

NEWS LETTER

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FROM THE EDITOR

1. Stuart Grogan, the campus Peace Corps recruiter, is passing on a message from Tony Hansen of Community Integration Services. This organization takes individuals with disabilities out of sheltered workshop environments and places them in stimulating community settings. Tony's friend David has wonderful social and communication skills and is looking for a volunteer position. Anyone who could help, either with an appropriate job or with advice on where to find one, is asked to contact Tony. However, as no number was provided, I would suggest calling Stuart at his office on campus, 262-1121.

2. I've included a four page membership directory in this issue as a substitute for the minutes of last Friday's meeting, which should appear in next month's newsletter. This directory is an attempt to publish some basic information about our FULLY-PAID members (this is not our complete mailing list) in a concise form. I hope this info is accurate, but I am missing some things and I do make mistakes. Please check your listing and, if you have additions or corrections to make, let me know [Walt Zeltner (H): 835-3083 (W): 262-2470]. I'd like to keep this as up-to-date as possible. Also, if your address or phone number changes, please get the new information to me. Phone numbers are especially important for those of you on our phone tree.

3. Deadline for submission of material for the next newsletter is Saturday, May 14.

* * * * * NEXT MEETING! * * * * *

Next month's meeting will be on Monday, May 2 at Union South on the UW campus, starting shortly after 7 PM. See the "Today in the Union" sheet posted on any bulletin board for the room number. Future meetings are scheduled for:

Tuesday, June 7
Wednesday, July 6
Thursday, August 4

Other RPCV organizations have our permission to use any material of interest in this newsletter.

Blest

How can one keep from smiling, with warmth others impart
Selflessly opening wide, pockets, time, and heart.
How can one keep from growing, nourished with the thought
Friends provide the laughter, and comfort that is sought.
How can one keep from weeping, with those whom you trust
Knowing for the healing, an embrace becomes a must.
How can one keep from living, when shown the point of life
To serve each other freely, beating loneliness and strife.

Finding courage to state, when things fall apart
We can pick up the pieces, and envision a new start.
Seeing the invitation, to discover what we're worth
Peering beyond the ashes, not doubting in rebirth.
To dwell why one suffers, is better left unasked
It hides the future's promise, as it clings us to the past.
Living in this moment, with the cards already dealt
The beauty of creation, is seen, heard, and felt.

It is in times of trouble, the depths of despair
We witness our own strength, and support of those who care.
No matter the loss, or misfortune we receive
We have the means to triumph, with the will to believe.
Triumph does not imply, to necessarily win
Triumph means to never, necessarily give in.
Pain comes in admitting, to our limits and our mess
Growth comes in trying, to achieve more with less.

Freedom is not in doing, all that can be done
It's doing all you can, with faith, pride, and fun.
We settle in mediocrity, when merely trying to cope
Soaring to the highest, exists in owning hope.
A hope that stays undaunted, when it's logical we'll lose
Gives the power to discern, what we can and cannot choose.
It's impossible to direct, destiny's plotted course
We can decide to take it, with a life affirming force.

Life's harshest burden, is to have no burden at all
Immune to others' help, in answering the call.
Problems change to journeys, when travelling side by side
With solidarity's strength, all paths have a guide.
For miracles don't just drop, from heaven above
They're nurtured out of labor, inspired out of love.
Thank you for the miracle, giving the surest cure
For those who see God's goodness, are those who will endure.

Patrick Malone

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CHAPLIN, Duncan 708 Seymour St., Madison, WI 53715.
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INNOVATORS FOR THE PUBLIC

These people are *public service entrepreneurs*. Committed, determined innovators who find new, practical solutions to their societies' problems.

They are as talented as the most pattern-setting business entrepreneurs. But their values focus them on education reform, the environment, slum development, agriculture, human rights, health care, or any other, perhaps previously ignored area of human need. They have the character and drive to envision new, practical solutions and then to turn their vision into reality.

From Sao Paulo, Brazil, to Indonesia's eastern islands, Ashoka is helping such innovators launch their ideas. Some of the results:

- Hundreds of thousands of India's children learning to think rather than memorize
- The first systematic anti-corruption service that protects the poor and weak
- Successful new ways of freeing and rehabilitating thousands of debt slaves, both in Brazil and India
- Jobs made possible by new crops that require little or no land



Volunteer explainers, including local teachers, help Rio de Janeiro favela residents explore for themselves the contamination in their water and whether or not they consequently have parasites. Ashoka Fellow Maurice Bazin uses such events as one of several techniques to involve teachers and other key intermediaries in his effort to turn science from an abstraction into an active, hands-on part of Brazilian culture.

A NEW APPROACH

Ashoka is the world's first nonprofit "venture" group. It helps public service entrepreneurs get started, and then succeed. Supporting indigenous innovators is probably the most effective single way to speed development. The Ashoka approach is sharply focused both:

- (1) on the originator and driving force behind key pattern-setting social innovations; and also
- (2) on the most critical point in the innovator's life—when he or she is ready to launch a vision, but before it is a demonstrated success. (Once it is, more conventional support follows quickly.)

At the point Ashoka intervenes, a little goes a very long way. \$200 a month gives a typical Indian Fellow the freedom to launch his or her vision. It takes more in Brazil; but even so, this is quite a contrast to the high cost of conventional large-scale international development investment.

It's often a terribly hard struggle for a public innovator to get his or her career started, especially in the world's South. Families need every breadwinner. Larger institutions often resist.

Ashoka helps overcome these barriers:

- Ashoka's Fellowships provide financial independence for an agreed one to four year start-up period.
- Both established and new public innovators in the fellowship help one another with advice, by sharing key contacts and through collaboration.

Ashoka is able to do this chiefly because it is the first professional association of social innovators. Its participants benefit a great deal from helping one another and they enjoy making Ashoka's venture work possible. These leading innovator activists serve as Nominators, play the key role in screening and selecting their country's Fellows, and then help these new members of the Fellowship launch their visions.

Ashoka also builds important bridges of mutual support and respect across the world's many barriers...

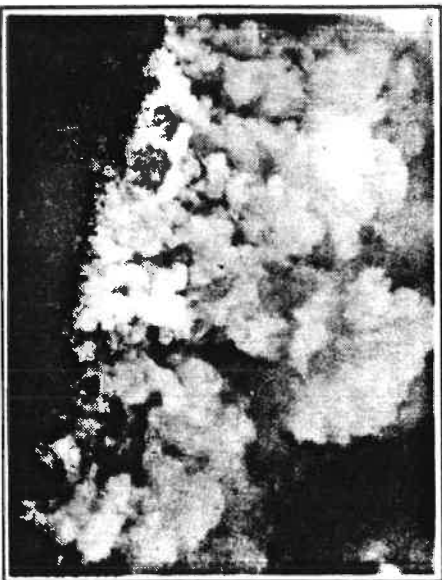
A FUTURE FOR THE AMAZON

In the summer the smoke from the fires clearing the Amazon is so intense that flights often can't take off for days. Thousands of species are being lost and the world's oxygen generation is being reduced. The livelihood of the 1.5 to 2 million rubber tappers, Brazil nut and medicine gatherers and other residents of the region is also at risk. Most of this development doesn't make sense because in broad areas the jungle's soils can't sustain more than a few years' agriculture or ranching.

Ashoka Fellow **Mary Allegretti** has an idea that will help the Amazon and its peoples survive. Where agriculture is impractical, she proposes creating "extractive reserves." Instead of giving one person exclusive ownership, a legal form more appropriate for agriculture, users would be given long-term geographically overlapping rights—subject to environmental safeguards—for such uses as rubber tapping and fishing.

Once given such recognition, these extractivists could get the financial and other help necessary to improve their productivity.

Mary is also spreading this idea to Brasilia and beyond. She's succeeding in part because she involved the forest's users in the development of the idea from the start and has helped them organize. Recently Brazil's President announced that the country's land reform program would be guided by the idea. A number of Ashoka Fellows dealing with similarly fragile ecosystems in Asia are interested in her work.



Clearing the Amazon forest.

Photo by Loren McIntyre

NEW JOBS FOR WOMEN

Bombay's Flavia Agnes is opening up the vast middle range of tool-using jobs that until now have been closed to Indian women. After four years of



counseling women in distress, Flavia became convinced that access to good jobs is essential to true equality in the family and decent survival if the family breaks down. She is opening existing job training programs for such job to motivated women she brings to them. She has persuaded other institutions to help with placement, and then made the public aware of these women once they've succeeded in these previously male-dominated fields.

OTHER IMPACTS

In addition to helping launch Fellows like Mary and Flavia and the important changes they're championing, Ashoka:

- builds democracy's underlying vitality. Every Fellow is an independent public actor. And every one who succeeds is a role model for hundreds of others.
- builds bridges of mutual help and respect among the fellowship's remarkable members across the world's divisions.
- builds the public's respect for other peoples by introducing the Fellows, the perfect anecdotal antidote to the put-down stereotypes that now divide us.

BECOMING A CO-VENTURER

You can become a co-venturer with one of these rare innovators for the public.

You'll be helping make a scratch on history by giving your Ashoka Fellow the freedom to pursue his or her vision. In partnership with your Fellow, you'll be introducing change exactly where it is most urgently needed. And you'll probably be launching him or her on years of independent service to the public.

"Ashoka is launching a key generation of independent, creative public leaders. They are sparking social change in the regions of the world where it is most critical, and for the people most in need. We will hear much more of them over the coming years."

Senator Bill Bradley

Moreover, your investment in your Fellow is an extraordinary bargain. Taking both developing world exchange rates and the full tax deductibility of your investment into account, you'll have 10 to 20 times the impact per dollar you would expect in North America. For example, \$200 a month fully supports a typical Indian Fellow (stipend and limited project help). This leverage is even greater in many other parts of the world.

If you, your family, or a group, can support a Fellow fully, you'll get regular reports from and about him or her. You would also be most welcome to visit.

Ashoka/North America Council: Marjorie Benton, Honorary Chair, Save the Children; William T. Golden, Director and Trustee, incl. Treasurer, AAAS; Honorable Charles Percy, Charles Percy and Associates; Sargent Shriver, founder Director, Office of Economic Opportunity (the War on Poverty); The Right Reverend Bishop John T. Walker, Episcopal Bishop of Washington and Chair, Africare; William Drayton, President, Ashoka.

If there's someone who you believe is ready to launch an important new idea that will serve the public, please contact us right away. One good nomination is invaluable.

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INNOVATORS FOR THE PUBLIC

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The following article was in Costa Rica's English language newspaper. I spoke to Scott Jensen about the incident on March 20th. The article is understated as to the actual events. The men were held for 2 nights in a room that had no furniture or windows. They had been in the rain, were wet and suffered from hypothermia. The Panamanians would take them every so often and question them. Jensen said he was sure he was dead after they threw them and in back of a vehicle and sped away. One of the other men had a particularly ruthless guard, who kept pointing his knife to the volunteers eye and saying, 'I will kill you'.

The Tico Times/Friday, March 18, 1988

Panamanians Nab Volunteers

By PETER BRENNAN

PANAMANIAN security forces held three U.S. Peace Corps volunteers from Costa Rica captive Monday and Tuesday, according to Peace Corps and U.S. Embassy officials in San Jose.

When asked if the arrests were related to the current turmoil in Panama, a U.S. Embassy official said, "I would assume so."

The three North Americans — Scott Jensen, Wes Pyne and Bill Cartwright — were arrested when on the Panamanian side of a small border town called Piedra de Candela.

THE three had been on an expedition to the area to collect seeds of tropical forest trees for the nurseries in their communities. Jensen, Pyne and Cartwright, all of whom have been in Costa Rica since last June, normally work in the communities of San Antonio Tulin, Sabanilla and San Gerardo Bolivia, respectively.

On Monday afternoon, they had entered Piedra de Candela, which is a few kilometers from Las Mellizas, with the intent of buying some candy bars at a store, according to George Evans, director of the Peace Corps in Costa Rica.

"They didn't want to go into Panama, but they

assumed this store" was in the free border zone, said Evans, who added that the store had been frequented often by Peace Corps volunteers in the past.

EVANS said the three walked down a street, saw a checkpoint and assumed that was the border. Before reaching the checkpoint, they entered the store to buy chocolate candy, which is much more expensive in Costa Rica.

"Several members of the (Panamanian) National Guard asked them to step outside. They did and were taken away in a white Toyota pick-up," said Evans.

THE volunteers had only their Peace Corps identification cards, which were not accepted by the Panamanians as valid documentation.

"After talking to the volunteers for a while, some phone calls were made and someone of higher authority ordered the guards there to take the volunteers into custody," said Evans.

The three were taken to the Panamanian town of Sereno, according to U.S. Embassy officials in San Jose.

MEANWHILE, the store owner contacted another Peace Corps volunteer, Nick Griffin, who lives in the nearby town of Las Mellizas. Griffin called Peace Corps officials in San Jose, who notified the U.S. Embassy here. Then the U.S. Embassy in Panama City located the three, and efforts to free them were successful.

However, the volunteers had to spend the night in a barracks, and were not released across the border until 3:30 p.m. Tuesday. Evans said they were not harmed.

"The official reason" for their arrests, said Evans, "was that they were there without proper identification, which technically is correct, but it's still a little puzzling. I guess they were just there at the wrong time."

THE volunteers caught a bus to San Jose Wednesday and were questioned by Peace Corps and Embassy officials. They did not return calls to The Tico Times.

Director Evans said all volunteers will be warned not to cross the border, and to stay away from border towns. Ironically, Peace Corps officials have only recently begun allowing volunteers to work within 20 kilometers of the Nicaraguan border, an area which for four or five years had been off-limits.

"In the estimation of the (U.S.) Embassy, there are no security problems" on the Nicaraguan border, said Evans.

Peace Corps volunteers have not worked in Panama since the early 1970s.

This article submitted by Rose Ann Scott.

NEWSLETTER SUBSCRIPTION INFORMATION

All RPCVW, Inc. members receive the newsletter on payment of annual dues (for the period Jan. 1 to Dec. 31). Dues are listed below. Those joining after February can prorate their dues to cover only the part of the year for which they are joining. Those not wishing to join can still receive the newsletter for one year on payment of \$7 to cover preparation and mailing costs.

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