

AFRICA

PEACE CORPS PORTFOLIO:

Dear Campus,
Well, here I am in Harar, Ethiopia in East Africa, teaching English as a foreign language to 7th. grade students. From the 7th. grade up until 12th. grade all instruction is in English and no longer the native official language, which is Amharic (similar to arabic or Hebrew). So my students have to know English or they don't continue

in school. Needless to say it is a hard job for them and the teacher, though I do enjoy it. The method of teaching is mostly the new oral methods (which was used for the teaching of Amharic to me, the third hardest language the Peace Corps teaches, so I understand...it is hard) and I have been told that my students all have my American accent, so they must be learning something!

Life has certainly changed for me in the past eight months or so; dear old Allegheny seems ages away, and alot of the things there, so UN-important. Here I am in a city of about 50,000 with no sanitation, most houses with no running water

inside, no garbage disposal and modern conveniences that are so common in America. But despite lacking the things we always consider important in the US, I find life very interesting and enjoyable.

I live in an Adari house (Adari are the local group of people) in the old walled city of Harar. The city is Muslim with about 50 some odd mosques and has the flavor of the middle east more than darkest Africa. In fact, most of Ethiopia is so un-like what I'm sure most Americans would expect of Africa.

No restless natives beating drums, and running around naked, no steaming jungle (the cli-

mate is like Spring all year... though it does get cold for a month or so...even had SNOW in the capital city one day...not like Meadville's) and no wild animals. The country is beautiful and I recommend it to anyone interested in traveling in Africa. It has some nice 'lobs and life really is not at all uncivilized.

My house is a rather interesting thing, the main room is built on a series of platforms or levels all covered with mat and pillows, the walls are full of picturesque little nicks and notches, which I have filled with native pots and jugs. On my walls hang native baskets, swords, and my giant pictures of Jean Harlow, W.C. Fields, Mae West, etc. My front doors and those which are a cabinet inside are beautifully carved works of art, really a fortune in the US.

As I have said before, Ethiopia is a lovely country. Addis iopia is a lovely country. Addis Ababa, the capital, is an interesting mixture of old and new, with new modern buildings going up all over. I vacationed on the Red Sea in one of the hottest places in the world (I'm sure), Massawa, a port on the Red Sea. The Red Sea is really wonderful to swim in, never been in water so hot. Asmara, another principal city of Ethiopia, is mainly Italian, and is more like Italy than the rest of Ethiopia. I saw more white people there than I had seen in months. Being white in a non-white country (Ethiopians are not Negroes, but a mixture of white and black and though some are very black

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War--A Game?

"Regardless of how you feel about war--whether or not you think it can ever be justified--THE WAR GAME is a movie you should not miss."

The impact of the above publicity was evident last evening and Carr Hall was filled to capacity by 7:45 necessitating the second showing of this British film. A discussion group which was to be held after the movie was cancelled; the discussion leaders felt that a movie with such an emotional message could not be adequately discussed. The movie, sponsored by the University Christian Movement and the College Union, was well received by our not-so-apatetic student body which turned out in large numbers.

Amere description of what the movie was about is useless since much of the impact is lost in words. One must visually see the holocaust which nuclear warfare is capable of achieving in order to appreciate THE WAR GAME's theme. For that part of the Allegheny community which was unable to view the film, the WAR GAME deals with a day in Great Britain's history when a nuclear attack was unleashed on the country; its immediate effects on residents near the blast area; the aftermath of firestorms such as swept German and Japanese cities in WWII the famine, suffering, and the horror of radiation sickness which followed in the succeeding four months; and a poignant and ironical ending of SILENT NIGHT played in a hospital camp filled with adults rendered vegetables and neurotic children still in shock.

Interspersed among the scenes of destruction are statements

taken from people of our era-- many professing how little the country would lose if a nuclear war came about. What irony, as one then views the burned bodies and the stark realism of death, followed by the statement "will the living envy the dead?"

The movie aims at something more than to be merely anti-war propaganda. Unfortunately, even in England it was banned from nationwide television viewing due to its stark realism. Many more should see the movie and then decide for themselves, and let their own conscience be the judge of whether a thermonuclear war is worth the price to be paid by the shedding of innocent blood. But then, isn't that what any war is about? On the other hand, one can look at our nuclear supremacy as a deterrent force-- the ultimate weapon to be used as a final resort, and as the strongest deterrent to aggression which we possess and the ultimate price which we will pay in order to preserve our democracy.

Whichever philosophy an individual adopts, he should be made aware of the consequences of his action. THE WAR GAME does an excellent job of showing these consequences. No longer can those who control the ultimate weapons answer glibly to the question, "Is thermonuclear war worth the price?"

THE WAR GAME provided certainly provocative viewing and was an excellent film to be shown in this age of megatons and missiles.

-- a. r. ochsenbein

BAKER: A New Administration

The Constitution of Allegheny Student Government states the purpose of ASG: To improve the social, cultural, and academic aspects of life at Allegheny College.

In the social area, Allegheny students are presently fighting the battles fought and won by both Eastern and Western schools ten years ago. Dress regulations, parietal rules, and the like, are important aspects of student life, and freedom unnecessary restrictions is not only a basic student right, but a basic human right. With co-operation from students and college administration, important effective changes can and should be made quickly.

The 'cultural' aspect of Allegheny life is presently a little known and less understood entity. Any foray into this area will be breaking new ground, and must be done with some deliberation.

Academic life at Allegheny will receive the major emphasis in this administration. There are many things that must be begun to make the education process imaginative, relevant, and individualized.

The active, interested, and involved help of every student is necessary if ASG is to meet the demands of Norm Levine: Efficiency, Activity, and Relevance.

Steven W. Baker

Needed: Assistant ASG Secretary. apply to Dianne Loehnert 328 Brooks.

ART STUDENTS:

The Whitney Museum of American Art is sponsoring a term of Independent Study in New York City for art students. The aim of such a program is to provide seriously motivated, advanced students with an opportunity to study with special personnel and primary resources-- artists, critics, dealers, museum staff, and objects and documents.

Students will be nominated by a committee consisting of the chairman of the art department, dean of instruction, and a third chosen by the preceding two. Acceptance into the program is finally determined by Whitney Museum.

Any art students interested should see the bulletin boards in Murray or the Brown House for details or contact Mr. Klee-man or Mr. Hocking.

Applications must be made within the week.

EDITORIAL

Ah, 'tis spring. New buds bursting forth, new vitality and a new CAMPUS. After a week and a half of publication many have registered surprise: Allegheny's "sudden" abundance of news, new equipment (thanx to past editor Meysenberg), and wave of student participation has kicked off a regular daily.

Appearing at 4:30 each afternoon, the CAMPUS can better any bulletin board or cafeteria announcement. "Can," if each organization will realize its responsibility to submit steady information.

However, look back over last week's issues. A relatively small portion of each paper is devoted to announcements. The bulk of the material must aim at the "what's happening". Not only here, but on and off campuses throughout the country.

Signs of dynamic change and involvement blew to Allegheny with March winds. And further action can stem from reactions to national issues, happenings on other campuses, even words of visiting speakers, all published each day.

The staff writes not to elicit a "Well, that's terrible," or "Oh, boy, nice," but thought. Sit back, read, let the words crawl under your skin until a few get caught, and make you dig into them.

Take an idea, apply it to Allegheny--act upon it, or suggest it to the administration, ASG Council.....

The CAMPUS promises information and inspiration; will you commit yourself?

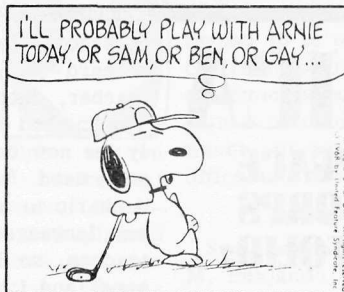
LETTERS

Dear Editor:

Allegheny has many faults and most of the real ones (and all of the imagined ones) have been exposed and attacked in the CAMPUS. In the recent discussion started by the "Underground" an old problem has reasserted itself. The problem is the actions and functions of student administrative bodies. RAB is and has been dominated by a group of students whose main commitment is to the wishes of their own group. This is obviously intolerable. Whether this group should be replaced by another group equally limited in scope is debatable.

ASG is another organization that hurts. It is ineffective and has too many jurisdictions. If there should be a student government it should govern, not be in films, cultural activities

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or concerts. In most of these areas ASG has failed to meet expected standards. The troubled College Union has more claim to attempt these activities and indeed there is needless duplication. Furthermore the prospect for ASG in the immediate future is one of a contest between a group of self-interested seekers of the status quo and an egotistical, ambitious juvenile, bereft of anything except platitudes and jargon.

I think we should scrap the entire system. We need organizations which are more efficient, effectual, and suited to student needs. What I think we need is for today's student body to write a new governmental constitution which would confine the social functions to the College Union, the administrative and investigative functions to the government, and make representation such that blocks can not form to the extent that we have them now.

Roger A. Lewis

To the Editor:

The underground seems to have a gripe. They were caught drinking and they think the penalty, disciplinary pro, was too harsh. They can't take it. Be glad, underground people, you weren't expelled. You seem to like it here since you haven't left, or won't ma and dad let you? Rebellious, hey? You say take a look at others who have been naughty. Try looking at yourself if you can stomach it. You were present at the biased and prejudiced trial, but you're not biased or prejudiced, are you? You scream that people pick you out of a crowd and label you dirty hippies because it's something they don't understand. Too bad you label Joe College and his teeny-boppers. You're right, not too much hypocrisy. You think you understand the term hippy? You honestly believe you're hippies, real hippies? Right! That's why you're at Allegheny College - because you're hip. You smoke grass perhaps once every month or even every week if you're

lucky and you claim yourselves pot heads. Right! You think you are dropping out of society. "Don't interfere with our interests", you say, as if hippies have interests. What's that you say?? Yeah, you got an arm reaching for that diploma. Boy, you're not going to let anyone get in the way of your future. All right, hippies, you think you are a threat to someone's way of life? Well, your phoniness is only a threat to you. The underground is but one grain of sand on a beach. You shout you haven't "seen such an arrogant display of personal prejudice, blatant bias, and perverse bigotry", we'll exchange views. I haven't seen anyone feel so sorry for themselves, or throw such a tantrum. We all feel hurt you picked on poor wittle boys, Mommy cares. You think RAB is picking on your social faction, but, hark, who are you picking on? Oh yes, the mean old frat men in RAB. They are to blame for your problems. Try searching closer to your soul. You got soul! If the root of the problem doesn't lie with you, where does it lie? At the base of every tree drunk on campus? Hardly! Yes, why don't you do something? I have.

Quit your bellyaching.

Aboveground

ALL INTERESTED IN LEARNING TO OPERATE THE CAMPUS OFFSET PRESS:

There will be demonstrations each night this week at 9 pm in the CAMPUS for those who have not had contact with the equipment.

For those who have been present at earlier meetings, it is urged that you come to the office at 1:30 this week as many times as possible. The regular edition of the paper goes to press at this time, providing an excellent opportunity for practical experience.

This is the only way in which you may become a qualified operator. EXPERIENCE IS THE KEY. Attend as often as possible.

FINAL REPORT: ASG President '67-'68

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EFFICIENT, ACTIVE, RELEVANT! These words describe the administration of the 1967-68 Allegheny Student Government more vividly than the charges assessed against the outgoing administration in the recent student body election. I can in no way accept the criticism leveled against ASG Council in good conscience, and I furthermore refute those accusations as being unjustified. Although the student government has not undertaken several projects which I would have liked to, I feel the accomplishments of this administration have been numerous and quite relevant.

The effectiveness of any student government is marked by its internal structure. In this respect, ASG is more organized than it has been in at least the last four years. In the third term of the academic year, 1967, a new system of representation was put into effect. With the representatives to the student government being selected from residence halls rather than being elected at large, it was hoped that communication between ASG and the student body would be more realistic than it had been in the past. Indications are that in the cases of those representatives who took it upon themselves to make this system work, it proved successful.

Also, for the first time, the representatives to the student government were made members of ad hoc committees within ASG and undertook such problems as the college bookstore, the college infirmary, registration, the relationship between ASG and the College Union, and representation to ASG. I readily admit that ASG Council members did not reach appropriate solutions to all these problems, but at the same time, it is hard for me to conceive of this council as being inactive, particularly in relationship to the Councils of the last four years.

To those members of Council who had chairmanships and completed your project to the best of your ability, I thank you. I furthermore feel that the rapport between the Executive Board and the Council was outstanding and I cannot think of more than one or two instances when ASG Council delayed on rules of parliamentary procedure. My thanks to Maggie Hodge for a fine job. I likewise would like to commend the Council for keeping discussion pertinent to most issues in most cases, and for respecting the chair in not speaking out of turn.

A second arena which demonstrates the effectiveness of a student government is its relationship with administration and faculty. I certainly cannot see where our dealings with the administration have been ineffective or lacking in this area. With the eager consent of Dr. Pelletier, Dean Ragan, and Dean

Helmreich, I was able to formulate a college co-ordinating committee. The purpose of this small committee was to have leaders of the student body meet with the administration in order to learn of any developments which might have occurred which would have had a direct effect on the students. Unfortunately, this committee did not meet as much as I would have liked it to due to President Pelletier's absence at the Constitutional Convention during the second term, but it appears to be a favorable means of improving negotiation procedures between government and administration.

In regard to fiscal matters, President Pelletier was generous enough to allot ASG 2100 dollars for the Symposium, which turned out to be a fantastic success and an additional 3000 dollars for the ASG budget. I fail to understand the problem that the Kaldron had in procuring money if they would have approached the administration in a proper manner as WARC did.

ASG's greatest accomplishments in working hand-in-hand with the administration undoubtedly were "lobbying" and the drinking policy. In listening to arguments from members of ASG and RAB for more privacy and a more conducive social environment for the students, the administration responded by furnishing the room of Brooks Hall, the T.V. lounge of Brooks Hall and the public room of Baldwin Hall with new furniture and curtains. Furthermore, every dormitory with the exception of Caffisch Hall, was provided with a new television set. And, as was announced at the State of the College Convocation, plans have been made for a new recreational and social area for Caffisch Hall. Also, through the co-operation of Mr. Ruehlman, the Alumni Lounge was opened for interested students on the weekends. Once again, it appears that ASG was dealing with an extremely relevant student matter.

The Executive Board's efforts policy are nearing a completion, and the end results, I am sure, will not only give the Allegheny Student Body a more realistic drinking policy but also will demonstrate that a sophisticated diplomatic approach to student "wants" is much more effective than a loud outcry from the newspaper and/or students. May I mention that the progress of having a new drinking policy was held up due to President Pelletier's inavailability in Harrisburg rather than a "loss of vitality in ASG" as stated in the Campus. Can this effort to change a policy which has been in existence for ten years be called inactivity on the part of the Executive Board?

A third area which determines a student government's effectiveness is its relationships

with organizations outside the college community.

In this field, ASG has also made great strides. On January 21, 1968, ASG became a member of the Associated Student Governments of America. Much of the credit for this goes to Dick Stewart and the Student Initiation Committee. Although the national organization is a young one, Allegheny will no doubt benefit from it.

Another arena in which ASG is participating in on a national level is "Choice '68" the national college primary election sponsored by Time Magazine.

Further achievements have been made by the present administration. Omicron Delta Kappa, better known as ODK was just established by the Executive Board to honor those men who excel in different areas of college life. The Social Events Committee, under the leadership of Tom Ludlow, gave the student body our first concert-dance. The Academic Committee was able to simplify registration procedures. The Student Initiation Committee was able to have the grill opened on Sundays. The Public Events Committee was responsible for a much appreciated Film Symposium. Lastly, despite the rather uncomplimentary article about me in the CAMPUS concerning my remarks on the position of Kaldron editor, Kaldron co-editors were selected.

I have several recommendations to make to the incoming administration. The first of these concerns the formulation of a publications board. There would be two primary advantages to having such a board. First, it would prevent ASG from having to involve itself in the affairs of the communication media, which was the general opinion of interested parties in the first term controversy between the CAMPUS and ASG. Second, the budgeting and control of funds would be under the supervision of the board which would alleviate overspending or the possibility of overspending to a great degree. The formulation of a publications board should be pursued for the good of Allegheny College without delay.

A second field which should stand a great deal of revision is our present method for selecting seniors to Who's Who Among Students in American Colleges and Universities. The selection procedure should be made much more rigorous with only the very outstanding students being granted the honor.

A third area of consideration would be the allocation of a small sum of the Social Events Committee budget to the Public Events Committee in order to bring a greater quantity and a greater quality of entertainment to Allegheny. In several discussions with Mrs. Fletcher, public events

co-ordinator, on this topic, she assures me that an additional amount of money added to her budget would undoubtedly mean better entertainment for the student body.

A fourth arena which should be looked into is to determine if salaries should be given to all individuals holding time consuming student positions on campus. I am personally opposed to a pay scale for two reasons. First, for the simple reason that if you pay one person, you must pay the next, and so on until the monetary value of the position becomes more important than the actual position. Second, except in specified cases where the position is taking an overabundance of time, I cannot see paying individuals for participating in an activity which they are members due to their own wishes. However, I do feel it necessary to look into this problem and for ASG Council to take a stand on it one way or the other.

In addition, I would suggest that ASG council continue to undertake projects by serving as ad hoc committees within ASG. Moreover, that the College CO-ordinating Committee be retained for the reason I indicated in the first part of my address. Furthermore, that plans be made to investigate the possibility of having primary and final elections rather than preferential balloting as suggested by Mr. Greer. Also, that ASG play an instrumental part in having the Junior and Senior classes follow the example of the present Freshman class in forming a class council rather than having class officers. Last, but not least, I would make sure that the pigeon nest located at the back entrance of the CU be removed immediately if it hasn't been done so already.

If I may go outside my jurisdiction just a bit, I would recommend strongly to the CAMPUS that they begin to cover the ASG meetings in detail. By following such a suggestion, the personal bitterness which arose between certain members of ASG Council and the CAMPUS editor this past term would hopefully be greatly alleviated in the future.

I have thoroughly enjoyed my year as President of the Allegheny Student Government. It has been one of the most rewarding experiences of my life. I shall miss the excitement and tediousness, the achievements and frustrations of ASG. I am most pleased with the accomplishments of ASG this year and I feel the administration has successfully set out and achieved its primary goals. However, there is still a great deal of work to be done. Best of luck to the incoming administration and may the three passwords of your administration be EFFICIENCY, ACTIVITY, AND RELEVANCY.

Respectfully submitted,
Norman Levine

Amidst the Ashes

The cities smolder while people rush with open arms to seize the products of the white man's greed. Hatred increases with the rising flames, and the questions of "how much this time?" reverberate in the minds of each looter. Red beaming, streaming cars line the garbage cluttered, rubble-lined streets; only the stinging, ear-splitting sound of piercing sirens catches the momentary attention of the faceless people. The startling crack of nearby rifles fails to halt the oncoming tide. Heard too, is the sound of heads slamming against wooden butts, the cries of the young wounded, the sobs of innocent children left in the war of the Whites and Blacks.

Darkness brings neither relief nor rest from the sniper's eyes, but rather, a deep sanctuary for those who pillage now with greater security. The fires grow bright in the absence of day, and the shouts of screaming people compete with the brutal roar of the flames. As guns grow louder, the stomping of quick feet clashes with the unnerving, shaking rhythm of war. The air is filled with the smell of sizzling buildings, gunpowder, and heated bodies. The night breeze kindles the fires in the crumbling structures; long into the night the worship of violence continues...

The world watches the New Year's parade with a glass of beer and all the kids settled around the television set. Disgust mingled with the latest joke is told over the evening meal. The current fashions on "how to revolt and lose weight" capture the front of every conversation.

But morning brings the stark awareness of streets that have disappeared beneath the flood of ashes and rubble. Small

bands of weary, helmeted men huddle by each corner, sipping hot coffee and watching the watchers peek from tiny windows stories above them. All around them the fires smolder, and beneath the ashes the cause that spurred men to give their lives. Consumed too, in the flames the night before, were the shouts of love, equality, and brotherhood, "I told you so," and the martyred words of nonviolence.

--b. francis

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and good many are very light skinned and have the Caucasian facial features and hair) is certainly interesting; one can get some feeling as to what it is to be black in the USA. You certainly stand out, and I have found myself wondering, at why I look so sickly pale and white.

Anyone who is planning on entering the Peace Corps should be prepared for change. Always keep a sense of humor and you can get through all the trying times (there are amny). Training was particularly bad for us (though that is unusual), and I found that if you could get through training you could go through anything. When you enter the Peace Corps be prepared for anything, also eat alot of American hamburgers, hot dogs, ice cream, Hershey bars, rare meat, WATER, American beer, ice and milk-- all of which are either expensive, not existent, or not safe to eat abroad.

The Peace Corps is very worth while, even if you just need to see what other countries think of the US. It is certainly a much better way of seeing the world

than fighting Johnson's war in Viet Nam.

Hope this has been of some help to you. If anyone wants to write to me, my address is Richard Buhrendorf, Box 8, Harar, Ethiopia. Air mail or it will never get to me! I would enjoy a copy of the articles on the Peace Corps, if you do write it, am interested to hear about the other Alleghians. Scott Berry is here in Ethiopia (though is a much different area), seems to be enjoying himself. Tene Onisko is in Sengel, Africa. It sounds like she is having a good PCV experience. Believe it or not, I missed Meadville's SNOW!! (and, of course, the Savoy's GO-GO girls.

DICK BUHRENDORF

There will be an over-night toBousson April 13-14 (Easter weekend). If you are interested in a picnic supper, wood chopping contest, movie, and bonfire, sign up in the C.U.

IFC:

IFC TABLE TENNIS Quarter Finals:

McCabe (Phi Delt) defeated Gooseman (Theta Chi)
Hill (Delt) defeated Jouaneh (Independent)

Mullen (Independent) defeated Carlson (Delt)

Emerick (Independent) defeated Alexander (Phi Delt)

Semi-Finals:

McCabe defeated Hill

Mullen defeated Emerick

Finals:

Mullen defeated McCabe

Final Team Standings:

Indies 19

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Phi Delt 17

Delt 15

Theta Chi 13

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