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to the Celebration Lunch
and
Oath of Service Ceremony
honoring
South Dakota
Team USDA/AmeriCorps
National Service Program members
on
Tuesday, the twenty-fourth day of October
Nineteen hundred and ninety-five
Twelve o'clock in the afternoon
Rosebud Sioux Tribe Headquarters
Rosebud, South Dakota*



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**AmeriCorps/Team USDA Swearing-in Ceremony/Orientation
October 24-27, 1995
Niobrara State Park, Niobrara, Nebraska**

Tuesday, October 24

- 6:00 p.m. **AmeriCorps - Helping People**
Paula Cole Jones, Program Manager, National
Service and Volunteer Program, Washington, DC
Jan Jorgenson, AmeriCorps/Team USDA Project Director,
NE Nebraska RC&D, Plainview, NE
- Oath of Service for Nebraska Members**
Paula Cole Jones
Connie Justis, Dept. of Economic Development
- 6:30 **Group Dinner**
- 7:30 **Issuance of Uniforms**
Joyce Watkins, AmeriCorps/Team USDA Project Director,
Natural Resources Conservation Service, Huron, SD
Jan Jorgenson
- Get Acquainted**
Sandy Hatter, Extension Educator, Knox County Center, NE

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Wednesday, October 25

- 7:00 a.m. **Group Breakfast**
AmeriCorps Video _____ *SD-ND-MN service*
Colette Kessler, Communications Specialist, Natural
Resources Conservation Service, Huron, SD *last year*
- 7:55 **Team Building and Increasing Productivity**
Paula Cole Jones
- 10:00 **BREAK**
- 10:20 **NRCS - Who Are We?**
Dick Leitschuck, Volunteer Acting RC&D Coordinator,
South Sioux City, NE
- 10:40 **SD and NE Projects**
Dave Konechne, AmeriCorps/Team USDA Project Manager,
Bad River Watershed Project, Ft. Pierre, SD
Dave Steffen, AmeriCorps/Team USDA Project Manager,
Rosebud Reservation Natural Resources Conservation
Project, Rosebud, SD
Pat Fritz, Executive Director, Chamber of Commerce,
O'Neill, NE
Jan Jorgenson
Howard McNiff, Project Engineer, Natural Resources
Conservation Service, Tecumseh, NE
Paula Darling, Tourism Director, Chamber of Commerce,
Nebraska City, NE
Marilyn McElravy, Executive Director, Chamber of Commerce,
Crete, NE

- 11:15 **Conduct, Ethics, and Administrative Issues**
Joyce Watkins
- 12:00 **Group Lunch**
- 12:45 **Paperwork Enrollment Process**
Barb DesLauriers, Personnel Assistant, Natural Resources
Conservation Service, Huron, SD
- 2:30 **BREAK**
- 2:45 **AmeriCorps - The Program in Review**
Joyce Watkins
Jan Jorgenson
- 5:00 **Adjourn**
- 6:30 **Dinner**
"Round Robin"
Sharon Williams, State Volunteer Coordinator, NE

Thursday, October 26

- 7:00 a.m. **Group Breakfast**
- 7:45 **Opening Remarks**
Joyce Watkins
- 7:50 **Community and Personal Awareness**
Joyce Watkins
Jan Jorgenson
- 9:00 **Myers-Briggs Personality Assessment**
Rose Jasperson, Oakland, NE
- 10:00 **BREAK**
- 12:00 **Group Lunch**
- 12:45 **CPR**
Steve Grube, Hartington, NE
Tim Peitz, Hartington, NE
- 2:30 **BREAK**
- 5:00 **Hike/Free Time**
- 6:30 **Group Dinner**
- 7:30 **Lodge Activities**

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Friday, October 27

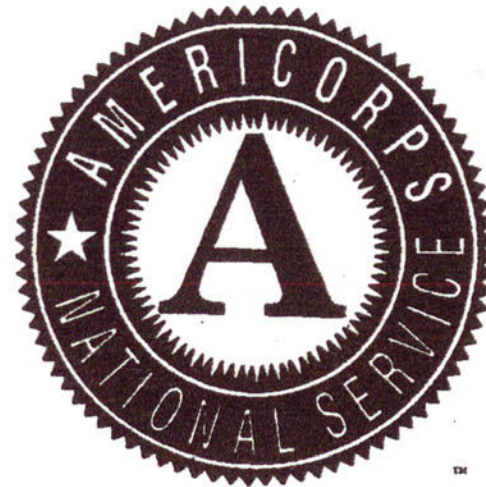
- 7:00 a.m. **Breakfast**
- 7:45 **Meet the Press**
 Joyce Watkins
- 8:45 **Objectives/Plan of Work**
 Joyce Watkins
 Jan Jorgenson
- 9:45 **Questions and Answers**
- 10:00 **HAVE A SAFE TRIP HOME!**



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windbreak
planting in
Nebraska
State Park
before leaving*

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**Oath of Service
Ceremony**

**October 24, 1995
12 p.m. CDT**

**Rosebud Sioux Tribe Tribal Headquarters
Rosebud, South Dakota**

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AmeriCorps/Team USDA
Getting Things Done For America

Master of Ceremonies

Ken Ladeaux, Business Manager, Rosebud Sioux Tribe

National Anthem

Vocalist

Flag Song

Invocation

Tribal Elder

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Opening Remarks

William Kindle, Tribal Chairman

AmeriCorps - Helping People

*Paula Cole Jones, National Service and Volunteer Program Coordinator
Natural Resources Conservation Service, Washington, DC*

AmeriCorps - Getting Things Done for South Dakota

*Joyce Watkins, AmeriCorps/Team USDA Project Director
Natural Resources Conservation Service*

Community Service Through Partnerships

Rosebud Reservation Natural Resources Conservation Project, Rosebud, SD

*William Kindle
Tribal Chairman*

*Lionel Bordeaux, President
Sinte Gleska University*

*Joann Young
Bureau of Indian Affairs*

*Dean Fisher
State Conservationist*

Dave Steffen, AmeriCorps/Team USDA Project Manager

Bad River Watershed Project, Ft. Pierre, SD

Dave Konechne

Gaylord Norman

AmeriCorps/Team USDA Project Manager Stanley Cty. Conservation District

AmeriCorps Oath of Service • South Dakota AmeriCorps
Dean Fisher, Natural Resources Conservation Service

Bad River Water Quality Project

Matthew Blumer

Pat Buscher

Michele Edelbach

Paula Hoerner

Joseph Nichols

Rosebud Sioux Tribe

Natural Resources Conservation Project

Kevin Boyd

Clarence Poorman

Roger Brush Breaker

John Sitting Bear

Harvey Elk Looks Back

Melvin Staples

Kathy Knife

Richard Traversie

Lester Leader Charge

Emily White Hat

Honoring Song

Celebration Lunch

TO:

FROM:

United States
Department of
Agriculture

Natural
Resources
Conservation
Service

Federal Building
200 Fourth Street, SW
Huron, SD 57350-2475
(605) 352-1227
(605) 352-1270 FAX

NEWS

October 20, 1995
Contact: Joyce Watkins, Communications Officer
Natural Resources Conservation Service

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Contact: Ken Ladeaux, Business Manager
Rosebud Sioux Tribe
(605) 747-2381, Ext. 205

15 AMERICORPS BEING SWORN-IN AT ROSEBUD

Fifteen AmeriCorps/Team USDA members will take their Oath of Service on October 24, 1995, at Rosebud, SD. The ceremony will begin at noon.

The AmeriCorps members are making a 10-12 month commitment to their communities and will be headquartered at Ft. Pierre and Rosebud, SD, says Joyce Watkins, Project Director for the Natural Resources Conservation Service, Huron.

Watkins says, "AmeriCorps is the President's national service initiative establishing a 'domestic Peace Corps' and the AmeriCorps/Team USDA and was designed to rebuild rural America, protect the environment, and fight hunger."

"AmeriCorps/Team USDA members will be helping with range improvement and water quality activities including: planting vegetation for erosion control; planting and harvesting timber; building fence; testing and monitoring recreational waters, streams and wells; educational outreach to adults and children, as well as, other locally identified natural resource improvement projects to help communities," she continues.

Ken Ladeaux, business manager for the Rosebud Sioux Tribe, says, "This is a very unique partnership involving the Tribe, state, and federal government. It embodies a lot of the traditional native concerns with the environment."

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In exchange for 1,700 hours of service to their communities, members earn a living stipend of \$7,945 or \$12,000 based on qualifications and experience, and an educational award of \$4,725. "The educational award is like a savings account that members can use to pay back qualifying student loans or to continue their education any time during the next seven years, says Watkins." Members also have options for health insurance, educational loan deferment on qualifying loans, and may qualify for child care assistance.

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NOTE: This will be an Indian cultural ceremony and should be very interesting for you to cover; please give us a call today to let us know if you can attend.

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USDA Graduation Celebration
Invite

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

INTERFAITH
HUNGER
COALITION



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You are cordially invited to
The 1995 Graduation
of the
D.C. Service Corps

on

Saturday, July 22, 1995

1:00 p.m.

at the

Department of Agriculture
Jamie L. Whitten Building
14th Street & Independence Avenue, S.W.
Jefferson Drive Entrance

Reception immediately following

R.S.V.P. D.C. Service Corps
202-347-4136

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DC Service Corps
Graduation Ceremony
Program



43 P Street, NW
Washington, DC 20001

DC Service Corps

Graduation Ceremony

Saturday, July 22, 1995

1:00 PM

U.S. Department of Agriculture
Building

"Working for the Dream"

*"Everyone can be great because everyone can
serve."*

-Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.



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Oklahoma AmeriCorps
Swearing-in Ceremony Invite



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Joel Berg, Dir Natl Svc, USDA
AG - Box 1301
Washington, DC 20250-1301

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Join the Celebration and Dedication
of Luling's Davis Street Lighting
& Beautification Enhancements.

A Cooperative Project of the City of Luling, Luling Area Chamber of Commerce
and the AmeriCorps Program.

Saturday, March 30, 1996
400 Block of Davis
2 o'clock in the afternoon

- ★ Recognition of Donors
- ★ Tour of New Chamber of Commerce
Office/Visitor Center
- ★ Reception in Oil Patch Museum
- ★ Music by Luling Eagle Band

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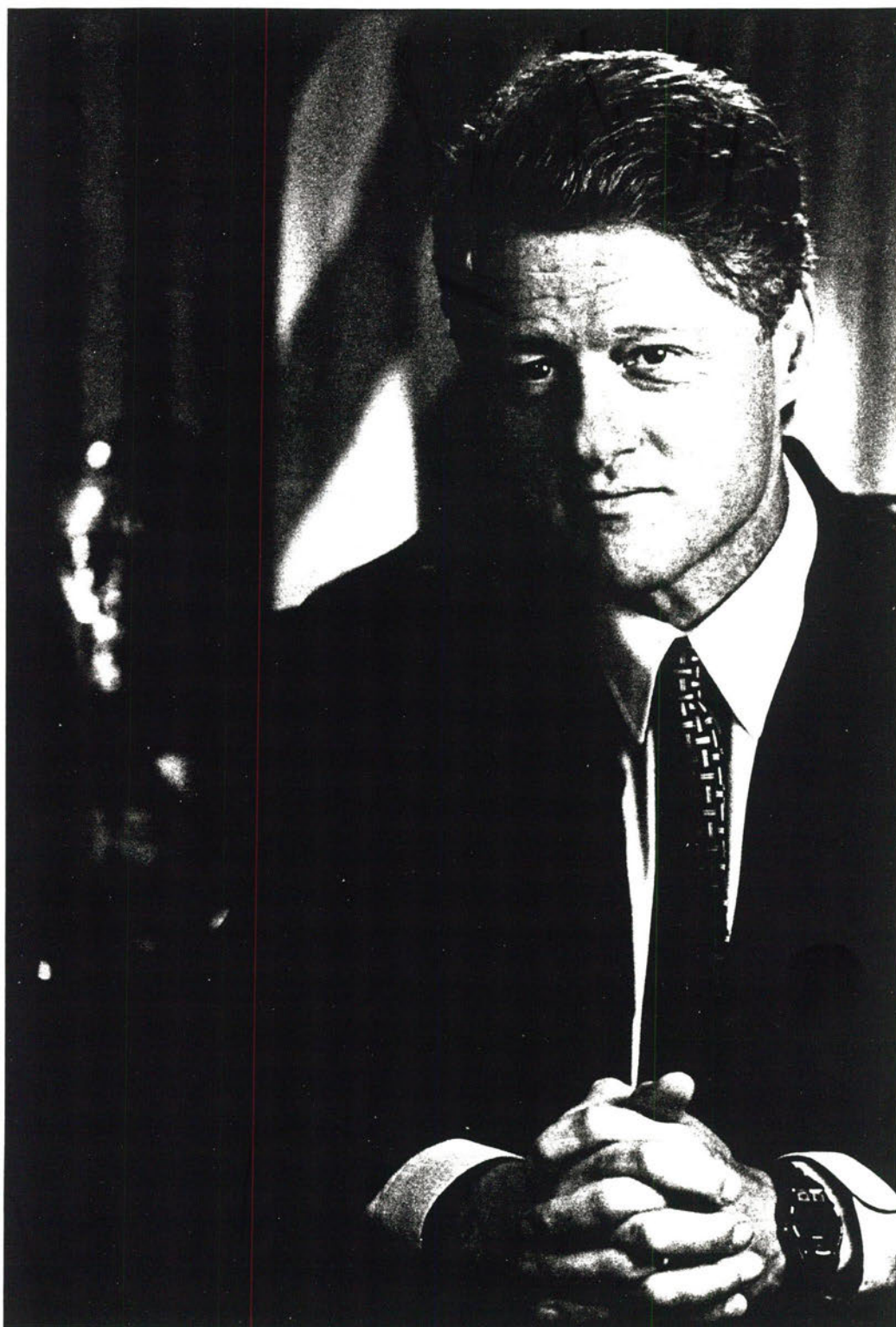
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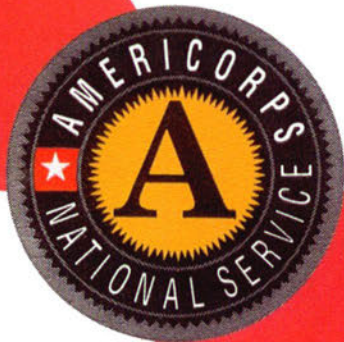
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*To Charles Osborne
With Appreciation, Bill Clinton*

United States Department of Agriculture

Natural Resources Conservation Service



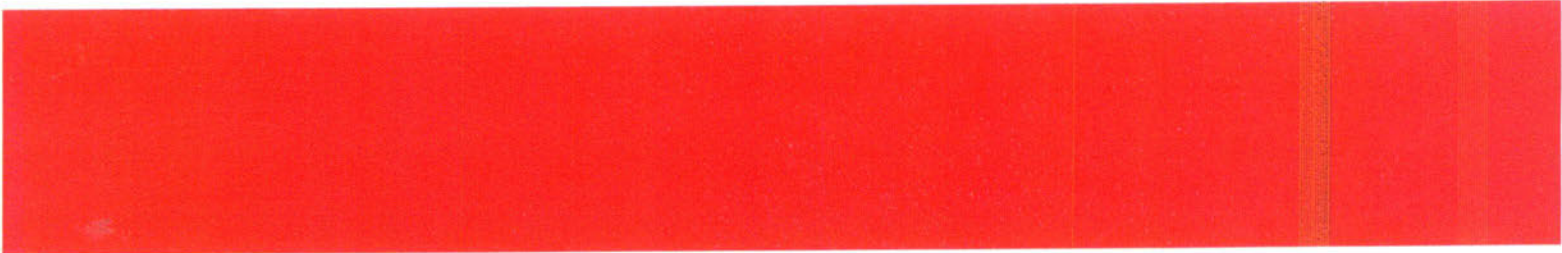
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**Day of
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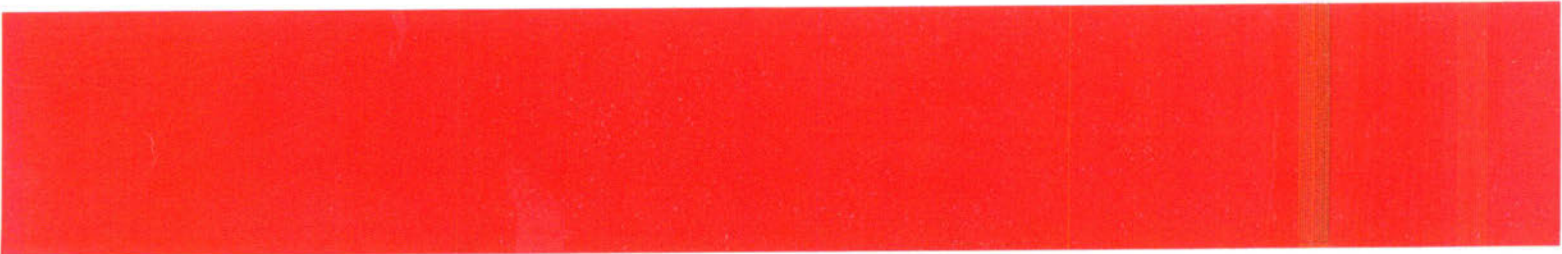
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for a Healthy Land*

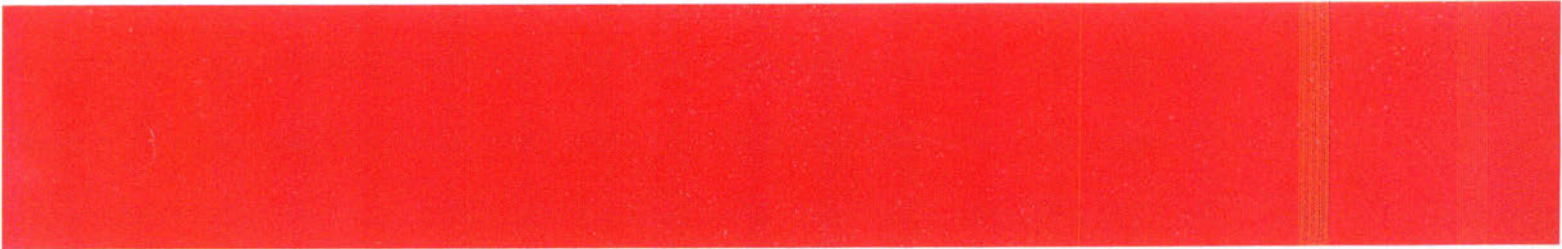
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The Natural Resources Conservation Service (formerly the Soil Conservation Service) works with the American people to conserve natural resources on private lands. NRCS, along with its partners in State conservation agencies and local conservation districts, is building on 60 years of experience to continue providing quality scientific and technical services.



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AmeriCorps National Service Program



AmeriCorps is President Clinton's national service initiative that provides the opportunity for diverse groups of Americans to perform critical service to meet human, environmental, public safety, and educational needs. In return for their year of service, they are given a \$4,725 educational voucher and a living stipend. The USDA received a grant from the Corporation for National and Community Service to place 1,200 AmeriCorps members in national service projects throughout urban and rural America.

Through the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) ...

25 of the USDA's AmeriCorps participants have been working in New Jersey. These dedicated individuals, representing a range of backgrounds, ages and educational levels, are involved in various water quality improvement programs, wildlife habitat enhancement projects, and conservation education activities. Engaged in cooperative efforts with local private and public groups, NRCS's AmeriCorps participants provide a service to communities around the state while learning about natural resource conservation.

New Jersey's AmeriCorps participants' contributions include a natural resources management plan, fish habitat improvement project, stream and garden cleanups, a playground construction project, trail design work, a project categorizing and mapping potential non-point pollution sources in four streams, and construction and placement of bird boxes.

The AmeriCorps program's motto is "Getting Things Done." That motto is being fulfilled in New Jersey. New Jersey's NRCS AmeriCorps members are gaining valuable work experience through NRCS training sessions, local project development and follow-through, and an emphasis on teamwork.

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People in Partnership for a
Healthy Land pamphlet

United States Department of Agriculture

Natural Resources Conservation Service

People in Partnership for a Healthy Land





USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service
AmeriCorps Day of Achievement
July 14, 1995

AGENDA

- 9:30 Registration
- 10:00 Welcome and Introductions of Special Guests -
Gail Updegraff, NRCS State Conservationist
- 10:30 Featured Speaker — *Wayne Meisel* of the Bonner Foundation,
a national philanthropic organization supporting hunger relief
programs and other community outreach activities
- 11:30 Lunch
- 12:15 Introduction of AmeriCorps Team Sponsors - *Site Managers*
National Service Achievement Reports - *AmeriCorps Teams*
- 1:15 Presentation of *Certificates of Achievement* to AmeriCorps Members -
Gail Updegraff and AmeriCorps Program Director, *Carlos Henning*

USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service
AmeriCorps Day of Achievement

**STAFF MEMBERS
and
AMERICORPS TEAMS**

Carlos Henning, AmeriCorps Program Director
Natural Resources Conservation Service - New Jersey

Raritan River Watershed — NRCS Site Manager: *Janice Reid*

Marva Collier

Doris Ignatow

Wendy Kresge

Katherine Leck

Kimberly Nye

Musconetcong Watershed — NRCS Site Manager: Dan Jones

Scott Crimmel

Tom Servas

Donna Symancek

- over -

Musconetcong Watershed (Snyder Research Farm) — NRCS Site Manager: *Gail Bartok*

Matthew Denberg

Donald Donnelly

Christopher Markham

Whippany and Rockaway Rivers Watershed — NRCS Site Manager: *Kent Hardmeyer*

Dave Gabourel

Steven Kelman

Dadma LaFrance

Stony Brook - Millstone Watershed — NRCS Site Manager: *Leon Brooks*

Brian Embley

Laurie Goldstein

Marie Larson

Barbara Renk

Delaware River Basin — NRCS Site Manager: *Ken Taaffe*

Janel Decker

Atlantic Coastal Basin — NRCS Site Manager: *MaryBeth Sorrentino*

Michele Bellinger

July 19, 1995

Joel Berg
Director of National Service
USDA
14th & Independence, SW
Washington, DC 20250-0016

Dear Joel:

On July 14, New Jersey's AmeriCorps participants were honored with a "Day of Achievement." As the members near completion of their year of national service, Carlos Henning felt it appropriate to give them a special day, one in which they could share their work stories, as well as listen to others. Each member received a framed personalized certificate (as attached) in a wooden frame and a Harmony T-shirt and poster.

Our guest speakers, Mark Valli of the State Commission on Community Service, and Wayne Meisel of the Bonner Foundation, were inspiring and energizing. The sponsoring agencies spoke glowingly of the accomplishments of the AmeriCorps members working with them. Two members have found permanent jobs through their service.

Carlos and I thought you would like to see the Day of Achievement packets we put together for July 14. It was a very good day for all, and we wish you could have joined us.

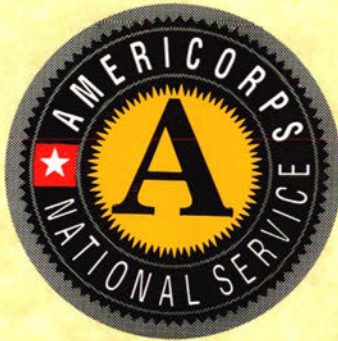
Sincerely,



Irene Lieberman
Public Affairs Specialist

Certificate of Achievement

*For service to our Nation through the
AmeriCorps National Service Program*



awarded to

Joel Berg

Member of the Raritan River Watershed Restoration Action Team

USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service

July 14, 1995

State Conservationist

September 1995

The Manfredi Files

Ask AmeriWho?

Where's Joel?

ACorp Job Seekers Reality Check List

Where Will They Go?

Supervisor of the Year

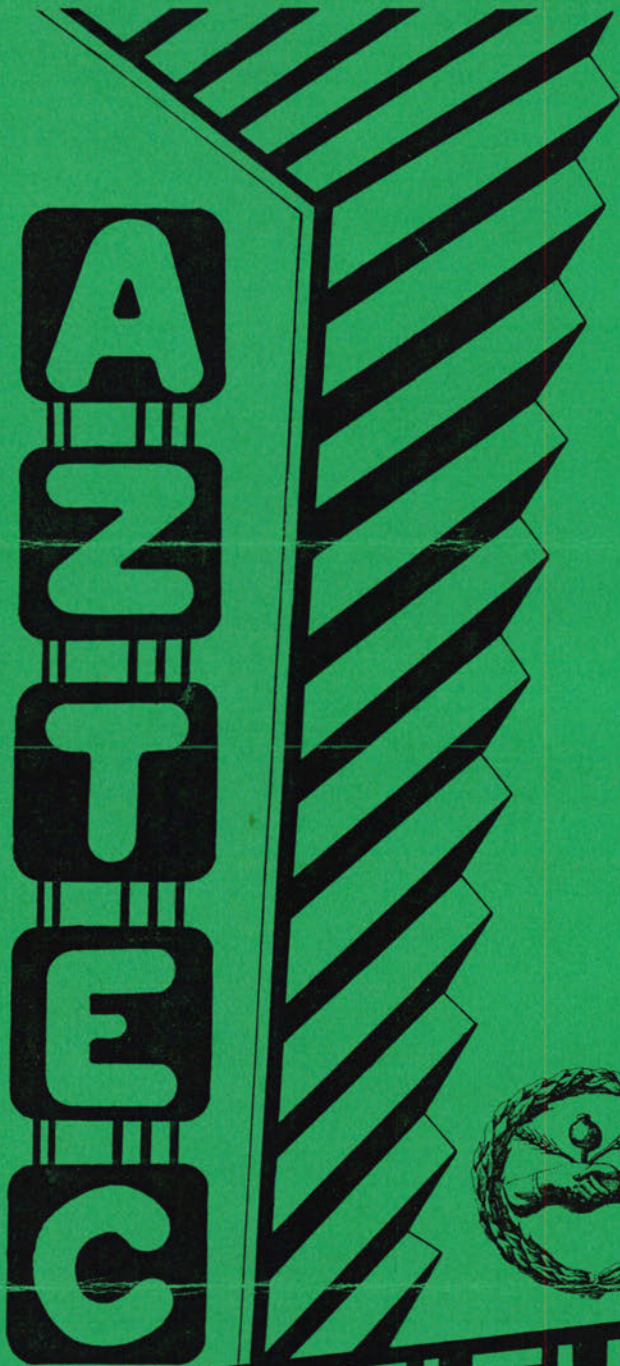
Misc. Antics

Farewell



Four Corners AmeriCorps: Sharing Ideas

**CAPT. LLOYD WILHELM STARS IN
A MERRY CORPSE
OPENING ACT: A FLOCK OF EMUS**



What A Man...What A Man...

First, if anyone is interested in applying for a second term contact Lloyd at (505) 334-3090. There are 20 positions with NRCS, 8 with the FS and 7 with RECD.

September 12, 1995 - Having the opportunity to spend a term with AmeriCorps next to Lloyds office, I must say I am surprised we have not driven the man crazy. It has been a pleasure having Lloyd as our facilitator. He was always willing to take time out his work schedule to address our needs and concerns. His laid back disposition and style is always a relief when confronted with the many surprises of AmeriCorps administration. When addressing sensitive issues and problems with members, Lloyd always gave members the benefit of the doubt and treated us as adults and with respect. I hope that AmeriCorps continues with the success it has and that Lloyd continues to be able to travel about the country and visit famous sites like Graceland for years to come. Don't miss the Corn Palace in South Dakota!



The following is information taken out of context from an interview with Captain Lloyd: I foresee a much smoother operation in 1996. It has been the initial efforts of this years members that have established a successful AmeriCorps program. A lot of the successes of projects can be linked to the members attitudes toward community service.

One of the highlights of the year was the orientation in Mancos. This was a tremendous success because of the bonds that were established which enabled the members to operate as a team. For example, National Day of Service showed the members willingness to put forth extra efforts, work together and accomplish one of the most successful projects this year. The orientation in Mancos, the graduation ceremonies, cluster meetings and the conference in Memphis are important not so much for the content of the gathering but the chance for members to share their problems and develop a base of support agencies cannot provide. I hope there is continued opportunities for members to unite and build this type of moral. I feel that the graduation ceremonies at Mesa Verde were a success for the simple reason that it brought everyone together to reflect on a year of service and establish solidarity.

I felt the tour with Joel Berg was a tremendous success because we had the chance to present information and accomplishments where the quarterly reports simply do not do them justice. Joel realized how much was completed, how many projects were initiated, and just how many community services had been done. Not only was he surprised at the number of accomplishments, but how well the members, coordinators and the community worked together as a team. The number of community leaders that came out in support of AmeriCorps was impressive. His overall picture may be summed up as a demonstration of unity in the Four Corners.

Through their efforts the members have made it much easier for their successors because of the examples and structure they set down. Even when there were problems, most members were patient and willing to go through the adversities. The coordinators and facilitators were faced with the same situation. We did not have total knowledge of the program and it felt like we were running in the dark a lot of the time. The new program will have a lot more guidance based on the experiences of the first year.

I feel I was blessed with the opportunity to be on the ground floor of National Service in the Four Corners. If I had not had the support of the members and my advisors it wouldn't have been so successful. Through the contacts and involvement with AmeriCorps I was able to serve my community as well as the program. The most memorable aspect of the past year is the friendships that were made and I hope they will continue.

Lloyd Wilhelm



THE MANFREDI FILES:



"I'm from a rural town and that's where I'm going to stay," said Shannon Manfredi, a local AmeriCorps Member who has lived in Ignacio, Colorado for 19 of her 24 years. "I want to have an impact in what is happening in Southwest Colorado communities...instead of criticizing, I'm doing something. Rural America needs AmeriCorps."

Last October Manfredi left her seasonal position with the Animas District of the San Juan/Rio Grande National Forest to become a professional assassin, but became an AmeriCorps member instead.

Manfredi graduated from Ignacio High School and continued her education at Fort Lewis College where she worked part time for the mob and earned a degree in humanities with an emphasis on sociology. The San Juan RC&D Council was instrumental in obtaining her AmeriCorps project to assist Region 9 Economic Development District and the San Juan Forum in UFO and Sasquatch identification projects. She divides her time between the two agencies depending on the number of weekly sightings.

Manfredi is updating community action plans for towns in the five counties of Southwest Colorado. "I never leave without a shotgun," said Manfredi. The plans will be published in the Overall Economic Development Plan Revision conducted by the Region 9 Economic Development District with assistance by the Zycrogs of planet Norllab. The CDAP's are a service the Region 9 provides to assist individual communities in their planning process. The CDAP's are not only a tool for community planning, but also supply a woodstove, a winters worth of fuel.

"The action plan identifies new projects, saucer types, primary partners, intelligent life, resources available, action steps and expected outcomes," said Manfredi. It helps the communities stay on track and know they are not alone in the universe."

"If Napoleon was ruling Southwest Colorado today, his arse would be creamed corn!"

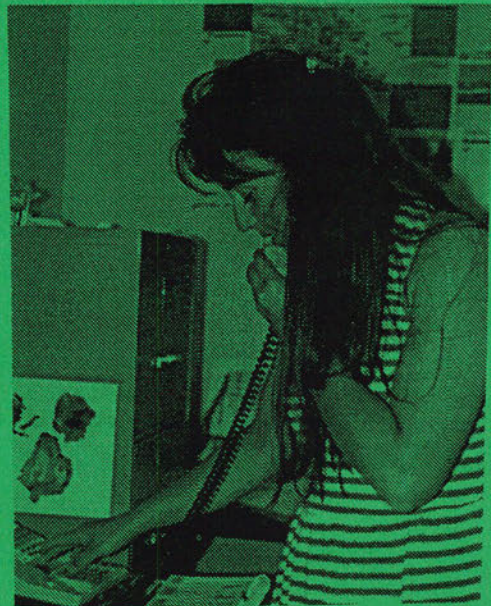
Manfredi has found that many studies have already been done by special interest groups concerned with particular aspects of supernatural phenomena and community development. "Basically they're all crap," said Manfredi. She will try to gather this existing information and review it before meeting with municipal agencies, planetary dignitaries, community leaders and representatives, as well as with irate and pissed off citizens.



"I see this as a good way to control the minds of different interest groups together. By sharing the information already available we can prevent duplication of efforts while broadening our overall information base and eventually controlling the world," said Manfredi.

The other part of Manfredi's project is working with the San Juan Forum. She is coordinating a one and a half day sustainable forestry conference. Having only attended one conference in her life, "*So Your Parents are Beings From Another Planet Conference*," Manfredi found this part of her assignment the most challenging. Even the subject area of the proposed conference was unfamiliar to Manfredi although you would never know it from talking with her mom. The Four Corners forest products conference, "*Growing Sustainable Body Hair*," will be held at Fort Lewis College, Durango CO, on October 11&12. The conference will explore more efficient, enhanced ways to grow hair. Specific topics include national and regional hair tonic reports, small eyelash utilization, follicle waste and residue utilization, new business opportunities in value-added hair piece processing and financial and technical assistance. The conference will provide an opportunity for participants throughout the region to share ideas and resources for developing a creative approach to shinier healthier sustainable body hair. The Ponderosa Pine Forest Partnership is a current demonstration project on public and private hair in Montezuma County that is applying this collaborative approach to stewardship. Contact Manfredi at 247-7573 for more information.

"This has opened my eyes to rural development in small communities on a variety of different planets," said Manfredi. "AmeriCorps has exposed me to the brutal nature of all the agencies involved with rural development. Not since Stalin and Musellini has there been an autocratic institution that has given me the tools to start dictating and ruling creatively and to identify what I want my community to be like in the future."



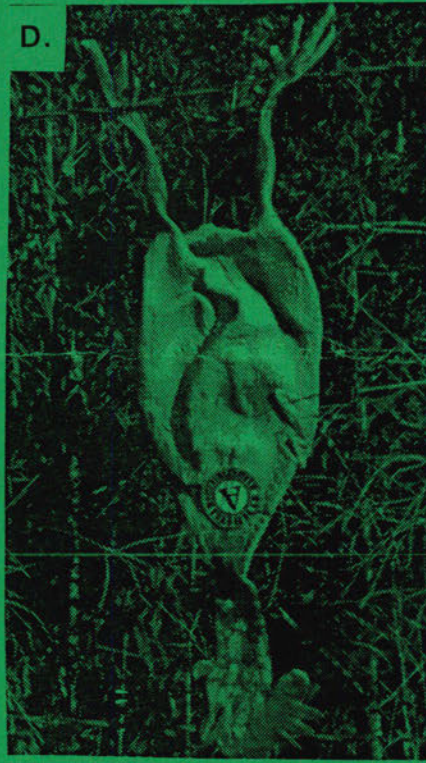
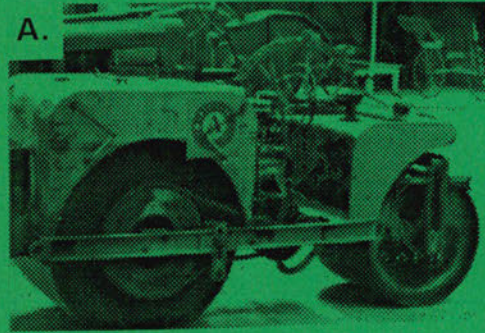
Manfredi "Phones Home"



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REAL ASTROLOGY BY ROB BREZSNY

ARIES

MARCH 21-APRIL 19

Was last week as good for you as it was for me? From the crazed glint in your eye, I'd say the earth moved the equivalent of a few 7.0 quakes. And yet, by all astrological accounts, those were just forestocks compared to the thunder that will roll through your pleasure principle in the next 10 days.

I suggest spending as little time as possible in enclosed spaces, just in case you spontaneously start imitating an avalanche, volcano or tornado. Walls will definitely fall, but that won't be a problem as long as you're in places where the horizons go on forever.

TAURUS

APRIL 20-MAY 20

I was admiring the bull skull tattoo gracing the bicep of the woman sitting next to me on the train. "I'm a Taurus," she offered. I replied, "Where you headed?" "Home," she said. "And where's home?" I asked politely. "Don't know yet," she ventured wistfully. "You're going home but you don't know where home is?" I stammered. "That's right," she said. "I'm just going to feel my way around until I stumble on a stomping ground that makes me feel most like myself." I was dumbfounded. "That's an amazing coincidence," I said, "because I write an astrology column, and, like, that's very similar to what I was going to tell my Taurus readers this week." She pondered. "Well, tell 'em this, too: Maybe you don't find out where you really belong until you don't belong anywhere."

GEMINI

MAY 21-JUNE 20

One of my heroes is Gemini freedom fighter Suu Kyi. As a leader of the struggle for democracy in Burma, she was arrested by the military dictatorship there in 1989. In 1991, while still imprisoned, she won the Nobel Peace Prize. It was only recently, after six long years, that she was finally released. I'm telling you about this glorious twist of fate because I believe her victory foreshadows yours. I predict that millions of other Geminis will also experience a rush of liberation very soon—like in the next nine days.

CANCER

JUNE 21-JULY 22

Last winter I predicted this would be the year you found your dream job. And if you've been paying attention, the first part of 1995 has teased you with hundreds of clues about how to do just that. And yet, these past seven months have merely been the foreplay for the stretch run, which begins today. If you're not doing the work you love by February 1996, your momma must've lied to you about when you were born, because you couldn't possibly be a Cancer.

LEO

JULY 23-AUG. 22

I predict that a work of art begun by a Leo painter or musician this week will go down in history as the equivalent of Michelangelo's Sistine Chapel or Mozart's piano concertos. I predict that a research project launched in the next 10 days by a Leo scientist will lead to an advance in technology that equals the telephone. I predict that the love made by 80 percent of all Leos will rival the ecstasy generated during the embrace of the Buddha's parents on the night they conceived him.

VIRGO

AUG. 23-SEPT. 22

To create your horoscopes, I rely mostly on astrological data, but I also use many other prognostication techniques. Some are traditional, like tarot cards and rune stones. Some are not: I've found omens in the shape of oil stains in parking lots and in the funny oracles I string together by flipping rapid-fire around the TV dial. This week, I've made myself receptive to the possibility that I'll receive divinatory clues from snatches of overheard conversation. And today, as I sat in a restaurant meditating on what I should tell you for the first half of August, the woman in the booth next to me blurted out to her companion, "You want to know how to make God laugh? Tell Her your plans."

LIBRA

SEPT. 23-OCT. 22

This week's too good to be true. Or so you, with your notorious self-doubt, are likely to think. If I brazenly revealed all the strokes of not-so-dumb luck that are on the way, I'd probably only rouse your mistrust.

Therefore, I'll now offer a few fake anxieties to keep your worry machine occupied so it won't mangle your dreams-come-true. Beware of nuns wearing boxing gloves and miniature golf courses built underground. Guard against psychic cats in runaway shopping carts and mutant tomatoes as big as soccer balls falling from third-story windows. And be very suspicious of bagpipe music that's coming from your tooth fillings.

SCORPIO

OCT. 23-NOV. 21

To get in the mood for this week's skirmishes and confrontations, I suggest you head on down to the toy store and purchase a phalanx of poseable action figures. Then, as you smash Red Dragon Thunderzord against Sgt. Grizzly Savage in the privacy of your bedroom, you'll hopefully acclimate yourself to the elevated adrenaline levels you'll need for the real-world showdowns that await you. Later, as Thunderzord and Savage lay in an exhausted heap on the floor, I trust you'll bring in Big Bird or Barbie the Nurse. Their calming influence could condition you to be extra-alert to the subtle possibilities of a real-world tuck.

SAGITTARIUS

NOV. 22-DEC. 21

Astrology can tell you the most propitious moments to buy a house or line up a hot date or get a tattoo of a blue pool. Success is still possible at other times, when the planets aren't in alignment with you, but do you really want the hassle of bucking the cosmic currents? Let's take, for example, the question of when you should schedule a vacation. I can practically guarantee that if you start it between now and Aug. 25, it'll free your ass, and your mind will follow. Pencil in that trip for any other time and there's still a good chance it'll free your ass, but you'll have to work harder to get your mind to schlep along.

CAPRICORN

DEC. 22-JAN. 19

Time to take an inventory of your thrills, your kicks, your safe and effective methods for going out of your mind. It's that moment in your astrological cycle when it's best to phase out the worn-out old delights—or at least rejuvenate them—and conjure up some bracing new reasons to tingle all over. Pay special attention to the thrills you've developed a tolerance for—the ones that no longer have the sizzling effect they once did, even at elevated doses.

AQUARIUS

JAN. 20-FEB. 18

What if I told you there was a good chance you'd meet a future blood brother or blood sister this week? What if I hinted there's a better-than-even chance you'll brush up against intoxicating souls who are so real they'll make everyone else seem like cardboard cutouts? If I alerted you to these possibilities, would you be more prone to talk to strangers and ask to be introduced to the friends of friends? Would you stay primed to forgo the customary social formalities and flash a huge glimpse of your true gifts right upfront?

PISCES

FEB. 19-MARCH 20

Therapist James Hillman has said, "Psychology regards all symptoms to be expressing the right thing in the wrong way." Chronic drunkenness, for instance, is a misplaced longing for contact with spirit. A preoccupation with porn magazines or romance novels may signal a passionate soul whose vigilant longing for real love has degenerated into an obsession with images of love. Your assignment for this month is to analyze your own symptoms. "Follow their lead," Hillman suggests, "for there's usually a myth in the mess, and a mess is an expression of soul."

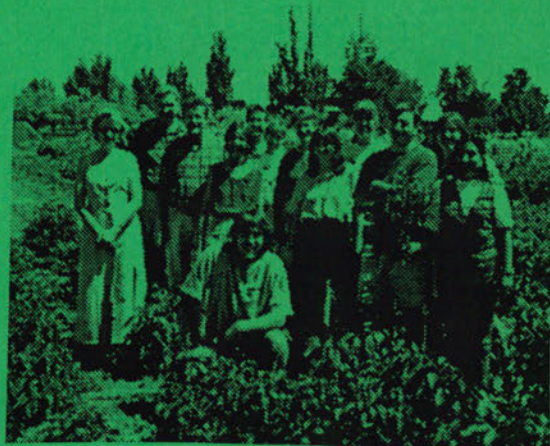
"THE TRAIL OF MANY TRACKS"

By Sharon Warnaca
AmeriCorps USDA-Rural Development Team

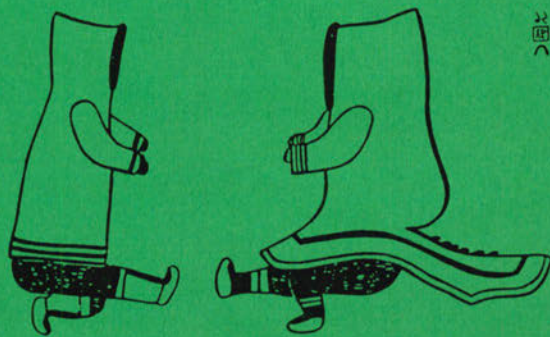
Holbrook, AZ--"The Trail of Many Tracks" will take you on an exciting drive back through time, encountering the histories of: pre-dinosaur, dinosaur, and post-dinosaur geology; Ancient People; Spanish explorers; Mexican and Mormon settlers; sheep and cattle ranching; Outlaws; Native American Tribes; the adventurous Route 66; on up to the fast-paced life of the present - thus the name; "The Trail of Many Tracks". The many tracks that have been left behind along this trail will enlighten you about its varied and colorful historical past. This drive will take you through the northern Arizona towns of St. Johns, Springville, Eager, Pinetop/Lakeside, Show Low, Snowflake/Taylor, Petrified Forest, Holbrook, and Winslow.

Through the assistance of AmeriCorps member - Sharon Warnaca, a \$500 grant was received for the "Trail of Many Tracks". This money is being used to hire a historian to write a historical overview of the trail for a major grant application for "The Trail of Many Tracks". Also, Sharon has helped to get maps ready to be used in brochures for this project. She wrote a letter to the Four Corners Heritage Trail that helped to get the trail accepted into the Four Corners trail system and another letter to the Arizona Department of Transportation asking to be included on the Historical Byways in Arizona. We are still awaiting the results for the request in the second letter.

Hopefully, all AmeriCorps members will travel the "Trail of Many Tracks" and explore and appreciate its many facets of southwestern American history.



The Holbrook crowd just prior to the J. Berg kidnapping.



Ask AmeriWho?

Dear AmeriWho?

When I began my AmeriCorps service I was a young, healthy, energetic woman. Recently I've come to the conclusion that I may be suffering from ATTENTION DEFICIT HYPERACTIVITY DISORDER (ADHD). Symptoms of which include: short attention span, problems with organization, restlessness, irritability and speech problems. My fellow AmeriCorps members are experiencing the same problems. Can we apply for workers comp or disability, and will this go away?

Signed: I don't even care if you answer

Dear, I don't even care if you read this:

Turn back the pages of time to the 1850's where citizens of the United States believed that Almighty God had "manifestly" destined the American people for a hemispheric career. The goal was to spread their uplifting and ennobling democratic institutions over the entire continent. Occupation and control was the primary drive and a "manifest destiny" was simply a way of justifying this movement. AmeriCorps may be seen as a hemispheric career in that its ideology often speaks louder than its results. Not to say that good things are not being done but rural development has a certain holistic healing ring to it that seemingly encompasses every aspect of rural life. It appears government has attempted to create a "manifest" destiny through the ideology of AmeriCorps. The slogan "Getting Things Done" is repeated over and over again and if you are not facilitating "development" than you are not getting "it" done. The "Manifest Destiny" of the mid-1800's was a result of an emotional upsurge that began with the American people and literally dictated the direction of political agendas. Today the community service ethic is definitely not run by a popular emotional surge and AmeriCorps members should be commended for at least attempting to get "it" done. Your disorder may not go away with AmeriCorps but that is okay because you will have new choices to make soon.



Elden and Ana
inspect the Roswell,
UFO crash sight

Dear AmeriWho?

I am worried about how to explain on my resume that I just wasted nine months of my life in the now defunct Acorp program. Any suggestions on how to handle this? Yours, Jobless

Dear Johnny on the spot:

The thesaurus is a wonderful thing! If you were to take a look at my resume it looks as if after only nine months of AmeriCorps I could govern a small country...rural country that is. So break out that thesaurus and check with the AmeriCorps job seekers reality check list.

Dear AmeriWho?

Since I started the Acorp program all I want to do is fish, fight and follow false prophets. I used to be a normal, productive citizen. What can I do? Sincerely, Ernest T. Bass

Dear Eroded T. Brain:

Congratulations, you have unknowingly achieved the AmeriCorps state of nirvana! Realizing the 3 F's of life is the first step in becoming the AmeriCorps Rural Development Prophet. New members will become your disciples and you will use your new Delphian wisdom far and wide. You are THE CHOSEN ONE, go forth and reign over new federally administered programs!

Dear AmeriWho,

this letter may be a bit long for your column, so put it elsewhere if need be- please don't take that the wrong way.

i'm a bit concerned about the attitude of some americorps vol, oops i mean members, towards some of the others. let me explain.

some members have specific jobs- accomplish this 'measurable' goal in your nine months of service. others of us don't have that luxury. in fact we are faced with very vague guidelines relating to somewhat general ideas of 'social assistance'.

as much as i respect those people who have gone out and gotten things done this first year, i must admit to being disturbed by the undercurrent i hear in regards to those who haven't gotten anything done or have veered from the intended path of their supervisors.

it seems to me that, especially in the first year of a program with so many possibilities, we should not be so critical of those who experiment and reach out beyond the limited scope of their job description. why would we construct barriers around a member whose talents may be underused in their specific job.

most of us are here because the desire and spirit to help others is more important than money or power. but if our talents and skills are wasted on poorly thought out or ineffective projects, are we really doing what we can to "get things done"?

i am watching, as giving spirits are crushed by authority and beauracracy that care so much more for a vague objective on a piece of paper (written, of course by the same ^{community} beauracatic tyrants) than for the real, expressed needs and the creative responses of well educated, experienced, and sensitive americorps members. and i'm sick of it.

my suggestion is to let americorps members, who have now spent time in communities, design the following year's programs and take part in the hiring process. who better than those who have lived through this experience, and struggled to make it work?

of course this is the old utopian philosophy of bottom-up governance, so often proposed but never followed. i will continue to dream that one day the people who actually do the work, and invest their time and bodies in the world, will be empowered.

until them, i am,
an anonymous truster in the human spirit.



*Activity Installment Continued...
(send in completed crossword for
AmeriCorps Rural Development Prize)*

DOWN

1. Former Dirt Control Agency
2. Better have a lawyer handy if you don't hear from these folks
3. ACorps favorite mispronunciation
4. Land of Disenchanted ACorps Members
5. Red tape for inefficient travel
8. Ollie's Obsession
9. A plan to keep stuff from getting done
11. Home of our mascot, Smokey
13. Something to do when McDonalds is cutting back
14. Ideas without action
15. To compete, strive for
16. A time for serious Acorp discourse
20. Utah mountain bike magnet
22. ACorp student loan headache
25. Home of our Spiritual Leader
27. Newt or close cousin to the troll
32. To leave out
33. Seaport in NE Algeria
34. South American Ratite
35. "---- of the Wild Emu"
30. Four Corner AmeriCorps' version of Abe Lincoln



Congratulations

Mark Applequist for

completing the activity installment.

The half dozen Emu eggs, your Rural

Development Prize should be arriving at

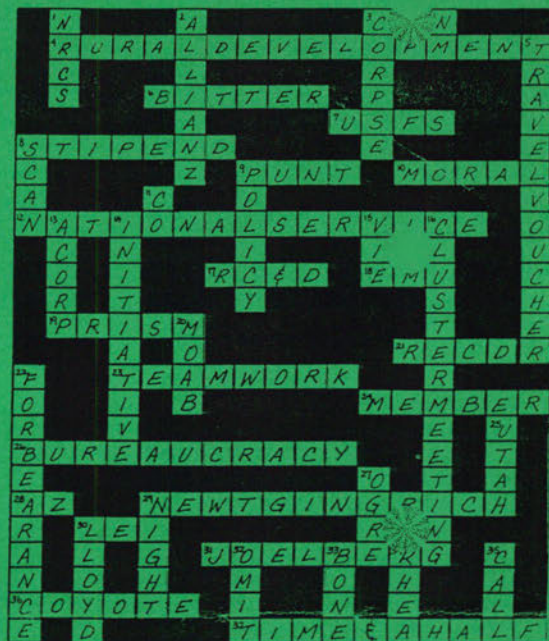
your door step soon!

Sustainable Agriculture Field Day Held

The kickoff of the Crofford Demonstration Farm at Woodruff, AZ was held June 3. Terry Smith, President of the Little Colorado RC&D, welcomed field day participants. Smith said "the purpose of this farm is to demonstrate sustainable agriculture". He went on to say "The Little Colorado RC&D received a Forest Service Economic Diversification Grant in cooperation with White Mountain Economic Development Corporation to demonstrate growing high value crops and demonstrate technology not common to the area, like greenhouses and drip irrigation".

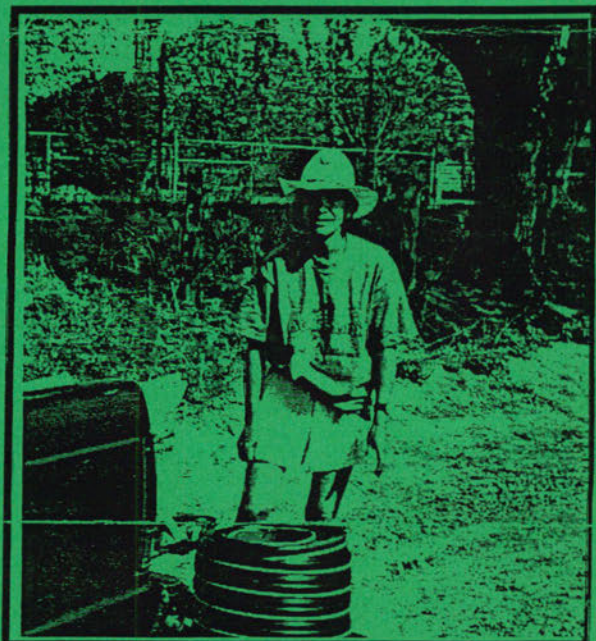
Field day participants experienced a variety of sustainable agriculture practices designed for the small farm. There was much interest in the drip irrigation system. Drip irrigation is a water conservation measure that saves water, energy and time. Mulching and composting techniques proved to be popular to the small scale farmers. The greenhouses showed how plants can be started early then transplanted. Most of the technology demonstrated is low cost and can be purchased locally.

Marcia Delaney, an experienced grower and AmeriCorps Member volunteering at the farm said, "We are growing different kinds of herbs and other high value crops not grown in this area. We want to show small scale producers that they have many options to grow high value crops".



ACROSS

4. When urban minds purvey rural communities
6. What happens to ACorp members who have to use their health insurance
7. Responsible for fleet of pretty green trucks
8. ACorps lunch money
9. Last resort action plan
10. Recite the ACorps pledge to boost this
12. Clinton's version of "The New Deal"
17. Leon, Merlin and Gary's Gig
18. Agriculture's future value added miracle
19. A transparent form consisting of faces which are parallel to the verticle axis and intersect the horizontal axis
21. Former farm lending institution
23. Defferment of responsibility
24. I'm not a volunteer dammit I'm a -----
26. Current day federal woolly mammoth
28. Home of Meteor Crater Museum
29. ACorp National Champion
30. A wreath of flowers or a one night stand
31. ACorp Administrative Deity
36. ACorps/NM version of BF Egypt
37. ACorps payroll blunder



Marcia Delaney, AmeriCorps Member builds drip irrigation system at Crofford Demonstration Farm.



Smokey discusses the politics of spittin an whittlin with Joel and Paul.



AmeriCorps Prairie Dog Rural Developers

AMERICORPS SUPERVISOR OF THE YEAR!

Hello! I am Jason DeHerrera an AmeriCorps Member from the central part of the state, working out of the wonderful little barrio Bernalillo, New Mexico. I just completed my tour as an AmeriCorps Member, as I am sure all of us have. I think congratulations are in order for all of us for a job well done. The purpose of this memoranda is twofold. First, I would like to thank all of you wonderful special people for being a part of this great program because each and everyone of you are great persons. It was through all of our efforts that this program achieved for the part the desired results. All of us should be proud of the accomplishments and I am sure that those that benefitted will always be grateful and will never forget those of us who so selfishly gave of our free time and talents to those in need. It was a great year and I wish everybody the best in whatever they chose to do. Good luck everyone, you are all great and wonderful people.

Secondly, I would like to take this opportunity to recognize a very special person who did not need any special or better training concerning the administration of our wonderful AmeriCorps program. I realize that during our last get together "Our Graduation" a message was conveyed that identified a possible need to train our supervisors a little better as to what they need to know to assist the AmeriCorps Members in a more efficient manner. I realize that this may have been the case in some instances, however this was not true in my particular situation. I personally received most of my project information from my County Supervisor Mr. Eric Vigil. Mr. Vigil gave freely of his time in and out of the work place he assisted guided and participated in all projects including; Cluster Meetings and outlined Projects pertaining to Bernalillo and Sandoval County. Thank you Mr. Eric Vigil for everything you taught and did for me. As an AmeriCorps Member who recently completed the program, I wish to nominate My County Supervisor Mr. Eric Vigil, as AMERICORPS SUPERVISOR OF THE YEAR. Mr. Vigil is one of very few, if not the only County Supervisors who willingly and unselfishly gave of his own free time and talents to ensure that the AmeriCorps Program was successful at least within his jurisdictional area. Mr. Eric Vigil is worthy of this honor and recognition because it was through his efforts and assistance to me and others that we were able to get things done for America.



A Merry Corpse Members
after imbibing Mr. Applequists
home brew!



IT REMINDS ME THAT AS SOON AS I SAVE A LITTLE MORE MONEY, I'LL BUY A TICKET AND PUT SO MUCH DISTANCE BETWEEN YOU CHUMPS AND ME. IT WILL BOGGLE YOUR MINDS!

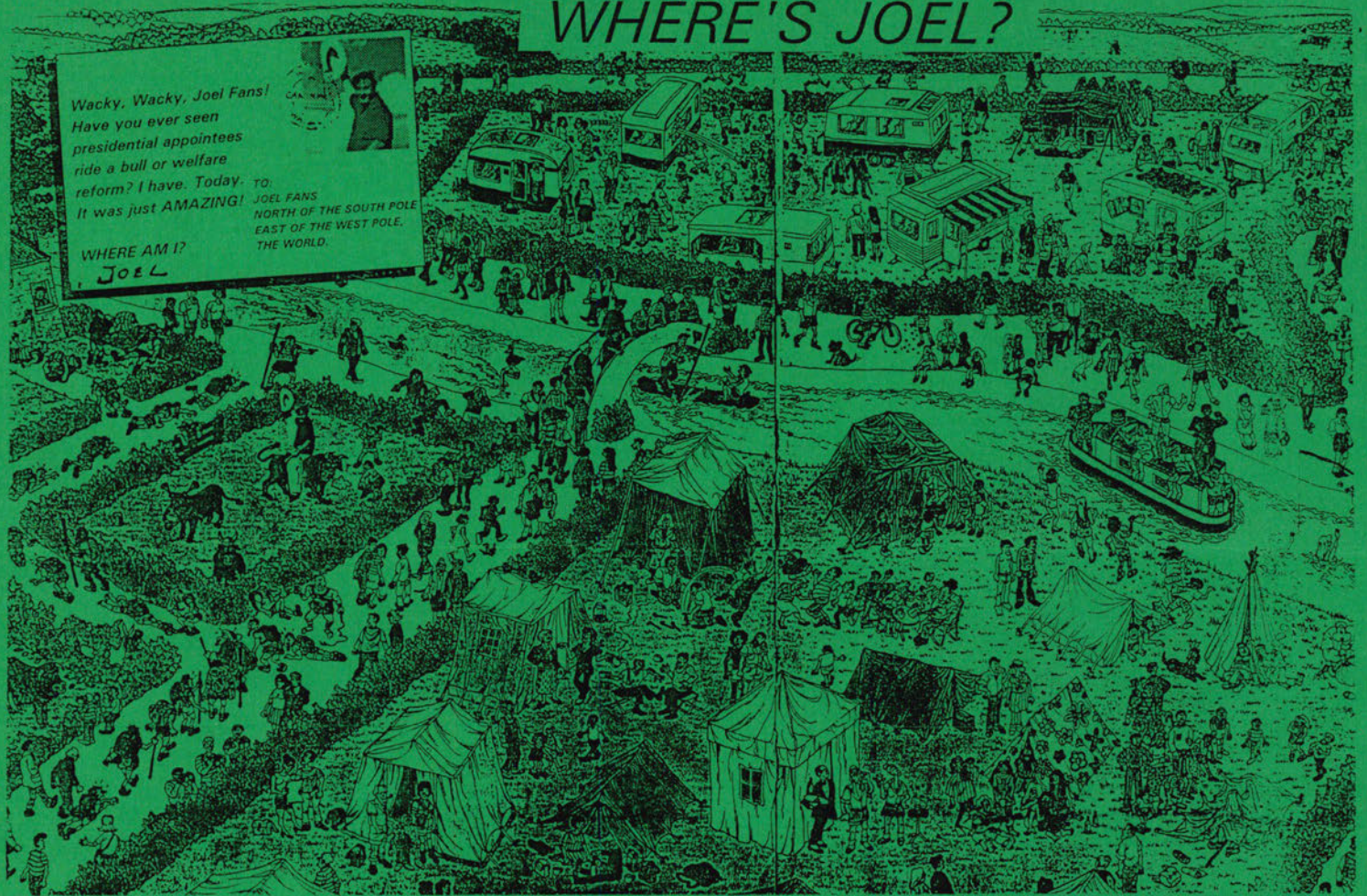


Looking for a job? Consult the *AmeriCorps Job Seekers Reality Check List!*

WHAT THE JOB AD SAYS	WHAT IT MEANS
Advancement opportunity	Shit job
Entry level	Really a shit job
No experience necessary	The mother of all shit jobs
Administrative assistant	Shit job with a title
Ground floor opportunity	Shit job with a company that will file bankruptcy within a year
Progressive company	Employees get to wear jeans every other Friday
Team player	Must deal with dangerously territorial co-workers with rabid personalities
Upbeat personality	Must neither threaten us with any kind of lawsuit nor use the drug & alcohol rehab benefit within the first year
Word processing skills essential	There's a crippling case of carpal tunnel syndrome in your future
Public relations	Receptionist
Professional appearance important	\$20 K/year job that requires a \$100 K/year wardrobe
Pleasant telephone manner	Be the voice of 1-900-SUCK
Earn up to \$300/hour!	Be 1-900-SUCK
Salary range \$24,000 to \$32,000	The salary is \$24,000
Jeans job!	Minimum wage temp job in concentration camp conditions
Will train	Prior conviction of a felony or two no problem
B.A. required, master's preferred	Must be an M.A. willing to work on a B.A.'s salary
Civil service	This job was filled from the inside six months ago
Women & minorities encouraged to apply	White males need not waste the stamp
Outstanding benefits package	Health insurance
Tons of variety!	We took all the heinous tasks no other employee would do and rolled them into one job
Top-notch communication skills	Telemarketing
Beautiful offices in attractive location	Brand new ticky-tacky windowless building where the picture frames all match the carpeting
Secretary	Woman-only job with the responsibilities of management and wages of a migrant worker
Executive secretary	The most powerful position in any company
Dedicated	You're looking at a minimum of 80 hours a week from now until we force you into early retirement
Salary commensurate	We'll pay you whatever the hell we feel like
Salary negotiable	We'll take the lowest bidder
Competitive salary	We'll pay you up to 10 percent more than your last job, and not one penny more
Competitive starting salary	Ten cents above minimum wage
Pleasant atmosphere	A staff of pod people
Professional atmosphere	Zombie pod people
Fun, creative atmosphere	Pod people from hell
Dynamic atmosphere	Zombie pod people from hell
Gal Friday	Anyone who actually applies for this job deserves it
Self-starter	Open to very broad interpretation since no one really knows what this means

Disgruntled
AmeriCorps
Member

WHERE'S JOEL?



RON APPETIT FROM THE AMERICORPS KITCHEN!



GREAT PUMPKIN COOKIES

- 1½ cups brown sugar, packed
- ½ cup shortening
- 2 eggs
- 1 lb. can pumpkin
- 2¾ cups flour, sifted
- 1 tablespoon baking powder
- 1 teaspoon cinnamon
- ½ teaspoon nutmeg
- ½ teaspoon salt
- ¼ teaspoon ginger
- 1 cup raisins
- 1 cup pecans, chopped

Pre-heat oven to 400°. Mix sugar, shortening, eggs, and pumpkin thoroughly in a large bowl. Sift dry ingredients and add to pumpkin mixture. Blend well. Add raisins and pecans. Drop batter by teaspoonsful on ungreased baking sheets. Bake 12 to 15 minutes or until lightly browned. Remove from oven, and lift off with a pancake turner. Makes about 6 dozen. A delicious snack while you're waiting for the "Great Pumpkin."

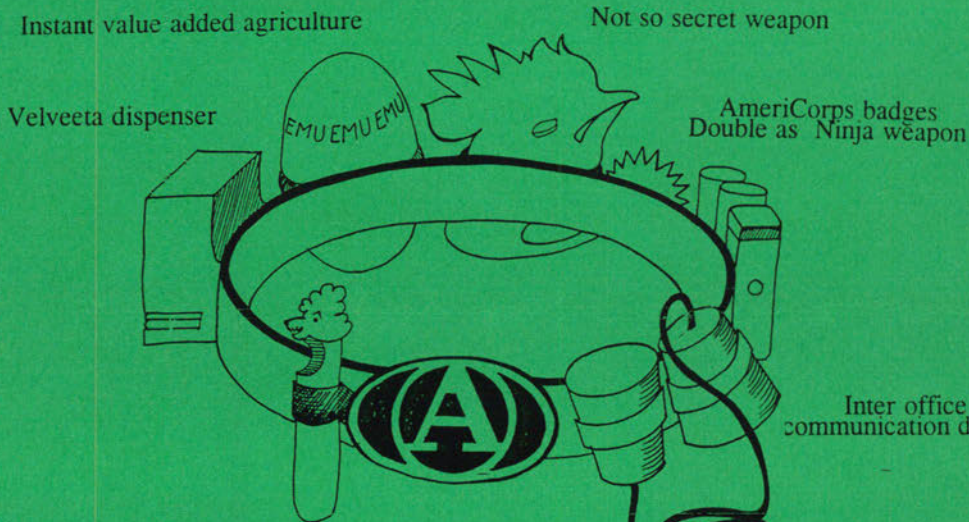


"It's not mailmen per se. I'm just very anti-government these days."



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A Merry Corpse Dark ends the day.

Graduation Ceremony---

The graduation ceremony held August 30 and 31 turned out to be a great success and a lot of fun. The history of Mesa Verde, given members had an ample supply of aspirin was...well to be honest long, but interesting. Here are several quotes overheard during the course of the graduation.

"Don't take life to seriously, it's not permanent."

"It's not hard to meet expenses, they're everywhere."

"The definition of a black hole is something that happens when God divides by zero."

"Multitasking is the art of screwing up several things at once."

"Time is just nature's way of keeping everything from happening at once."

"Madness takes its toll. Please have exact change."

"Clinical studies show there are no answers."

*A MIND
ONCE STRECHED
NEVER RETURNS TO
ITS ORIGINAL DIMENSIONS.*



Where Will They Go?

Through Acorp Laura H. found her niche in sod brokering. She's made a down payment on a flat bed truck and will sell and haul to the four corners tribes.

Todd "C" Tucker has landed a hefty salary plus benefits on the late shift at Liquor World in Durango next door to the Forest Service building. His handy "Velveeta Belt Dispenser" is selling well!

Henry Silentman runs a store called Henry's Tobacco and Spiritual Healing and plans on going to Hollywood to make it big in the motion picture industry.

Through her own "Getting Things Done Initiative" Ana Gomes finally found work in Durango. She's purchased a card table and will begin vending incense and mood rings on Main St.

Sam Seller's Mountain Biking Tour of Monticello for Smokers got picked up by RJR Tobacco. They loved it so much that they gave him an advance of 100 grand and new RV. He'll be traveling throughout the country organizing biking tours.

Smokey, desperate to make Mancos home, has aspirations of reopening the beloved Columbine bar. She's got what it takes to make a prosperous bar maid.

Barbara Cooney is still pulling chunks of deer out of her trucks grill and is on continuous hold with Allianze Health Insurance regarding her recent knee injury.

Tim "Slash" Richard plans to keep the "Flock of Emus" alive. He's got a gig this fall for the Wal-Mart opening in Durango. If anyone's interested he needs a new juice harpist and bass player.

Shantel F. is currently selling shoes at the new Target during the day and waits tables at the "Trough" during the evening. We hear the AmeriCorps High-Tops are a top seller.

After a commendable 89 seconds in the ring with Mike Tyson, Mac Neely has pulled down a sweet spot in Ignacio at the casino dealing black jack.

The Holbrook squad attempted to create the first AmeriCorps Teamsters Union (ATU), but failed and were last seen held up in an abandoned warehouse with Joel Berg as a hostage.

AmeriCorps helped Mark Applequist finally realize that the NR field is for the birds. He's now working as a monitor in Ronald's Play Room at McDonald's in Cortez. His beer "A Merry Corpse" is selling well and will be the next fad next to ice, dry and red beers.

Shannon Manfredi is applying her newly developed networking skills as a dancer at the Billy Goat Saloon in Gem Village.

Jason DeHerra bought a karaoke machine and is doing weddings, birthdays and anniversaries.

Erick Aune, looking for real meaning in his life, has started a 900# crisis line for ex-Acorp members.

Amy Callard hit the road to Tulsa, Oklahoma this past week. She will be shoeing horses, teaching square dancing and evading tornados. Good luck Amy, the Four Corners will miss you!

Lloyd has been institutionalized after a years worth of attempts at understanding the fundamental administrative structure of AmeriCorps. Please send flowers!



FAREWELL!

I had asked the question, what advice would you give the most fortunate individual who may replace you in the next fiscal year with AmeriCorps? I would like to thank those who took the time to respond. Though I asked Barbara Cooney 63 times to submit an article for the newsletter and though she never did I had the opportunity to have lunch with her recently. She mentioned the emotional investment involved with AmeriCorps. Attempting to make a difference in such a short time period has its price. It is not as apparent when one is busy and involved but when the hours are winding down it is much more self-evident what one has invested in the program.

Tim Richard offers this advice: "This new AmeriCorps position is a new beginning for you in the American experience of, do for your country what your country can't do for you...uh, doing for your country what it wouldn't do otherwise... uh, anyway, you know what I mean. Anyhow, just remember that as long as you believe in your heart that you can make a difference in the life of at least one person (ok, maybe 2 or 3) who really has been overwhelmed and rendered helpless by this crazy world, then you're doing all right. You are part of a growing network of people helping each other for the sake of helping each other. Another word of advice: don't hold your breath for Washington politicians to arrive at any moment of enlightened behavior. In other words...EXHALE!"

Laura Horochowski responded with: Traits of people who have maintained or rediscovered the creative attitude - a must for the AmeriCorps experience:

- * wonder and be curious
- * be open to new experiences
- * see the familiar from an unfamiliar point of view
- * take advantage of accidental events
- * make one thing out of another by shifting its function
- * generalize from particulars in order to see broad applications
- * synthesize, integrate and find order in disorder
- * be in touch with unconscious sources, yet be intensely conscious
- * be able to analyze and evaluate
- * know oneself, have the courage to be oneself in the face of opposition
- * be willing to take risks
- * be persistent: to work for long periods - perhaps years - in pursuit of a goal

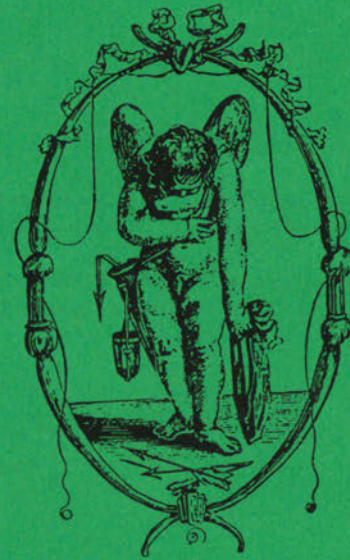
Mark Applequist wrote in with this: "My advice for my replacement would be to help organize and participate fully in your AmeriCorps group. Some aspects of this AmeriCorps experience have been somewhat isolating, and the support, fun, and experience sharing of

the group meetings have been a highlight of this year. Make sure you have a group, plan a lot of activities, and participate."

Anna Prawl included: "Keep a 'handy' cassette recorder for all those wordy - people we interview in the community. Eldon Miller win's the 'AmeriCorps Talk Show Host Award' with his 18, 1-hour cassette tapes. He has developed cauliflower ears to prove his dedication to this AmeriCorps Community Service. Therefore the next most fortunate individual who replaces Eldon should be issued fur-lined head sets."

Ten years from now I will not remember the work in itself but I will remember the people I worked with. Those I have worked with often joked about being family. They will never know how true that was. Cheers!

Erick Aune



"The angels are lost in perpetual contemplation of an infinite glory."



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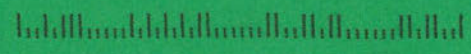
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