Peace Corps seeks volunteers

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Don't crawl under a rock. Especially if you graduate in December.

Starting Tuesday, Sept. 24 through Friday, Sept.27. Peace Corps recruiters will be on campus looking for volunteers.

Ken Barnes, Peace Corps recruiter for western Pennsylvania, said the recruiters will be looking for the December graduate and others.

'I can show them a place in the Peace Corps even if their personal medical and legal qualifications say no," Barnes said. "We can place virtually Ordinarily wouldn't get." everyone."

Barnes, who spent three years in Jamaica as a Peace Corps volunteer, said they are looking for graduates in the fields of engineering, architecture, agriculture, nursing, home economics and arts instruction.

"Those with specialized skills will be used in that area, but we can use any college grad," he added. Barnes said those with liberal arts degrees and social science degrees can be used in an area where they might have secondary skills.

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According to Barnes, the Peace Corps has three traditional goals.

"We provide technical assistance to countries that request it," he said. "We give them skilled manpower, not machines."

"We provide a vehicle for cross cultural interaction with people from other countries. "And third, we educate the American volunteer.

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Barnes said there are about 7,500 Peace Corps volunteers in 60 countries throughout the world.

"Our high point in enrollment was about 15,000 in 1966," he said, "they called it the era of generalists, anyone with a general degree, liberal arts, history, social sciences, would be used.'

Barnes said the sophistication of the host countries was the reason for the emphasis on the specialized skilled volunteer. One third of the volunteers are used in teacher training, he added. Barnes said three quarters of the Peace Corps volunteers are recent college graduates, with the average age being about 24.

"But more and more we're going after the midcareer and retired person, such as teachers, car-penters, farmers, health people, and surprisingly enough, we're getting them," he added.

Perhaps as an added incentive, Barnes said volunteers receive a 48 day vacation, which in-cludes a 49 a day subsidization. After their two year commitment is up, he said they can renew it for another year.

Starting tomorrow Barnes and Terry Davis, Peace Corps recruiter at Penn State, will have recruiting stations in Boucke lobby and Chambers.

Rocky's holdings cited

WASHINGTON (UPI) — Thé chairman of the Senate Rules Committee, which opens confirmation hearings today on Nelson A. Rockefeller's vice presidential nomination, said yesterday the panel must consider a potential conflict of interest raised by Rockefeller's "immense" financial holdings. Sen. Howard Cannon, D-Nev., also said

ne sees no reason for Rockefeller to place his assets in a blind trust fund.

"I just don't think that the establishment of a blind trust could really insulate the person... from knowing that he had those interests," Cannon said. Rockefeller released a statement last

week which said he was worth \$182.5 million

Cannon said the conflict of interest question generated by Rockefeller's broad-based holdings "is one of the most serious problems that the committee has to deal with because the conflict of interest statutes do not apply to the President or the vice president, though they do apply to officers and people working in the executive branch and they also apply to members of Congress.

Cannon was interviewed on CBS-TV's Face the Nation.

He said that because Rockefeller's family has holdings in four large oil firms, two airlines and many other companies that are regulated by the federal government, "it does raise a most serious question in our minds.





