President’s Peace Corps Open To VSC Students

Since the first announcement by President John Kennedy about the formation of the Peace Corps, students at VSC, indeed all over the country, have been anxious to learn the true story of the purpose and the scope of the Peace Corps. Many have expressed a desire to know the qualifications for admission and the requirements requisite to participation. Application forms have been recently forwarded to the president’s office at VSC and interested students may now obtain them from Mrs. Mattox, the president’s secretary.

But the why and how of the Peace Corps is still nebulous. It is yet to be determined exactly how this program is to be effected and what the scope of it will be. Nothing in recent years has so captured the imagination of the American people as has the idea of the Peace Corps. This plan to take America’s know-how and spirit to the level of the masses in many far-flung corners of the world has awakened the latent pride of Americans in those intangible ideals of which Americans are so justly proud.

Evidence of this enthusiasm is found in the fact that literally thousands of letters have been received by Sargent Shriver, John Kennedy’s brother-in-law and appointed head of the Peace Corps. Letters of approval, letters seeking information on application, letters of encouragement, have all found their way to the desk of Mr. Shriver. All acting as a loud and powerful testimonial from the people of America for President Kennedy’s bold and courageous plan to fight the battle of the cold war on the front lines with America’s most potent and powerful weapon—American men and women.

The idea of the Peace Corps is hardly a new concept. The Civilian Conservation Corps of the 30’s and the recent International Voluntary Services provide the seed from which the present plan has been conceived. But the need has never been greater, with this country locked in a deadly cold war with Communism, a new and powerful weapon, such as the Peace Corps, could add much to the Free World’s arsenal. At home this program could offer the youth of America the purpose and direction which many feel to be sadly lacking.

In Glendon Swarthout’s recent novel, “Where the Boys Are”, one of the youthful characters puts it this way: “We (the youth of America) have been rocked out of every...” (Continued on Page 2)

Sock’n Buskin Presents HAY FEVER

British accents, brilliant wit and an appreciative audience marked the Sock’n Buskin’s presentation of “Hay Fever”, the play, by Noel Coward, was presented March 30 and 31. “Hay Fever” tells of the misadventures of four guests who come to spend the weekend in the country with a carefree Bliss family. Marilu NeSmith was excellent in portraying the ex-acress mother Judith Bliss, George Hubert made the part of Mr. Bliss come to life, Alan Pendleton and Gale Thomas effectively portrayed their quarrelsome children, Elizabeth Hartley, Christine Yarborough, Bobby Middleton and John Massey all gave good per-...
Something of Value

By Lamar Pearson

I chanced to stroll through a wood one afternoon in spring morning. The sun had just made its appearance over the horizon, and there was a stillness, a nature sleep. There was no activity to greet my sight, no music to reach my ear. It was quiet.

I ambled along an overgrown trail that had long since been abandoned for newer conduits of transportation. Suddenly there was a sudden aura seemed to release the trail that had long since been an emergence of light such as I had never seen before. This was an emergence of light such as my soul longed for. I walked on for several minutes before the sudden aura seemed to release the binding knots, because the entire area was in the sunlight.

Far away in a thicket of scrub oaks I heard the cheerful notes of a covey of quails as they ambled along to drink the glittering drops of dew on bowed blades of grass. High in the air an osprey circled searching for earthworms to sustain an all-day fishing trip. The sky was slightly overcast, and there was a continuous ripple on the water which combined to make conditions excellent for spooled perch.

The cane pole bent several times that day, and seventy-nine minnows went into the creel. I recall that hushpuppies, dill pickles and fried fish tasted mighty good that evening. The memory of the early morning hushpuppy is even more puzzled when he hears them talking on the radio. He remembers that his alarm clock in the morning is the sound of the alarm clock in the morning. There is nothing like an early morning stroll in the woods to restore tranquility of man's body and soul; to put him in tune with the universal forces of nature and to bring him to a realization that one greater than him constructed this.

Significance of Alma Mater

By Roz Sprayberry

What is an "Alma Mater"? According to Webster, it is a personal, school, college, or University; its anthem or hymn. Alma Mater is a word meaning nourishing mother. It is for this reason that we should learn and respect the Alma Mater of the institution we attend, in this case, Valdosta State College is a "nourishing mother"--nourishing us, the students, with wealth of knowledge. Why is an Alma Mater so important? Well, judging from the response of the students at VSC, it is not so important; but the Alma Mater forms a never-failing bond of memories and friendships among all the students associated with it. The High School students know their anthem and are not "bashful" about letting other people know its significance to them. The students should be even more important to us, the college students.

If we stand to sing the Alma Mater, we are not just singing a group of words that happen to fit well with the music, we are expressing our loyalty to our college and showing that we are a part of it. We should think about the words and their significance. For instance, in the chorus it says--"Alma Mater, thee we honor, Praises never fail." Well, from this we can say, for instance, that the honor it very much. There are even some people who carry on conversations while the Alma Mater is being sung. The Alma Mater is to the school as the "Star-Spangled Banner" is to America, and we should regard it with the same respect.

Various history teachers around campus are encouraging their students to learn the Alma Mater, and they are doing a grand job. To the History Department I say--"Keep up the good work!"

Before our next assembly, let's show how much VSC really means to us by learning, singing, and respecting the Alma Mater!

SPOTLIGHT By J. B.

The Campus Canopy

The forces of Education have been gathering their strength to bombard the solons of our nations with petitions for higher pay and better conditions. There is no doubt that every teacher, on every level, should receive a raise for their otherwise unrewarded work, if for nothing else, than to put them in the same tax bracket as the local shoe-shine boys.

We are all familiar with this problem but I would like to discuss a problem of Education which very few people pay any attention to.

When a student graduates from high-school he, or she, has generally decided whether to go to college or not and if so what field of study seems most interesting to him (or her).

Very often the student decides, that his goal in life is to teach school. Quite often some high-school teacher has impressed the student to such an extent that he decides that the only thing in life is to teach.

Fine! Then when the student finally reaches the college of his choice, he grandly informs the student advisor that he wants to teach and consequently wishes to major in education.

The overworked advisor then fills out his schedule card for him.

When the eager student finally takes a look at the card he finds that he is to take a few required courses and many education courses.

Rather bewildered by this, he is even more puzzled when he finds that the subject he is most interested in and wishes to teach in school some day is relegated to a small area in his studies. Being too timid to protest, or possibly not knowing that it's allowed, he accepts this card from the advisor.

Perhaps all of his is factitious, but it serves to bring out the points I wish to make to the few people that read this column. Does the Education Department deem it necessary to "glue" a student with so many courses of how to teach, and not tell him on what to teach?

Could it be that they think the poor student, after graduating, is going to be so engrossed in learning, teaching, and respecting the Alma Mater that he will forget why he began to go to college in the first place?

I believe it is even more important to us, the poor student, that the teacher is first to learn the subject with pupils and if he's lucky, keep a step ahead of them. This will be embarrassing to the poor young teacher if he got behind. Not that this doesn't sound right.

Do you think that our educational department believes that our prospective teacher will find himself in such drastic situations that he will no longer be able to teach his class is to properly continue the class?

Picture our young teacher in his first class. He is busy with the proper decorum required of all teachers, walks to his desk and fixes a commanding eye on the "brats". Concentrating every aspect of how to teach them had been drilled into him at college, he opens his mouth to a dry throat.

Unfortunately, it stays open because he has forgotten what he used to be taught.

One question and I'm through. Why! If anyone would like answer, I'll be glad to listen.

Peace

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BYNUM'S n W B R

The Latest Word

Please read this column before you get upset with me. Some people will probably think that I am not including their club in the school news, but if the information is not turned into me or if I do not see the things happening, I surely can’t be expected to report them in the paper.

Kim Collier is still wearing that smile that tells everyone she is pinned. Also Rosemary Card Billy Bob have announced that she is pinned. Also Rosemary Card

The new officers of the Women’s Residence Hall Council were installed March 28 at a supper meeting in the private dining hall. Leslie Brown, past president gave the welcome address and following the meal she read the duties of the president. Miss Ogletree, Dean of Women in turn installed Kay Domingos as the new president. Kay then installed the other officers, who are Jeannie Posey, 1st vice-president; Martha Sue Bragg, 2nd vice-president; Barry Pace, secretary-treasurer; Alma Grubbs, activity chairman; Joy Collier, senior representative; Norma Lou Maxwell, junior representative; and Deanna Dorough, sophomore representative.

The brothers and pledges of Tau Kappa Epilion started their spring social events with a supper on the riveride. This party was on March 24.

Twins

Coy smiles mingled with indifferent glances. Biting sarcasm; the sharp tongue. Tears. Hidden love?

Sly grins pasted below flared nostrils. Bold facetiousness; stinging words. Rage. Unquestionable hatred?


Oh, what joy might be found If the heart were master Over the universal mind!

By G. Thomas

Incertainment

Roses grow on distant hills, but I cannot reach them.

Canoes drift at the water’s edge, yet I cannot row away.

Fly! Birds, fly! Be free from this earth’s hopeless clutches.

Bright sunshine, pierce the depths of my blant despair; traverse the groves of my shadowed presence. Raindrops from the high, dark clouds, fall and cool my pressured heart.

Perseverance exists, but earth shows me no path to its door.

I dream, but I awake to incertitude. Mountains grow before me.

I hide away in the gathering storms that outflank the daybreak.

Drag me close, silent wind; fling me to the corners of a farther place.

Violets, grow sweet beneath my fingers. Ferns, bend low and fan my weary face.

-- Sardis Straun --

JOHN MAHONEY, Bobby Mydleton, Elizabeth Hartley, and Christine Yarbrough discuss the habits of their odd hosts, the Bliss family, in the play “Hay Fever”.
**SPORTS**

by Ginger Anderson
Sarah Greene
Betty DeVane

**REBS TRIM JAX 4-1**

VSC's baseball Rebels trimmed the Jacksonville University Dolphins, 4-1, with a combined four-run uprising in the eighth inning and with a sparkling hit performance by Robert Bailey. With this triumph the Rebels halted a six-game losing streak and were victorious for the first time this season.

Bailey, a righthander, pitched a winning game giving up only five hits. He yielded a pair of singles and an unearned run in the first frame, then blanked the Dolphins on three scattered singles the rest of the way.

Although the Dolphins got men on base frequently, Bailey, who walked three and whiffed three, and the Rebels defense was tough in the clutches.

**REBEL BENCH**

The spotlight is focusing mainly on tennis and baseball, now that the season is here, almost at its peak. Fans of either sport can see plenty of inamural action almost any day of the week—on the courts or Sandspur Stadium.

Before this goes to press, the Rebels will have met the Cadets of North Georgia College, in their first conference game of the season. Coach Billy Grant is hoping for a repeat of last year's performance, when the Rebels captured a conference win over the Cadets.

The baseball team, at present, has a 1-8 won-lost record. It must be remembered that the Rebels have been against some top-notch teams, and still striving to reach the height of their capabilities. Signs of improvement have been the win over the University of Jacksonville, 4-1, with only two errors, besting their eight error average.

In other areas of athletics at VSC, a sudden interest has been evidenced in ping-pong, singular to that table on the student center porch which faces the pool. Or could this be because the swimming classes have recently opened? A devoted water watcher will note there has been much improvement in the swimming form, from the beginners' class to the intermediates. One of the more interesting ones is synchronized swimming (Phys. Ed. 232) under the tutelage of Mrs. Tillie Mathis. This class teaches the various basic "steps" in water ballet. You can be sure that mastery of these intricate routines is not easily acquired.

Tommy Thomas, outstanding VSC lletter, leads the Rebels with batting average of .406. In the Jacksonville University-VSC game he rallied 3 out of 4 hits heading the Rebel drive to victory. Thome catches for the VSC team.

**ANACHRONISM?**

Not really. 'Causa if Coke had been around in Caesar's day, Caesar would have treated himself to the sparkling good taste, the welcome lift of Coke! Caesar's motto—"I came, I saw, I conquered." Pretty good motto for Coke too—the prime favorite in over 100 countries today!

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**TENNIS TEAM** - Returning to the courts this year are four varsity members from last year's team. These are Jimmy Nichols, Bucky Anderson, Billy McDaniel and Bernie Brown. Anderson and Brown won the GIAC championship in doubles and Anderson took the singles crown. With three rookies Jimmy Docherty, Charlie Horrworth, and Meade Bernard, this year's team shows great potentiality toward winning conference crowns. They are (l. to r.): first row, Billy McDaniel, Jimmy Deward, Charlie Horrworth Meade Bernard; second row, coach Gary Colton, Jim Nichols, Bucky Anderson and Bernie Brown.