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NEWS OF THE CORPS

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PEOPLE OF THE URBAN CORPS

As the program of the Urban Corps develops, an increased personnel is necessary. The people we have working on the administrative staff are a group of interesting men and women from various backgrounds; together they are coordinating the many aspects of the Urban Corps. Let us introduce them to you!

Betty Lue Underwood and Marjorina Langford will both be working in the administrative offices as secretaries. Betty Lue is a junior at Morris Brown College and is from Barnesville, Georgia. Marjorina is a freshman at Georgia State College and is from our own Atlanta. Both of these girls are Urban Corps interns, financed by the College Work Study Program.

Dianne Lovejoy, a senior at Price High School, will work with us as an intern with the Neighborhood Youth Corps. She has worked with E.O.A., and will be our receptionist for the summer.

The Education and Evaluation team is made up of Resna Hammer, Education Director, Maggie Gerber and Dawn White, both Education Coordinators. Resna received her BA from Bennett College, and then served in the Peace Corps first as a volunteer for two years and then as a selection coordinator. She is married and living in Atlanta with husband Jeffrey and 10 month old baby, Rachel. Maggie is at present a candidate for her Ph.D. at Emory and received her BA from the University of Denver and her MA from Boston University. She has worked as co-director for the American Friends Service Committee and has taught both at Clark and at Northern Michigan University. She and her husband Leslie live here in Atlanta. Dawn received her BA at St. Francis College, Indiana, and is now working on her MA at Atlanta University. She is originally from Ceylon, but her family has been living in Detroit for the past nine years. She has worked with E.O.A. both in Atlanta and in Indiana and taught for a short time at a parochial school in Fort Wayne, Indiana.

Coordinating our staff are Sam Williams and his assistant Dianne Wilson. Sam, a former student body president at Georgia Tech, was director of President Nixon's task force on youth in federal government during the past year working in both Washington, D.C. and New York. Dianne, who received her BA from Spelman and has done work toward her M.A. at Atlanta University, is in charge of all special programs. She served in Kenya for one year in a program of the World Council of Churches in Harlem, N.Y. as a church program director.

Another of our busy, hardworking staff members is Sue Zander whose position as Executive Assistant makes her an important "information source." Sue received her B.A. from George Peabody College in Nashville, Tenn., and has worked with E.O.A. here in Atlanta as a personnel assistant since 1964.

The Urban Corps financial program is being handled by Steve Mwamba, payroll coordinator, and Inman Deen, physical director. Steve, originally from Zambia, Africa, has been in the U.S. for the past four years attending first the University of Nebraska and then Georgia State, majoring in finance. He and his wife Ivy and daughter Suzgyo live here in Atlanta. Inman comes to our program from Tulane University where he has just finished his first year of law school. He has worked in the Fulton County Juvenile Court as a probation officer for the past three years. Inman and his wife Mary will return to Tulane in September.

The job of keeping the Urban Corps before the public goes to Ken Millwood and Tara Swartzel. Together they will be publishing the newsletter and contacting radio, television and newspapers. Ken, who is from Marietta, has just graduated from the University of Georgia where he majored in journalism. He plans to go to the Business School at Georgia to obtain his M.A. Tara, who has just

graduated with a B.A. in Art from Agnes Scott College in Decatur, has been working with the development of the Urban Corps since this past winter.

AGENCY SUPERVISORS PARTICIPATE IN "CRASH COURSE"

On Tuesday, June 3, forty-five agency supervisors who will be supervising Urban Corps interns met at the Urban Corps office. Mr. Dan Sweat, City Deputy Administrator, was on hand to make introductory remarks. A film, "Action Summer" from the National Urban Corps office in New York, was shown to help the supervisors visualize the kind of work that their student interns can carry out this summer. Explanations of several operational areas of the Urban Corps followed: Steve Mwamba discussed the intricacies of the payroll procedure to be used throughout the summer; Dave Whelan explained legal procedures, contracts and special arrangements to be carried out by the Urban Corps and the agencies; and Resna Hammer gave a short description of the particular areas of the Urban Corps program. As Sam Williams said after the meeting, "You know, we've been dealing with paper work for so long here in the office; meeting with these supervisors today brought the program to life again for us — we are working with *people!* The success of the Urban Corps really does depend as much on these supervisors as it does on the interns. The enthusiasm exhibited by the supervisors gave our staff a real shot in the arm."

INTERNS MEET FOR ORIENTATION

On Monday, June 9, fourteen student interns met with the Urban Corps staff for an orientation program. The same film which had been shown to their supervisors at the meeting on June 3 was presented to the interns in the sky room of the old city auditorium. Following the film, Dave Whelan, Resna Hammer and Steve Mwamba explained such aspects of the Urban Corps summer program as payroll, education evaluation, and intern placement. As Dave pointed out to this group of interns who are to begin work this week . . . as the first interns to be "on the job" theirs is a responsible position. We are working with people — our student interns are, in fact, the Urban Corps.

OUT OF CHAOS . . . OUR OFFICE HAS A "FACE LIFTING!"

The bare, football field-sized echo chamber that our office once was is now beginning to look like a new place. With the addition of partitions the large room on the 2nd floor of the old city auditorium now is divided into five smaller offices with a large center room and a movable partition which allows for the addition of a sixth office space which can be adapted to various sized meetings. Office equipment has been provided by several of our special friends, among them the Atlanta Police Department and the city Purchasing Department. The Police Department has given us thirty cushioned straight chairs to be used in large meetings while the Purchasing Department has provided a filing cabinet and many "emergency supplies" — a special thanks goes to Mr. Al Randall of that department.

We have also found that Mr. Dan Sweat, City Deputy Administrator, can run a mimeograph machine and "tote" a load of paper — because he helped us do it — and we thank him!!!