as one of the Brown Bag Film series.

Joe Uris, college grants and special projects officer, will lead a discussion following the show-

ing. The film begins at noon, Thursday, May 25 in the College's Community Center build-

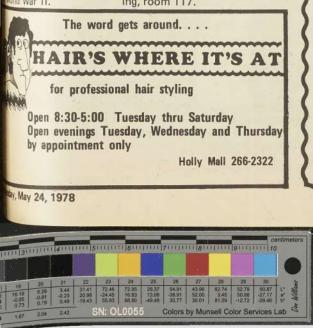


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