

Peace Corps alternative to job market

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For college students who feel a call to help those less fortunate than themselves, the Peace Corps may be an appealing alternative to entering the job market right after graduation.

This year, as the Peace Corps celebrates its 25th anniversary, recruiters are encouraging college students to join the organization.

Carl Henn, a former Peace Corps volunteer and UNC graduate student in the School of Public Health, is campus recruiter, said the years immediately after graduation were ideal for becoming a Peace Corps volunteer, because marriage and family commitments had not yet been formed.

"Being in the Peace Corps two years is not a setback to a career," Henn said. "As a matter of fact, having it on your resume is often an edge when applying for federal jobs. And there are many former Peace Corps volunteers (doing the hiring) in the private sector, so it is not that difficult to find jobs."

Students who are working toward degrees in "scarce skill" areas such as the biological sciences, education, linguistics, and health professions, are in high demand by the Peace Corps, Henn said.

Peace Corps volunteers serve two year terms in a developing country, Henn said, adding that there were approximately 6,000 volunteers working in over 60 countries in Latin America, Africa and Asia.

He said the first three months of service were devoted to intensive job and language training. There are 80 different jobs which fall under four general categories: agriculture, education, health-related, and business and skilled trades.

The Peace Corps looks for certain personality traits

in potential volunteers, such as leadership experience, patience and flexibility, he said.

Henn has held his position as UNC recruiter since September, 1985. He said he was pleased with the response he had received from students so far and has nominated eight students out of a pool of 15 to 20 applicants. These nominees are now waiting for job invitations, which usually come two to three months after nomination, he said.

Although the number of college students interested in the Peace Corps has declined somewhat since the peak years of the mid-1960s, Henn said there was still a lot of interest in the organization among college students.

"I hear so much these days about how people are so career oriented now," he said. "But the fact that people from the business and economic professions are interested in Peace Corps shows me that this is not always the case."

He said the Peace Corps wanted to recruit more minority students.

"It may be more difficult for minorities to consider the Peace Corps, because it may be harder for them to put off starting a job and earning money," he said. "But they should remember that Peace Corps does provide them with a living allowance while they are away and puts \$175 a month in a bank account here for them to get started on when they come back. A lot of colleges offer assistanceships for graduate school volunteers also."

Henn, who was a Peace Corps volunteer in Marrakesh, Morocco, from 1981 to 1983, described his experience as a rewarding one.

His job involved producing orthopedic braces for handicapped children, he said.

"I learned a tremendous amount about the needs of handicapped children, and I got a lot of management experience," Henn said. "It gives you a lot of satisfaction to know that you've really done something to help someone less fortunate."

Cultural enrichment was a major reward for Sherrick Sanders, who was a volunteer from 1972 to 1976 in Ghana and from 1976 to 1978 in Western Samoa.

Sanders, who taught math and science at government-run schools in both countries, said he was most impressed by the way the people treated each other in the two countries.

"In Ghana, no matter what color a person was, everyone tried to help facilitate him into the culture," he said.

The people also cared deeply for each other in Western Samoa, he added.

"The relationship between the adults and children is something I miss here in America," he said. "Parents don't have to worry about anything happening to their children there. There is no such thing as needing a babysitter, because other people in the village are glad to feed and take care of a child, even if it is the child of a stranger."

Sanders, who has been a teacher in Pakistan and a substitute teacher in the Chapel Hill-Carrboro school systems since his tenure in the Peace Corps, met and married his wife, Charlene, while working for the organization.

Mrs. Sanders taught high school science in Ghana and Western Samoa and is a graduate student in the School of Public Health.

"Materialism isn't so important to me now," she said. "Human relations are much more important."

Pornography ordinance ruled unconstitutional in 6-3 decision

From Associated Press reports

WASHINGTON - A much-publicized ordinance that would make pornography distributors subject to sex discrimination lawsuits is unconstitutional, the Supreme Court ruled Monday.

The court, by a 6-3 vote, said the Indianapolis ordinance impermissibly interfered with free speech.

The decision was announced without opinion. The court, without waiting to conduct oral arguments or solicit more briefs in the case, merely upheld lower court rulings.

Bill delays program

WASHINGTON - Efforts to revamp the federal tobacco program will not falter despite recent setbacks in Congress, Sen. Jesse Helms, R-N.C., says.

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The tobacco legislation, which Helms and other tobacco-state lawmakers devised last summer, is mired in dispute over the Gramm-Rudman act, a major bill to reduce the federal deficit. The Gramm-Rudman act, initiated in December, appears near death, because it is being overtaken by this year's budget process and disputes over issues not involving tobacco.

The tobacco legislation must be passed by March 15 or tobacco growers will face the prospect of voting in a referendum on whether to keep the program without knowing what form it will take.

Reagan offers missile reduction, dismisses parts of Soviet proposal

WASHINGTON (AP) - President Reagan, in his latest arms control proposal to the Soviet Union, called for the elimination of medium-range nuclear weapons in Europe and Asia, but dismissed elements of Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev's most recent offer as "not appropriate for consideration at this time."

White House representative Larry Speakes announced the details of the plan Monday after earlier confirming that Reagan had formally responded to Gorbachev in a letter. He said Reagan would like to see progress, particularly in the area of the medium-range

missiles. Speakes said the U.S. negotiating team in Geneva was laying out the proposal to Soviet negotiators Monday. He said it included the "elimination of U.S. Pershing IIs, ground-launch Cruise missiles and Soviet SS-20 missiles, not only in Europe but Asia as well, with all such missiles to be removed from the face of the earth by the end of this decade."

Gorbachev proposed in January to eliminate nuclear weapons by the end of the century, with both sides scrapping their medium-range weapons as a first step.

Appearance Commission voices disapproval over parking deck

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The Chapel Hill Appearance Commission unanimously passed a proposal Wednesday night to send a letter to the town council stating its disapproval of the parking deck to be built at the corner of Rosemary, Church and Franklin streets.

The Commission members said the area's landscape would be disrupted, because the council decided not to let the parking project go through the proper channels before approving its construction.

Usually the Planning Board and the Appearance Commission review the projects of potential builders to insure the projects comply to town building ordinances and conform to the natural appearance of the environment.

These channels of approval were bypassed when the town decided to build the parking deck.

According to Josh Gurlitz, chairman

of the Appearance Commission, a maple tree near the deck's proposed location is one part of the area's landscape that will suffer because of the town's exclusion of the commission's approval for the deck.

The root system of the tree has been ruined, Gurlitz said, because the tree was subject to rotting. The commission has expertise in landscaping and should be consulted on such matters, he said.

The commission will send the letter denouncing the council's actions to the Planning Board, town council, town manager and town assistant manager.

In other business, the commission approved part of the zoning compliance issuance for Phase I of Timber Hollow Apartments. The project, which will contain about 320 apartments, will be located on the northeast corner of Airport and Piney Mt. roads. It is scheduled to be completed in approximately one year.

Aquino named as head of rebel government

MANILA, Philippines (AP) - Corazon Aquino took the oath of office Tuesday as president of a provisional government declared by military rebels battling to end the 20-year rule of Ferdinand E. Marcos, who himself was sworn in later in his guarded palace.

Marcos took the oath at noon from the Supreme Court's chief justice, Ramon Aquino, but his vice presidential running mate, Arturo Tolentino was not present, according to a report from the presidential palace. Just before the

ceremony, the small, private television station Marcos had been using to address the nation went blank and an aide said rebels had sabotaged it.

Earlier Tuesday, soldiers fired on a jeering crowd near the palace of Marcos, who the United States said was no longer rightfully in power.

Eight people were wounded in the shooting, and five were injured while trying to flee the gunfire, hospital officials said.

Hundreds of thousands of civilians

defied a dusk-to-dawn curfew to form human shields around the suburban camp of military rebels, who proclaimed Aquino president, and around the rebel-held government television station, Channel 4.

Witnesses said masses of people at the television station drove back seven armored personnel carriers loaded with loyalist soldiers at midnight Monday.

Marcos appealed to civilian loyalists Monday to bring their guns to the capital and protect him. In a broadcast on private Channel 9 television, owned by an associate, he said, "We will defend the republic to the last breath of our life, the last drop of our blood."

The Reagan administration Monday

for the first time called on Marcos to step down and said using violence to prolong his rule would be "futile."

The rebels said that late Monday troops loyal to Marcos fired mortar rounds at the transmitter of the Roman Catholic station Radio Veritas, which has sided with the rebels.

Speaking earlier over a private television station after rebels captured the government broadcast complex, Marcos said to supporters, "By all means, come over, and we'll have a grand fire."

"We will demonstrate people's power, especially if they bring arms with them," he said.

Attorney General Thornburg to speak

N.C. Attorney General Lacy Thornburg will deliver a speech "Justice and the Democratic Party" to the UNC College Democrats today at 8:00 p.m. in Room 224 of the Student Union.

UNC's law school and a longtime Democrat, will discuss the equal protection under the law and a citizen's right to protection of life and property. A question-and-answer session will follow.

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