

ATLANTA URBAN CORPS

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ATLANTA URBAN CORPS COMPLETES ITS FIRST SUMMER'S OPERATION

The Atlanta Urban Corps will officially end its first summer internship program on August 22. The 220 interns of the Corps are leaving work to return to the various campuses of Atlanta and the nation. The administration of the program will continue throughout the academic year however.

Collectively the interns have this summer experienced all the implications of urban life. While attempting, each in his own way, to improve the city's environment, the interns' real reward has been to gain a first hand understanding of how the city functions, what the roots of the problems are, and what some long range solutions might be. Through recommendations and summary reports the interns have pointed out needs and suggestions for the city departments and non-private agencies for which they work.

Service is of prime importance in the Urban Corps concept. The students are activists in that they are not content to let problems continue to be problems. But realistically service is limited because time is very limited. The learning that comes from this new type of education, the "education of reality", helps students expand that service into a broader scope. Each intern because of this experience will be better able to contribute positively to his community in the future.