

Education

Education Is Power

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School's out: A good feeling? Both students and teachers need a rest from each other and from the rigors of the educational process.

Three weeks have passed since schools have been dismissed for the summer, and the streets are filled with youths with little or nothing to do.

Young people have active minds. Their minds must be kept busy with constructive outlets.

Around our town are swimming pools, recreation centers, parks, etc. However, after a while our youngsters become bored with these activities. A bored person usually wants some excitement to make him/her feel that there is something more to life than swimming, shooting pool, or playing basketball. It is when a young person becomes bored that he or she will attempt to do something that may or may not be entirely wholesome. This must not happen to our Black youngsters. We must do all we can to assure that there are enough wholesome activities available to keep them occupied throughout most of the summer months.

What are some activities that would be considered wholesome for our youngsters? We think that some legitimate money-making activities would help. Activities such as allowing them to work at our business establishments, provide volunteer services, tutoring sessions, vocational advancement opportunities, music lessons, camping trips, etc. would be the kinds of activities they would enjoy, and at the same time learn important skills that would help to carry them into adulthood with positive feelings about themselves.

To quote an old saying, "An idle mind is the devil's workshop," is saying that the person who does not use his/her mind will get into things that will benefit no one. We would like to add that no mind is completely idle. Therefore, the greater the positive stimulation of one's mind, the greater the accomplishments of that mind. The more we work with our young people in a positive way, the greater will be the rewards for them and for society in general.

School's out! But this must not be taken to mean that learning must now cease until school starts again. The summer months can be the beginning of a new type of learning. They can be the beginning of a time when we, as adults, realize that our youths must be guided through the summer to bigger and better things. Summer can be a time when we pool our resources to provide for and protect our youngsters from those factors that may influence them in a negative way.

There are enough resources in our Black community to assure that our youths are exposed to the best of what life has to offer. It only takes togetherness.

Our success depends upon how well we satisfy you

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PEACE CORPS VOLUNTEER FROM CHEEKTOWAGA SERVES IN PHYSICAL EDUCATION IN PACIFIC

"Peace Corps is a 24-hour-a-day job," states Kathleen A. Scott, a 25-year-old volunteer serving in youth development on the Pacific Island of Ponape in Micronesia.

Ms. Scott, from Cheektowaga, N.Y., lives with a local Ponapean family in Kolonia, the island capital, while single-handedly developing and administering a physical education, intramural and athletic program for a public high school with approximately 1,000 students.

"Among other things, this includes establishing a physical education curriculum, scheduling athletic events, obtaining coaches and referees, budgeting and ordering equipment and, most importantly, catering to the needs of the students," reports Ms. Scott, who is well prepared for the assignment. She received a bachelor's degree in 1980 in physical education and a master's in 1981 in sports science/physical education from the University of Denver, Denver, Colo.

"In addition to the health benefits obtained through exercise, it is hoped that an organized athletic program will keep the students 'off the streets' and give them something constructive to do in their spare time," she explains.

Due to the school's budgetary limitations and a heavy work load

among the teachers and other staff, Ms. Scott does not have a local counterpart. Therefore, she has asked faculty members to volunteer time to coach athletic

health education, vocational education, appropriate technology and village/island self-sufficiency programs in Micronesia. There are more than 5,000 volun-

teers, however, will show the developing world a truer picture of Americans and will ensure that the benefits of Peace Corps service have been made available to all Americans.

Persons interested in information about the Peace Corps may call 800-424-8580, Ext. 93, toll free.

Veteran's Symposium/Workshop Scheduled In Las Vegas July 1

In order to alleviate some of the problems encountered by Military Veterans/Retirees, a Symposium / Workshop for soon-to-be veterans, veterans and retirees interested in their own business. The 8-hour symposium / workshop will be held daily at the Union Plaza Hotel, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on July 1, 2, 3 & 4. Topics to be covered include "Planning and Avoiding Pitfalls in a new Business," "Tips on Buying a Business," "Taking Advantage of Veterans' Benefits," "Advertising and the legal aspects of Business," "SBA's Programs," and "Career opportunities within the USA Trucking Industry."

To register for this "FREE" Symposium/Workshop call: The ATIC President, Stella W. Kellogg-Lindsay, 871-6490.

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Peace Corps volunteer Kathleen Scott, 25, from Cheektowaga, N.Y., serves in physical education on the Pacific Island of Ponape in Micronesia. Here, she discusses basketball with two students and a teacher.

teams, supervise intramural events and referee games.

Ms. Scott is the daughter of Constance J. Holder Scott of Cheektowaga and Clarence E. Scott of San Diego, Calif. She is one of about 95 Peace Corps Volunteers serving in agriculture,

teers assigned to 62 developing countries around the world. Loret Miller Ruppe is the director of the Peace Corps.

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