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MEMORANDUM TO THE PRESIDENT

FROM: Mark Gearan *WJG*  
RE: Summer of Service clips  
DATE: June 25, 1993

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Summer of Service has generated a great deal of favorable press coverage, and I wanted to share with you some recent clips:

1. San Francisco Chronicle front-page story and photo;
2. USA Today story and photo;
3. New York Times photo and caption;
4. Philadelphia Inquirer front-page photograph (originally printed in color);
5. Philadelphia Inquirer story and another photo;
6. Chicago Tribune story and photo;
7. Orlando Sentinel story and photo;
8. AP story describing Vice President Gore's visit to Treasure Island; and,
9. Atlanta Constitution front-page story and photo.

While we haven't yet obtained them, we have heard of other enthusiastic pieces in several regional newspapers, including the Denver Post and the New Orleans Times Picayune.

We were also very pleased by television coverage of Summer of Service, including major pieces on Treasure Island on "The Today Show," "Good Morning America," "CNN Headline News," and "MTV News." The training week was also mentioned on both the NBC and CBS evening newscasts.

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# 'Summer of Service' Starts in Boot Camp



PHOTOS BY BRANT WARD/THE C

Young people from Harlem shouted hellos to 1,500 participants at a rally marking the start of a week of teaching and learning.

## Clinton's corps in training at Treasure Island

By William Carlsen  
Chronicle Staff Writer

It looked like a scene out of the 1960s. There were banners, rhythmic cheers and chants, youthful enthusiasm and untested idealism.

But instead of marching against war or disrupting a military base, this crowd of post-Cold War, college-age men and women came together to help the children in their own communities and were using Treasure Island Naval Base to do it.

Nearly 1,500 young people from across the nation assembled at the naval base yesterday to launch President Clinton's "Summer of Service" program, the prototype of an ambitious national youth service corps that Clinton hopes will swell to 150,000 participants by 1997.

"I was with President Clinton just four months ago at Rutgers University," said Catherine Milton, executive director of the Commission on National and Community Service, at the opening ceremony on Treasure Island's parade ground yesterday.

"This was just an idea that was thrown out then. It was a dream."

"You are pioneers today," she told those gathered. "You are hour by hour designing it and putting it together. You are here to give hope back to our nation."

For the next week, the young people, ages 17 to 25, will take part in training that will prepare them for eight weeks of work during the summer in their own communities.

When they finish, they will begin tutoring children, helping with immunization drives, teaching sex education, painting schools, testing for lead poisoning and providing a range of other services aimed at benefiting the poorest children in society.

In return for their participation, the young people will earn the minimum wage, \$4.25 an hour, and a \$1,000 stipend to apply toward their educations.

SAN FRANCISCO CHRONICLE  
JUNE 21, 1993

*'I made my way out of the slums . . . I  
want to give something back to my  
community, to help others make it out'*

— COLLEGE JUNIOR EFRAIN BERRIOS

They arrived all day Saturday from Georgia, Maryland, Massachusetts, Louisiana, Pennsylvania, California, New York, Ohio and Minnesota. The group from the Bay Area, which will work under the supervision of the East Bay Conservation Corps this summer, made up the largest contingent, with 250 participants.

They were welcomed at yesterday's rally by Rear Admiral Merrill Ruck, commander of the naval base, who praised them for their dedication to community service. Vice President Al Gore is scheduled to speak today.

Reflecting the nation's largest urban centers, the majority of the participants are black, Latino and Asian. Fifty are members from the Ojibway (Chippewa) Tribe in Northern Minnesota, who will help clean a river and teach tribal history and health care.

The Summer of Service program is billed as a week of "boot camp-style" training. The participants will occupy a row of barracks left empty as the Navy gradually pulls out of Treasure Island, and they ate their first meals yesterday in one of the base's main mess halls.

"There wasn't any hot water in the shower," said Julie Sadigursky, a 20-year-old sociology major at the University of California at Berkeley, who joined the program to work with Oakland and Berkeley teenagers. "You deal with it," she shrugged. "This is going to be the experience of my life, and I'll treasure it

forever."

The chilly morning air did little to dampen the seemingly irrepressible enthusiasm of the participants, who danced, sang and wildly cheered each speaker during the opening ceremony.

"Our nation is in need," said Pia Infante, one of the program participants, in a speech to the crowd. "Twenty-one percent of the children in the country are growing up in poverty. We're not a third-world country but a first-world country. It's pitiful."

"The rebuilding of our nation is not in the hands of President Clinton," she said, "or in the hands of the Congress, or in the hands of our parents. . . . It's in our hands."

Efrain Berrios, a 19-year-old junior from Montclair State University in New Jersey, said he grew up in the poorest neighborhoods of Newark. "I made my way out of the slums," he said. "I'm here because I want to give something back to my community, to help others make it out too."

Trabian Shorters, 26, a group leader from Detroit who will provide training, called the young people the "cream of the crop" in the nation.

"You can never underestimate the young people in this country," he said.

# Boot camp trains youths to step up as role models

By Maria Goodavage  
USA TODAY

**TREASURE ISLAND, Calif.** — The cabin pressure bothered his ears, and landing over the San Francisco Bay made him jittery. But Isaac Vaughn, 17, says getting here was worth every jangled nerve he got on his first plane ride.

"This is a chance in a lifetime for me to help others who need help more than myself," says Vaughn, of Baltimore.

About 1,500 youths from the USA's most troubled cities met at this naval base Sunday for a week-long boot camp-style training that will teach them leadership skills they can take back to their neighborhoods.

The program, "Summer of Service," is the pilot to the national community service program President Clinton promised in his campaign. After the training, participants will return home to serve in summer

projects focused on helping disadvantaged children.

Sunday, the program got off to a jamming, hip-hopping, rapping and clapping start as the youths, ages 17 to 25, gathered.

During one zealous moment, the 75 participants from Atlanta plunged to the ground when the bleachers they were on collapsed. Spirits and bodies unscathed, they untangled themselves and continued to cheer.

"We can't be hurt," says Tiffany Thrasher, 18, of Atlanta. "The future rests with us, and we've got to help the kids that need help so bad and give them real hope."

Organizers hope this week's intensive physical, mental and spiritual training will keep the youths strong during the summer. They'll work in back-breaking, often heartbreaking, jobs for minimum wage plus a \$1,000 school stipend.

Jobs include testing for lead paint poisoning in thousands of



By Mark Hundley, AP

**SPIRITED:** Clarissa Starks, left, and April Butts, from Atlanta's Clark University, at a 'Summer of Service' rally in San Francisco.

low-income New York homes, helping 15,000 at-risk children in Oakland, Calif., with health, education and self-esteem problems, and rebuilding school grounds across the USA.

As part of this week's hands-on training, participants will spread out across the Bay Area

and tutor school children, clean up graffiti, paint public housing projects and help build centers for low-income kids.

"Oh God, how we need their help," says Drucilla Wright, a community assistant at Emerson Elementary School in Oakland. "Sometimes you feel for-

gotten, neglected."

Most of the participants say they could be earning more at other summer jobs, "but it's like this: The kids in our neighborhoods need role models real bad," says Carol Leslin Munroe, 22, of Newark, N.J.

The children aren't the only ones depending on this summer's pilot program: The future of the project itself may rest on the pilot's success.

Congress is expected to vote on the program based on the success or failure of the first Summer of Service.

Clinton wants \$400 million next year for 25,000 jobs. By 1997, he hopes for 150,000 such service-oriented youth jobs.

It's important, says Catherine Milton, head of the Commission on National and Community Service, which is developing the program. "These youths may well be the ones who will turn our country around."

USA TODAY



Associated Press

### Trainees for Youth Service Corps Start With a 'Boot Camp'

Nearly 1,500 young people enrolled in a program to help tutor children in some of the country's poorest regions during the summer began a weeklong training session yesterday at the Treasure Island Naval

Base in San Francisco. In return, the youths, who range from 17 to 25, will earn the minimum wage of \$4.25 an hour and a \$1,000 stipend to be applied to their education. They will work for eight weeks.

NY Times

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## Is Barkley through?

After toughest loss, Charles not at all sure. **Sports.**

## Raymond takes on Wimbledon

Prodigy Lisa Raymond of Wayne wins her first match on the grass. **Sports.**

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## Getting fit for service



Associated Press / ERIC RISBERG

Young people in President Clinton's Summer of Service program take physical training at Treasure Island Naval Station in San Francisco. Their workouts yesterday were part of the first day in a week of preparation for community service in exchange for minimum wage and an education voucher. It is a trial run for a national service program. Story and another picture: **A3.**

Phila. Inquirer



Associated Press / ERIC RISBEF

Young people create a human knot during an exercise to build leadership at Treasure Island Naval Station. After this week's training, which includes multicultural-awareness exercises, the nearly 1,500 participants will go to their communities to spend eight weeks helping children.

*A "new wave" trains to rebuild — and test Clinton's national service plan.*

## An education for a Summer of Service

By Jane Meredith Adams  
FOR THE INQUIRER

SAN FRANCISCO — Distancing themselves from the kind of self-indulgence and apathy that marred the 1980s, 1,475 young people began training yesterday in President Clinton's Summer of Service program, vowing to help rebuild their communities and the nation.

"I feel this is a new wave," said Maxine Jenkins, 23, a nursing student at Widener University, during the first full day in a week of physical training, multicultural-awareness exercises and leadership pep talks, including an address yesterday by Vice President Gore.

"We're trying to change the whole culture from the 'me generation' to the 'we generation,'" said Walker Dearth, 21, of Sacramento, Calif.

The participants, ages 17 to 25, have come to Treasure Island Naval Station from cities such as Philadelphia, New York and Los Angeles, suburbs, small

towns and an American Indian reservation in Red Lake, Minn.

Next week, they will go home to spend eight weeks helping children in their communities. In exchange, they will get minimum wage and a \$1,000 education voucher to pay tuition or student loans.

"I know I'm going to do my best," said Nadine Grant, 21, a West Philadelphia resident and senior in Temple University's nursing program, "because those children were me."

Summer of Service is a trial run of the President's ambitious national service initiative, which cleared two key committees in the House and Senate last week. Both programs are designed to channel workers into existing projects in their own communities.

Critics of the initiative have balked at its \$379 million price tag for the first year, during which 15,000 people of all ages would receive up to \$5,000 in education vouchers for each year of service. By the fourth year of the

program, as many as 150,000 people would be enrolled at a cost critics estimate at \$3.4 billion. (The legislation does not provide a cost estimate.) All who participate also would receive minimum wage, health benefits and child-care service.

Summer of Service will cost nearly \$9 million, money that Congress already has appropriated. The program includes 150 participants from the Philadelphia area who will work for ICARE (Immunize Children at Risk Early). The goal is to immunize 8,000 young children this summer operating from a base at Libertyview Medical Center, at 17th and Tioga Streets.

As the first group of workers ate ham-and-cheese sandwiches in a field on this island in San Francisco Bay yesterday, many were coping with the double shock of being away from home and discovering that summer in San Francisco means a blanket of fog.

"It's cold," said Darnetta Fuller, 23,

a North Philadelphia resident and student at the Community College of Philadelphia. Like most of the Philadelphia contingent, she heard about the Summer of Service at school. "This is a way for us to show we are trying to give back," she said. "All we needed was someone to give us a helping hand."

While the spirit of the Peace Corps and 1960s idealism have been invoked, Summer of Service has many 1990s touches. It is an ethnically diverse group — some people shouted their pep rally cheers in Spanish as well as English. All the participants wear white Gap sweatshirts with the Summer of Service sunrise logo, an emblem that represents public-private partnership.

They were so enthusiastic they cheered Naval employees.

"We've been called apathetic," said Pia Infante, 19, a sophomore at the University of California at Berkeley. "Give me a break."

# Youths vow war on 'me' generation

By Jane Meredith Adams  
Special to the Tribune

SAN FRANCISCO—Determinedly distancing themselves from more than a decade of suburban self-indulgence and inner-city apathy, 1,475 cheering young people from around the country on Sunday launched President Clinton's Summer of Service program at an outdoor rally, vowing to help rebuild their communities and the nation.

"We're fired up! We can't take it anymore!" chanted participants from the Harlem Freedom Schools Project in New York, joining in the opening day's ceremony at Treasure Island Naval Base, where hundreds between the ages of 17 and 25 have come to learn how to give as well as get.

"You better be fired up," retorted Warren Furutani, a Los Angeles community activist. "It won't be easy."

Participants have come from the inner cities and suburbs of such places as New York, Los Angeles and Philadelphia. Small towns such as Stoneham, Mass., also are represented, along with an Indian reservation in Red Lake, Minn.

"This is the start of something really incredible in the country," said Manju Chatami, 22, of College Park, Md.

Summer of Service is a trial run of the president's national service initiative, which cleared two key committees in the House and Senate last week. The national service program hasn't yet been funded, but like Summer of Service, it doesn't start new projects: It is designed to channel workers into existing projects in their own communities.

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whole culture from the 'me generation' to the 'we generation,'" said Walker Dearth, 21, of Sacramento.

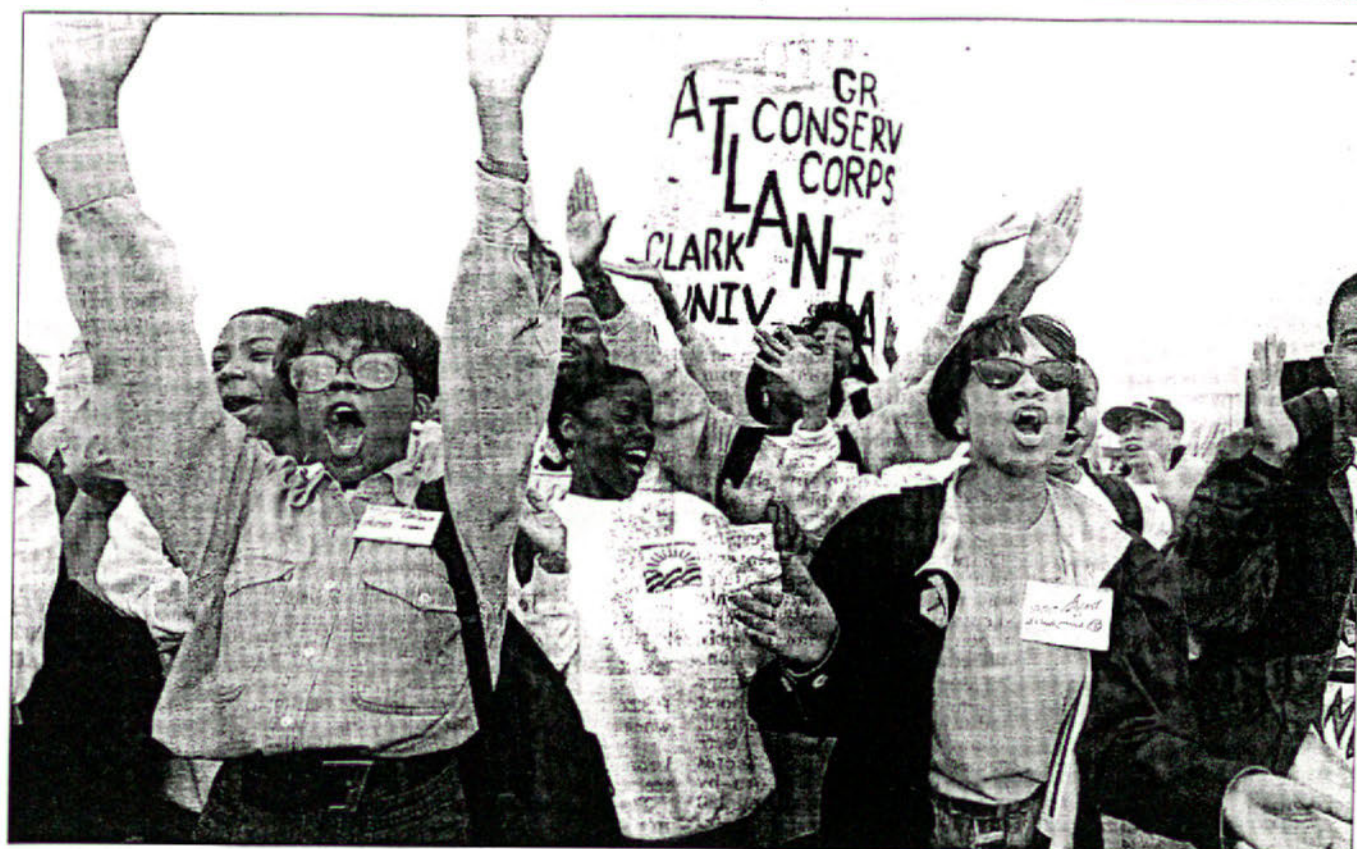
After a week of training on Treasure Island, participants will return to work in their communities for eight weeks in exchange for minimum wage and a \$1,000 education voucher.

"I've been doing this [community service] a long time," said Jason Scott, a group leader at Summer of Service and a staffer of Public Allies, a multicultural leadership training organization in Chicago. "I've never seen this much energy and excitement and dancing and singing and joy."

Critics of the president's proposed national service initiative have balked at its projected \$379 million cost for the first year in which 15,000 people of all ages would participate and receive up to \$5,000 a year in education vouchers for their service work. By the fourth year, as many as 150,000 people would be enrolled in the program, at a cost of \$3.4 billion, according to critics. All who participate also would receive minimum wage, health benefits and child-care service.

Summer of Service will cost nearly \$9 million from funds already appropriated by Congress. Its participants will return to 11 cities and towns around the country designated for community projects such as tutoring and rehabilitating playgrounds. Programs from Chicago didn't make the cut, but Scott said he came anyhow, to be a part of the ripple effect.

"If this works, we'll be able to replicate this all over the country," he said. "We really have a



Students from Atlanta show their enthusiasm Sunday during the first day of training in San Francisco for the Summer of Service Program. AP photo

stake in making it successful and bringing it back to Chicago."

As this first group of service corps members rallied on a military field on an island in San Francisco Bay, many were coping with the double shock of being away from home and discovering that summer in San Francisco means a blanket of fog.

"It's cold," said India Berry, 22, of Boston, who flew on an airplane for the first time to come to the training. She joined Sum-

mer of Service because City Year, Boston's youth service corps, had turned her brother's life around.

"I see him doing something positive, I see him making a difference," she said. "That's what I want to do—something to help our community."

While the spirit of the Peace Corps and 1960s idealism was invoked, this gathering had many 1990s touches. The crowd was ethnically diverse and some gave their pep rally cheers in Spanish

and English. All the participants wore white Gap sweatshirts with the Summer of Service sunrise logo—an emblem of the private-public partnerships the program seeks to form. And when Rear Adm. Merrill Ruck in dress whites was introduced as the host, he received boisterous applause.

Buoying the crowd's energy were the amplified strains of the Santana song "Oyo Como Va," which turned the groups from 11 cities and regions around the

country into one swaying mass.

"When you do human service, you really feel like you were placed here on Earth to help people out. So many people wake up everyday and don't know why they get up in the morning," said Fiona Fletcher, 23, of Oakland, Calif., a group leader in the Summer of Service training. She added:

"It's amazing when you give to people what you get out of it: a sense of worth and purpose."

Chicago  
Trib.

## Summer of service



ASSOCIATED PRESS

Some of nearly 1,500 young people exercise Monday at the start of their week of boot camp-style instruction.

## Young people get months of low pay to help poor

ASSOCIATED PRESS

**SAN FRANCISCO** — The pay isn't great, but Alton Marcello expects to get more satisfaction helping immunize poor children than delivering pizza.

Marcello is one of 1,500 young men and women going through boot camp-style training this week for President Clinton's "Summer of Service" program. Clinton hopes the eight-week program eventually will expand into a year-round national community-service program, with 100 times as many participants.

"Summer of Service" offers \$4.25 an hour and \$1,000 for school to those who will help poor children across the country.

"I could be earning twice as much deliver-

ing pizzas this summer," said Marcello, 20, of Los Angeles. He will help immunize children at hospitals in the city's low-income, largely minority South Central district.

But, Marcello added, "Growing up, seeing all these people in gangs and going to jail ... I'd like to help them, help them lead healthier lives, maybe make a difference."

The group, from nine states, gathered at Treasure Island Naval Base on San Francisco Bay. Cool, gusty winds jostled them as they spent Monday morning playing games designed to teach teamwork and leadership skills.

Laughter, cheers and applause echoed around the grassy field. Some skipped rope together. Others set up an imaginary electrified fence and helped each other over it. Another team, blindfolded, maneuvered around a roped-

off circle.

"The biggest thing we're trying to do is build a sense of community," said Dionne Brown, 20, of Bellefontaine, Ohio. "We're learning that one person is not always right or not always wrong."

This fledgling session is the prototype for Clinton's \$9.2 billion community-service proposal, which awaits congressional approval. He hopes to have 25,000 people ages 17 to 25 involved in community service year-round by 1994 and as many as 150,000 by 1997.

Clinton sent Vice President Al Gore to greet the trainees Monday.

Gore drew frequent comparisons to other public service programs, like the Peace Corps. "The concept of working together for the best interests of our nation is as old as the nation itself," he said.

Orlando  
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## Youths begin training for national service

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**San Francisco** — About 1,500 young men and women are going through boot camp-style training this week for President Clinton's eight-week "Summer of Service" program, which the president hopes eventually will expand into a year-round national community service program with 100 times as many participants.

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Robert Teilhet said he'll be happy to be paid. "Volunteer work — you just can't afford to do it," said Mr. Teilhet, 19, a University of Georgia student who will help set up preschool programs for underprivileged children in Atlanta. "I like doing this, but I'm not made of money."

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Associated Press

**"Summer of Service"** participants warm up Monday at a San Francisco Navy base.



Vice President reaches out to shake hands with some of the 1,500 trainees who started President's program Monday.

## Caring Is Part of This Summer Job

■ **National service: 'Building Up' program puts young people into needy communities. Participants get \$4.25 an hour and a \$1,000 scholarship.**

By ANTHONY DUIGNAN-CABRERA  
TIMES STAFF WRITER

Standing near Figueroa and Exposition boulevards, Jose Jacobo—"Quest" to his friends—looked back at the manicured lawns and graffiti-free buildings of the USC campus.

"This is where we step out into the community," he said, nodding eastward toward garbage and graffiti, barren lots and closed storefronts. "And we're going to see a great difference."

But for Jacobo and his three companions, viewing the urban decay was more than just a reminder of racial and economic injustice. It was an inventory of the area's opportunities for improvement and a way to earn some money for college this fall.

Jacobo, 22, is one of 150 young people participating in "Building Up: Summer of Service in Los Angeles," a project organized by a coalition of educational and community-based organizations that is part of President Clinton's national service program. It is one of two such programs based in Los Angeles

this summer.

As part of the 9½-week project, the young adults, ages 18 to 25, will tutor schoolchildren, help health care professionals immunize children, plant gardens at elementary schools and lead crime prevention seminars. They will be paid \$4.25 per hour for community service work and be awarded a \$1,000 stipend toward college at the end of their service.

Launched last week at USC, the participants got to wet their feet with a two-day orientation. The participants then were sent into the neighborhoods surrounding USC on an observation walk. Their assignment: Identify and take mental notes of things that the community's residents might want to change and look for resources that could be salvaged and utilized. And most important, keep to the map provided by the organizers to make sure that none of them get lost.

Along with USC and Cal State Los Angeles, three other universities and colleges, 29 community organizations and more than 20 secondary and elementary schools are involved in the project this summer.

Building Up was one of 16 community service projects selected from the 430 proposals submitted in March by agencies and colleges nationwide in response to the Clinton Administration's call for national service suggestions.

"By the time they're through, they will have reached 20,000 kids," said Richard Cone, director of USC's Joint Educational Project, which is coordinating the university's participation.

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Participants will work a 40-hour week and receive the scholarship at the end of their tenure, Cone said.

They will spend eight hours a week in a leadership training program and the other 32 doing community work.

"I had a choice between coming here and going to summer school," Jacobo said. "But the more I read about [Building Up], the more interested I got."

Under the guidance of 20-year-old Grace Ramirez, the team's leader for the observation walk, Jacobo, Marisela Limon, 18, and Isaac Avila, 20, set off on the two-mile trek armed with a Manila envelope full of instructions and a pragmatic outlook on the summer.

"My dad's unemployed right now and my mom doesn't work and I needed money for college," said Limon, who plans to attend East Los Angeles College in the fall.

But it is not just a summer job, Quest said. For a majority of the young people involved in the project, there is the desire to take the city's problems into their own hands.

"If we all get together, we can see the problem [and try to] fix it, because putting out more cops and putting more people in jail ain't going to do it," Quest said.

For Cone, Building Up is more than just a way for students to earn much-needed college funds. It is an "attempt to break down the Balkanization of Los Angeles," a way to help many of these young people and the organizations involved get acquainted with people and parts of the city they have never seen.

"We share the same problems, so we should try to use our resources to work together," Cone said.

Stopping at the front entrance to Menlo Avenue Elementary for their lunch break, the group was joined by Anna Ouroumian, 22, a UCLA senior majoring in economics.

Unable to participate in the walk because of an astronomy final, Ouroumian raced over as soon as she finished, eager to be involved.

"I have never been in this neighborhood," Ouroumian said. "I want to help because I believe there's so much potential," she said. "All of



MICHAEL EDWARDS / Los Angeles Times

Motivational speaker Terry Timman, center, leads community service participants in a pep rally before they begin their assignments.

us come from different backgrounds."

After the two-day orientation, participants in all 16 of the country's Summer of Service programs—a total of 1,500 young people—were flown to San Francisco for a five-day "boot camp" experience at the Treasure Island Naval Base. On Monday, Vice President Al Gore addressed the participants, likening the summer service programs to the Peace Corp and other public service programs.

Other projects receiving grants are in Atlanta, Baltimore, Oakland/East Bay, New Orleans, Newark, N.J., New York City, Philadelphia, Delaware, Ohio and Minnesota.

The other local program, "It's About Health," is being run prima-

rily by the UCLA School of Nursing. Fifty minority high school and college students have been recruited to conduct medical assessments of at least 1,000 at-risk children at clinics and residences. The information they gather will help the university understand what barriers prevent these children from getting quality health care.

"Only four of the programs are west of the Mississippi," said Cone, who pointed out that the East Coast bias in the selection of the summer service projects might reflect an attitude that "L.A. can't work."

"That's the kind of feedback we get from our colleagues back east," Cone said. "And sometimes we think it can't, but that's the challenge we must face."

**'I think what we're doing here is a reaction to the '80s, which were all about self-interest and making money and getting ahead.'**

**Karen Chang**



Photos by Associated Press

Youths in "Summer of Service" program embrace each other, left, after training exercises that included stretching, right.

# Gore Provides the Spark

By JENIFER WARREN  
TIMES STAFF WRITER

**S**AN FRANCISCO—Vice President Al Gore launched the Clinton Administration's domestic Peace Corps on Monday, telling 1,500 youths and young adults in training for a summer of public service that their work will help "build the future of America."

In a spirited speech that drew wild cheers from the trainees, Gore called community service an idea that began with "barn raisings on the American frontier" and evolved through initiatives by Presidents Franklin D. Roosevelt and John F. Kennedy.

"You believe in this country," the vice president told the participants, who roared their agreement. "This country believes in you."

Gore's remarks highlighted the opening of a week of "boot camp" style training for volunteers in President Clinton's Summer of Service, which will

## Amid Cheers and High Hopes, Vice President Helps Launch 'Summer of Service' Program

deploy young adults in 16 programs serving needy children.

Participants range in age from 17 to 25 and represent cities from Oakland to New Orleans—with about 200 from Los Angeles. Some are students at prestigious Ivy League universities; others are as disadvantaged as the children they will serve in the coming months.

The summer session is the modest prototype of Clinton's \$7.4-billion national service program, an effort that aims to broaden access to higher education and harness the energy of new graduates for socially useful work.

The program—a cornerstone of Clinton's presidential campaign—is awaiting congressional approval. Clinton, who compares its potential to the accomplishments of Kennedy's Peace Corps, has said he hopes to put 25,000 young people to work next year, and expand that to include 150,000 annually by 1997.

After their training this week, the participants will begin jobs ranging from tutoring homeless children to testing for lead poisoning and rebuilding dilapidated playgrounds. For their efforts the summer workers will receive the minimum wage and a \$1,000 stipend toward college costs. Money, however, was rarely mentioned Monday as the trainees swapped stories and discussed their motivations.

Most spoke in optimistic, idealistic terms, describing a desire reminiscent of their parents' coming of age in the 1960s—a desire to make a difference.

"I think what we're doing here is a reaction to the '80s, which were all about

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self-interest and making money and getting ahead," said Karen Chang, 20, who will spend the summer at a Berkeley center for abused and neglected children. "Young people want to do something positive, and this gives them an obvious way to do that."

DaMarion McKneely, 18, of Oakland agreed and said his generation feels a special yearning to prove that "we aren't apathetic."

"People are so down on us, saying we don't care and that kind of thing," said McKneely, who will rehabilitate schools in Oakland for the East Bay Conservation Corps.

The training camp is based at Treasure Island Naval Base, a facility that is slated for closure by the Pentagon and sits on a spectacular piece of real estate in the middle of San Francisco Bay.

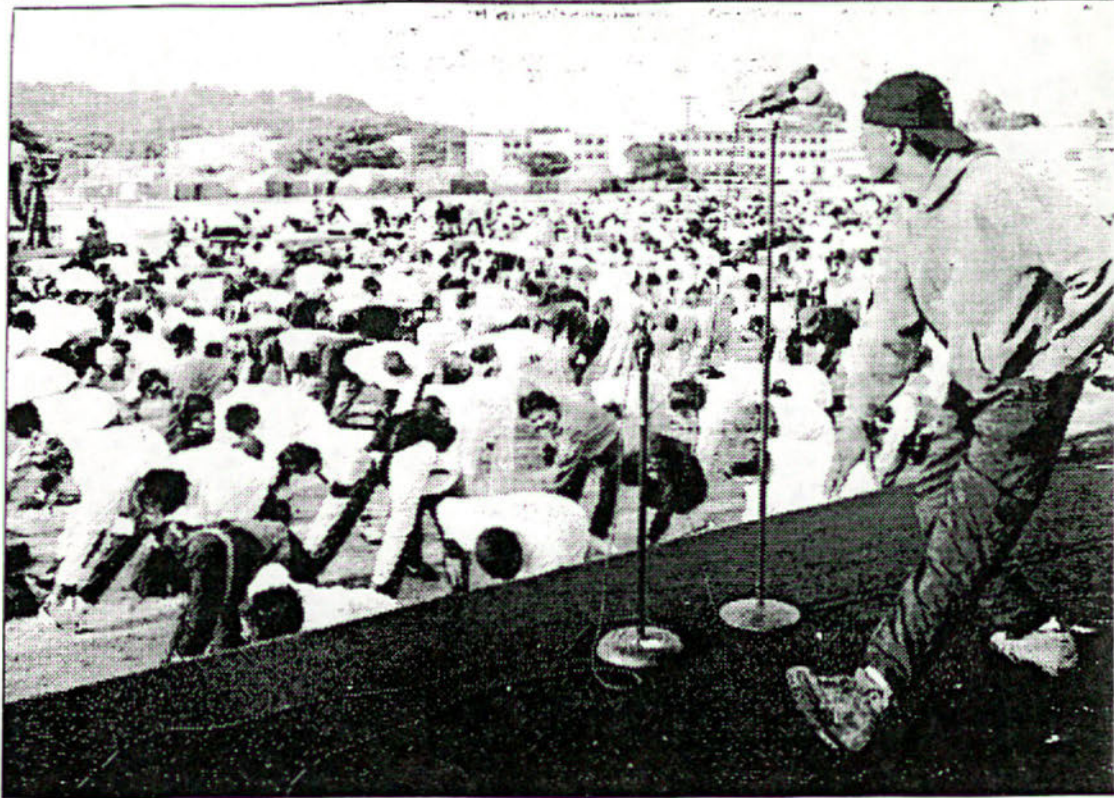
The students are housed in military barracks, begin their day with reveille at 6 a.m. and take part in calisthenics at 7. Their days include classroom sessions on leadership skills and the needs of poor children and—beginning today—fieldwork on projects in San Francisco and Oakland.

"We're giving them a rigorous challenge to prepare them for the summer," said Jennifer Epiett Reilly, director of the Summer of Service. "The focus is on basic skills for working with children, as well as leadership skills that we hope will serve them their entire life."

Officials said the boot camp model is designed to send a clear message that the program is not some sort of all-expense paid summer vacation.

So far, the participants' major complaint has been lack of hot water in the showers and some minor disorganization. The course work has been stimulating, and the speech by Gore, one student said, "got us all fired up, kinda like a pep rally."

"All in all it's been great," said Susan Goldberg, 19, a Los Angeles native. "There is a lot of energy here. What I'm feeling so good about is the tremendous potential that we as young people have to change this country."



Leader takes enrollees through first day of "boot camp" at Treasure Island Naval Base in San Fran