

# FRIENDS OF LESOTHO

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## LESOTHO: STRAIGHT UP AND/OR ON THE ROCKS

Events in Lesotho have ranged from the fairly normal to the tragic since the last issue of FOL. Details of events, unfortunately, are going to be sketchy since copies of *The Mirror*, the weekly newspaper from which most information is derived, have been sporadically received (hopefully this will not be the case in future issues).

**T**he *Mirror* reported in its 18 September and 25 September issues a tragedy occurred at the Buthe-Buthe work camp of the Lesotho Highlands Water Project. Reportedly (this is where it gets very sketchy) the workers at the Water Project had gone on strike in mid-September to protest the arrest in late August of four (4) employees of the Lesotho Highlands Project Contractors (LHPC).

These four (4) employees were allegedly originally charged with the theft of six (6) bags of cement. The charges were then increased to 100 bags of cement and an unspecified amount of barbed wire and paraffin.

The workers were on strike in the work camp at Buthe-Buthe on 14 September 1996 when they were attacked by either the police or a group of men who had police uniforms. The attackers fired tear gas at the striking workers and, as the workers fled the camp, started shooting at them. It appears there were 24 casualties in the incident, at least four (4) of them fatal. It

was also reported in *The Mirror* that the ambulances which arrived to remove the injured workers were also fired upon.

Two thousand workers sought refuge at St. Paul's RC mission by the following day.

The Lesotho Council of Non-Governmental Organizations (LCN) petitioned Prime Minister Mokhehle's government by 17 September to "direct and order the police forthwith to desist from killing, assaulting and hunting down with intention to kill, the workers of the LHPC".

Hopefully, there will be more on this in future issues with a greater amount of information and detail.

There have been other problems and concerns recently raised by other organizations about the Water Project.

The Environmental Defense Fund (EDF) reported to its membership in May 1996 that it was working with the International Rivers network and non-governmental organizations in Lesotho, South Africa and Europe

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◆ "The Peace Corps Partnership Program listed two (2) projects in Lesotho in its November 1996 issue.

PCV Doreen Freeman is stationed at St. Benedict's Primary School. The school is over 75 years old and its enrollment has grown rapidly in the past several years. Obviously, the building is no longer adequately sized, and the community has proposed the construction of three (3) additional classrooms to lessen the severe overcrowding in the current structure. The total cost of this project is projected at \$13,781. \$7,891 has been raised to date leaving a balance of an additional **\$5,890** needed to complete the project.

PCV Heather Miller is stationed in Makhoareng, Qacha's Nek. There are 200 students who attend the primary school's grades 1-7 but the sixth and seventh grades have actual classrooms. There is a great need to improve the facilities for grades 1 through 5. The total cost of this project is \$3,410 and it has not received any funding to date.

Should you wish to find out more about these projects you can phone the PC Partnership Program on weekdays between 9am

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## FOL MEMBER NEWS

**HAIL BRITANNIA** – should any member of FOL happen to find their way to the United Magic Kingdom, Sue Dempsey Clayton would be interested in hearing from you. You can write to Sue at the following address:  
Bridge House, Whittlesey Road, March, Cambridgeshire PE 15 04H, England  
Or you can ring her up at: 01354 54214 (Home) • 01488 463463 (Work)



**NOT AVAILABLE AT BLOCKBUSTER VIDEO** – if you have not had the opportunity to view the “*Destination-Lesotho*” video (you may remember this is a Telly Award winning tape — see Fall 1995 issue of FOL) or if you have seen it and have always wanted to know how to purchase your own copy of the tape...The National Technical Information Service (NTIS) now offers all of the *Destination* series for sale. The cost of the VHS tape is \$25 plus postage or you can purchase the tape and the accompanying study guide for \$35 plus postage. For information, an address to send your remittance, or to place an order, please call:  
(800)788-6282 or (703) 487-4650 in the Washington area or TTD(703)487-4639 (hearing impaired)  
The NTIS order numbers are AVA19530.VNB1 (Video only) or AVA19759.VNB1 (Video and Guide)



You may wish to purchase your study guide of the “World Map Project Handbook”, at cost including postage, from the Government Printing Office (GPO). For information, etc., please use the order number 056-000-00028-3 for the study guide and the order number 056-000-00025-9 for the “World Map Project Handbook” and call the GPO at (202)512-1800.



**WORLD LIBRARY PARTNERSHIP** – RPCV Laura Wendell has founded an organization, the World Library Partnership (WLP) which helps libraries in the U.S. find partner libraries in developing countries around the world. Ms. Wendell’s plan is to establish 30 library partnerships by the end of 1998. Unfortunately, the WLP is currently a non-profit organization and funding is needed. The WLP was granted 501(c)(3) status by the IRS so donations are now tax deductible. Should you wish to make a donation or get involved in a partnership, you can contact Laura at The World Library Project, 1028 Bahama Road, Bahama, NC 27503  
or call at (919)479-0163 or (919)477-3902 or use the World Wide Web at: <http://RTPnet.org/~wlp>



**FOL BOOK CLUB NEWS** – Recently we received notice of several books which may be of interest to FOL members. RPCV Mike Tidwell (Zaire), currently exiled in Kyrgyzstan where his wife is the APCD for Education, has published two (2) novels. The first, now available in paperback form, is **The Ponds of Kalambayi** (Lyons and Burford \$16.95). The book was originally published in 1990, won several awards including the Paul Cowan award for best nonfiction book by an RPCV, and chronicles his service in Zaire. His new book is **Amazon Stranger** (Lyons and Burford \$22.95) and is currently available as a hard cover.  
For additional information, please contact: Mike Tidwell, 112 Sheridan Avenue, Takoma Park, MD 20912

Kwasi Bosompem, an urban planner originally from Ghana, has written a book entitled **Confessions of a Neglected African Daughter** (PRDC Publishing \$8.00). The book details the story of an African woman who leaves her home in Ghana and travels to Nigeria. There she meets an ex-PCV who aids her in achieving her goal of a university education in the United States. For additional information, please contact: Kwasi Bosompem, 13917 Castle Blvd. #33, Silver Spring, MD 20904.

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through 5pm (EST) at 1-800-424-8580, ext. 2227.

◆ "Moriya Museum Update – you may recall in a previous issue of FOL (Winter 1995) the Morija Museum had sent an update of its current activities which was reproduced in its entirety. The Museum celebrated its 40th anniversary in September 1996. FOL has tried to donate some amount to the museum each year. A \$100 donation was made in 1996, bringing the cumulative FOL donations since 1991 up to \$400. Should you wish to make a donation to the Morija Museum, make your check payable to the Morija Museum & Archives and send it to:

P.O. Box 12  
Moriya 190  
Lesotho, Southern Africa

◆ Speaking of FOL donations, the Board transmitted the annual contribution to the Tuition Assistance Project (*see FOL Winter 1995 and Summer 1996 issues for additional information on TAP*). This year's contribution was \$1,000 and TAP remains FOL's largest commitment.

◆ PCV Ken Davis, stationed in Mokhotlong, recently wrote to FOL about the establishment of a community based HIV/AIDS awareness program in May 1996. The aim of this program is to inform and educate all members of the community in the Mokhotlong district, but especially school age children, about HIV/AIDS and other Sexually Transmitted Diseases (STD). Three (3) workshops for school children as well as two (2) public awareness events have been held already. The program is in great need of donations of HIV/AIDS and STD literature and materials for a resource

## HOW THE WEATHER WAS

It is that time of the year again when we all have so many things to be thankful for and celebrate, not the least of which are Halloween, my birthday, Thanksgiving, Hannukkah, Christmas and, of course, the Yankees' 23rd World Series victory. It is also that time of the year when we should all be considering our financial situations and making fully tax deductible contributions (including membership dues) to FOL.

Many events have occurred in Lesotho since the last issue of FOL was published. There is much political intrigue in the opposition Basotho National Party (BNP), the ruling Basotho Congress Party (BCP) and what appeared to be a ten (10) minute coup (more on all of these things later).

In spite of all this turmoil, the Ciuffreda/Contesso, DiStasio/Maddaio and Casper/Fanelli families enjoyed another Lake George weekend. Unfortunately, the President for Life and Consort Peko/Spicer family was unable to make it this year. They were all sadly missed when not under the influence.

There are several interesting and different items in this issue of FOL drawn from several very diverse sources. Apparently, there is a great deal of information (relatively speaking-compared to what is usually found in one's local newspaper) which can be retrieved on the World Wide Web. I would appreciate a volunteer(s) to serve as the official

FOL "Safari" and send any information my way (directly to my home address) which pertains to Lesotho.

The FOL newsletter is becoming a resource a number of RPCV's or other people/organizations recognize as an efficient way to disseminate information to those who would be most interested in this information. In other words, we have become the target audience for universities offering Peace Corps fellowships, authors who have written books about the Peace Corps and/or Africa and not for profit developing world organizations. I will always try to include this information in the next newsletter to be issued. Please forward any similar information you would like to be included in the newsletter to my home address.

Finally, there is some information in this issue of FOL about some of the organizations we do help in Lesotho. I know I have not included such updates in the past and will try to be more mindful in the future. It is our membership dues and any other voluntary (tax deductible) contributions which help fund these organizations and projects and it is reassuring to see the effects these funds actually have made for the projects selected.

Sincerely,



George Fanelli

library. Additionally, donations of latex gloves, including the type used by nurses/midwives/doctors during birth which extend to the elbows, and eye protective lenses would be appreciated. Your materials can be sent to:

Mokhotlong AIDS, STD and  
TB Committee  
c/o Mokhotlong Hospital  
Ken Davis  
P.O. Box 07  
Mokhotlong 500  
Lesotho, Southern Africa ■

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to pressure the World Bank to halt any future funding on the project until the social and environmental problems caused by its development have been addressed.

The World Bank approved the development of this project without an environmental impact assessment. The EDF report states very little is known about how this project might affect fish and/or bird populations nor the impact of such large scale water diversions on the downstream water habitats.

Additionally, the EDF reports the project development has resulted in the loss of livelihood for 20,000 Basotho.

The World Bank, whether in response to the EDF report, or because it does have a social conscience, or because it hears, with deference to Ross Perot, a great

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sucking sound and fears that its money is heading south, is threatening to pull out of the project unless it receives guarantees that problems caused by the first phase of the project will not be repeated in subsequent phases. The Bank's future involvement apparently is hinged to the results of an environmental impact assessment which is due to be released shortly.

**The Mirror** reported in its 2 October issue that 25,000 people have been affected by the development. They have lost either their homes, land or grazing areas. These residents state they had been promised compensation and housing but have not received either. The next phase of the project, Phase 1B, the Mohale Dam, will displace an additional 8,500 Basotho. The Lesotho Highlands Water Authority (LHWA) has promised the Bank the problems encountered in the first phase will not be repeated in the new phase. Obviously, many people remain skeptical.

The South African **Independent** paper, to demonstrate the "when it rains, it pours" adage, reported the South African government is reviewing its costs and involvement in the project. The South African government would like to reduce its burden of the capital cost (approximately 6.5 billion Rand) and resolve a tax dispute with Lesotho. Lesotho apparently is required to pay a tax rebate to South Africa from taxes levied on the projects contractors and consultants. Lesotho, however, has been reluctant to comply with the terms of the agreement.

Another issue of FOL-another coup attempt to report. **The Mirror** reported earlier this year that the studio of Radio Lesotho was commandeered by three (3) men during the noon news broadcast. One man, Matsoso Bofolo, took the microphone and announced the government of Prime Minister Mokhehle had been toppled. Fortunately, or unfortunately for the co-

conspirators, this attempted coup only lasted ten minutes. The men were taken into police custody and there has not been a motive established for the attempt other than dissatisfaction with the government (neither the police nor the military were involved). The three men (the other two are Lelingoana Monyane and Ntente Sesioana) have been charged with high treason and I am not sure of the penalty in Lesotho for someone so charged. Mr. Monyane is a former employee of the opposition Basotho National Party (BNP) but the BNP's leader, Retselisitsoe Sekhonyana, has disavowed any connection with him. Mr. Sekhonyana said Mr. Monyane was a only a former employee of the BNP and he did not think he was a member of the party.

There appears to be another splinter group (this is in addition to the splinter group headed by the Prime Minister's brother mentioned in the Summer issue of FOL) in the ruling Basotho Congress Party (BCP).

This faction includes several members of Parliament and is billed as "the Pressure Group". The Group does not seem to follow the instructions of the party leadership, including Prime Minister Mokhehle nor Speaker of the House Kolane. Recently, the Group decided to walk out of Parliament on the day the new Deputy Speaker was elected. The explanation given was that no advance notice had been given of this election. It should be noted, nevertheless, that the new Deputy Speaker is Ms. Ntloi Motsamai, the first woman elected to serve in this position in Lesotho.

There has been some news on the automobile accident which claimed the life of King Moshoeshe II earlier this year. It was reported in both **The Mirror** and the South African paper **The Star** that the commission of inquiry into the King's death has found the driver of the vehicle, Tseko Moshe,

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# AND MORE NEWS FOR YOU PHILATELISTS!

Finally, for you philatelists who demanded more, more and more—below is information on a new issue featuring Maps of Lesotho (the newsletter would not do these stamps justice—the stamps are exquisite).

## MAPS OF LESOTHO

The first Lesotho maps were made by missionaries in the 1830s, and later maps were made for military purposes. During the Anglo-Boer War of 1899-1902, the first attempt was made at mapping Southern Africa on a scale of 1 250 000 (1 cm on the map represents 2.5 km on the ground), but these maps were extremely inaccurate, and military operations based on them suffered accordingly. It was as a result of this, that the British Government after the war sponsored a series of detailed surveys made at 1 250 000 scale to cover the region.

Within the region, Lesotho (known then to the British as Basutoland) provided the biggest single challenge for the map maker. The person chosen for the job was Captain M. C. Dobson, a young artillery officer, who spent five years on foot and on horseback crisscrossing Lesotho until every remote mountain valley had been covered. He did however spend some leisure hours in Maseru, where he courted and eventually married the only daughter of the Resident Commissioner, Sir Herbert Sloley. Sadly, the marriage was a short one, because Dobson, like so many others, died in action in the First World War.

Dobson's 1911 MAP is featured on a sheet of 10 *se tenant* stamps, showing the part of the map depicting what was then the very remote Malibamatšo valley. This had been a hunting and cattle post area until the 1890s when the first villages were established, and there are ten village symbols on this part of Dobson's map, seven with names. Moreover a ferry boat had already been established near the village of Ha Thibeli on a major bridle path.

Dobson's map remained the standard map of Lesotho at 1 250 000 scale for over 50 years, and the first map at this scale which attempted a full revision of the place names in the area was not published until 1978. The same

area of the Malibamatšo Valley, as depicted on the 1978 MAP is the subject of the second sheet of 10 *se tenant* stamps. By this time, there were two very rough four wheel drive tracks into the area, with river crossings which were often impassable, and consequently shown on the map by red warning X and Y symbols. Other features of the area shown on the map are three postal agencies, three missions, a police station shown as P, three airstrips, two clinics, and the remote mountain hospital, 'Mamohau, founded by the remarkable Swiss missionary, Dr. Bertha Hardegger, when the area was only accessible on foot or by horse.

Nowhere in Lesotho has changed in the past few years as much as the Malibamatšo Valley. The 1994 MAP, which is the subject of the third set of 10 *se tenant* stamps shows the new Katse Reservoir which has been impounded by the 185 metre high Katse Dam, the highest dam in Africa. Amongst other details shown on the map are the beginning of the 46 km long transfer tunnel, leading water northwards towards Gauteng in South Africa, and a tarred road which traverses the 3090 metre high Mafika-Lisiu Pass, where snow can be encountered in any month of the year. Where in Dobson's time there was a small ferry boat there is today a fine bridge spanning the Malibamatšo Gorge. Along this route to the dam have come the lorries bringing cement and fly ash for the 2.3 million cubic metres of concrete needed for the Katse Dam.

The set of 30 stamps are all at the internal postage rate of 35s, the used stamps commonly found in Lesotho. The issue coincides with an educational map reading campaign in Lesotho's schools, and by collecting individual used stamps and piecing them together into maps, school children can have their own maps, showing the changing face of Lesotho.



## OFFICIAL ORDER FORM MAPS OF LESOTHO

To: LESOTHO PHILATELIC BUREAU  
PRIVATE BAG A1  
MASERU 100, LESOTHO

(Note that each of the 5 First Day Covers features six stamps in three pairs, showing the same area on the 1911, 1978 and 1994 Maps of Lesotho)

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was DWI and had fallen asleep at the wheel of the car. The commission found his drinking had been known to both the police and royal family for a considerable period of time and, therefore, concluded the accident could have been avoided if precautions had been taken.

The leader of the BNP, Mr. Sekhonyana, immediately called for the Prime Minister's resignation following the publication of the commission's report. Mr. Sekhonyana stated the Prime Minis-

ter, as head of the government and Minister of Security is responsible for the provision of security to the royal family and his failure to safeguard the King calls for resignation. Mr. Sekhonyana was joined in his demand for the Prime Minister's resignation by the Principal Chiefs of Thaba-Bosiu and Matsieng, Khoabane Theko and Seeiso Bereng Seeiso, respectively. Not surprisingly, the Prime Minister rejected this demand.

Finally, on a much sadder and tragic note, the highlands, especially Mokhotlong, have been devastated by extremely severe winter weather.

Reports indicated all villages in the entire Maluti range were covered in snow over one (1) meter deep with temperatures having fallen below minus 6 degrees Centigrade. Roads were impassable and, therefore, relief supplies could only be delivered by helicopter. Additionally, people and livestock died as a result of exposure to the freezing temperatures. The tragedy was compounded by the fact that most crops had not been harvested before the snow. Any crops which had survived were subsequently eaten by any livestock which had not perished due to exposure. ■

## IN THE MAIL

FOL strongly supports the Volunteer Liaison Committee (VLC). FOL recently re-established its ties to the VLC (see FOL Summer 1996 issue) and the Board sent a \$250 contribution to the VLC in September 1996. PCV Brooks Pearson, Treasurer of the VLC (of some indeterminate duration) sent FOL a letter describing the initial projects selected to be funded by the FOL Small Projects Fund, with a copy of the VLC guidelines. A copy of the letter and the guidelines appear as follows:

12 September 1996

Dear Don,

I'm sorry it has taken me so long to organize the start up of the Volunteer Liaison Committee's F.O.L. Small Project Fund. On the V.L.C. we affectionately refer to it as the P.C.V. "Mush Fund".

With a grand total of fourteen hundred maloti to begin with we held our first meeting to review F.O.L.S.P.F. applications this past Saturday (Sept. 7<sup>th</sup>) in Maseru. We approved two projects. The first project proposal was submitted by two PCV's who hope to paint twelve world maps (in Standard Seven classrooms) and twelve maps of Africa (in Standard Six classrooms) at twelve primary schools in the Buthe Buthe area. The schools are contributing (M120) and U.S.P.C. Small Project Assistance (SPA) is giving (M300) towards paints, mixers, and brushes. The V.L.C. added one hundred maloti to purchase cement (five bags) for the schools with mud walls to increase the longevity of the wall paintings/maps. Also, the V.L.C. contributed two hundred five maloti towards a PCV's project to build a basketball court (one-half court) at his secondary school, also in the Buthe Buthe district.

We have already received two proposals for our next meeting November 2<sup>nd</sup>. The first P.C.V. is asking for three hundred maloti to purchase supplies for a head boy night school in the mountains around Qachas Nek. The second P.C.V.'s proposal is to stage a two day athletic Olympic-style competition with several primary schools in the Moleholong district. We reviewed the latter proposal at our first meeting and as the P.C.V. was asking for three hundred maloti

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to cover the cost of gifts we made two recommendations to the P.C.V. and tabled the proposal until the next meeting. We asked the P.C.V. to involve the schools' head teachers in more of the planning and ask the schools to contribute monies in an effort to make the project sustainable. Also we asked the PCV to submit a list of gifts rather than vaguely wording what the money will be used for.

Besides these two applications to review at our next V.L.C. meeting in early November one or two more proposals may come in before then. In an effort to make our V.L.C. fund sustainable I am asking Friends of Lesotho to, once again, contribute to our committee. I know this is the time of year F.O.L. gives to the TAP committee but whatever you can send will be appreciated. And lastly, as PCVs receive funding from the V.L.C. and complete their projects pictures (photographs) and paragraphs (summaries) will be submitted to you and your board across the Atlantic to fulfill our guidelines and your curiosity.

Kea Leboha,  
Brooks Pearson  
V.L.C. Treasurer

P.S. Our Country Director is presently looking for a new and larger Transit House (Volunteer Hostel) in Maseru and has promised a t.v., v.c.r., and stereo for it so please disregard my last letter.

Enc.

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### GUIDELINES FOR FRIENDS OF LESOTHO SMALL PROJECT FUND

Friends of Lesotho is a group of returned development workers and Basotho who formerly lived in Lesotho. Every year FOL members donate money to be used by Peace Corps volunteers for small project assistance. If you are interested in applying for FOL funds, please use the following points as a rough guideline for your letter. If possible, submit your "application" to the VLC treasurer (Brooks Pearson) prior to the next VLC meeting.

#### 1. Written Application

- a. Name of Volunteer
- b. Name of Community Contact
- c. Address
- d. Description of Project
  1. who initiated the project?
  2. who is involved in the project?
  3. what will be the leadership structure
  4. what sustaining effort will be made once volunteer involvement ends?
  5. what are the project's goals?
  6. who will be affected?
  7. how will the project work?
  8. what is the community contribution?
  9. when will the project be completed?
- e. Amount Requested and Budget Statement
  1. detail how funds will be used.
  2. list other sources of funding including community contribution.
  3. include contingency plan if project exceeds allocated funding.

#### 2. Interview

The volunteer should be prepared to explain the project to the VLC.

If you are successful in your bid for FOL-SPF funds, the VLC would appreciate a paragraph and a few photos summarizing your project. This summary will be sent to FOL as a means of encouraging their continued support of the FOL-SPF budget. To increase your chances of success, please limit your request to under R300.

## EDUCATION NOTICES

**GOOD FELLOWS** – FOL has been contacted by the George Washington and Illinois State universities about their respective Peace Corps Fellows' programs. The program descriptions appear as follows:

***George Washington University:  
If The Peace Corps Fellows  
Program Right For You?***

The George Washington University Program for Returned Peace Corps

Volunteers (RPCVs) is a two and one half year master's program leading to eligibility for teacher certification in Transition Secondary Special Education or Senondary Education (specialty areas of English, mathematics, science, ESL, and social studies). The program, which begins each spring, has a strong emphasis on diversity and diverse learners. RPCVs are recruited to work in Prince George's County secondary schools which

serve a high percentage of "at-risk" youth. In the fall of their first year, RPCVs work as full-time teachers while continuing in their master's degree programs in education.

**Peace Corps Fellows Mission Statement**

The Peace Corps Fellows Program is designed to prepare secondary educators to work with urban youth. The program is a comprehensive

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# So You're an RPCV Now...

*...Looking for a New Challenge?*

The **Illinois Peace Corps Fellows Program in Applied Community Development** at Illinois State University (ISU) combines academic coursework with practical, "hands-on" work experience in rural and medium-sized Illinois communities. Fellows in our program--all RPCVs--earn master's degrees while working with communities and neighborhoods on important community and economic development projects.

The Illinois Peace Corps Fellows Program at ISU offers a solid educational opportunity to individuals who would like to pursue community and economic development careers in the United States and around the world. All of this year's graduates have already taken professional domestic development positions.

### Academic Programs

We are currently recruiting **two Fellows to start in January, 1997 in Economics** (Deadline November 30) and **eight more fellows to begin in August, 1997 in both Economics and Political Science** (Deadline March 15).

To be accepted, RPCVs must:

- Have an undergraduate GPA of 3.0 or better; if not, then a combined GRE score of 1,000 or higher;
- (For economics fellows only), complete at least two of these four courses before enrollment: statistics, calculus, intermediate micro-economics, intermediate macro-economics.

Both the economics and political science programs require three core courses, including community development, economic development, and geographic information systems (GIS). A large menu of electives is available, including courses in rural development, business, geography, and other disciplines. Students take at least nine classroom-based and skills courses, write a thesis or take a comprehensive exam, and serve for nine months as a full-time, community-based consultant in an Illinois community in their second year of the program.

### Student Aid

During their first year of study, Fellows receive a graduate assistantship which also waives tuition. During the second year, Fellows undertake their community assignment, earning a monthly stipend.

### Community Development Projects

Fellows have worked in regional economic development, school-to-work programs, grant writing, downtown restoration, surveys, infrastructure and planning, tourism promotion, business retention and expansion, parks development, and dozens of other community initiatives. Community leaders from the towns hosting a fellow believe returned Peace Corps Volunteers offer needed skills and provide a "spark" that spurs local development.

### Want to Know More?

If you would like more information about the program, please contact Program Director Michael Kelleher, at **309-438-8685; email: [fmkelle@ilstu.edu](mailto:fmkelle@ilstu.edu)**; Peace Corps Fellows Program, Department of Economics, Box 4200, Illinois State University, Normal, IL 61790-4200; or visit **our web page at: <http://www.ilstu.edu/~rwhunt/pcorps/>**.

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degree program designed to provide future teachers training specific to meeting the needs and demands of both secondary students and students with learning disabilities.

### What Does The Peace Corps Fellows Program Provide?

- Classroom Management techniques that are successful in enabling the teacher to utilize his/her skills in teaching content and not disciplining students.
- Strategies that teach teachers ways to engage "at risk" students to use higher order thinking skills and to become more involved in content learning.
- Individualization enabling the teacher to adapt to curriculum that can be used with students functioning at different grade levels in the same class.
- Training as an integral component of coursework which includes a variety of clinical, laboratory, and practicum experiences with regular and special educators.
- Tuition support (ranging from

50%–90%) and stipends are available.

### How Do I Know If I Am Qualified For The Program?

*Do you meet these criteria?*

- **Ability to perform graduate work.** This is based on undergraduate transcripts, letters of recommendation from professors, and Miller's Analogy Test or the Graduate Record Examination scores.
- **Outstanding record of Peace Corps service.** A description of service statement is needed. For those who have not yet terminated service, please request a letter of description. A letter of recommendation from the Head of the Peace Corps for your country of service or, if you are teaching in a school situation, the school's headmaster's recommendation is also necessary.
- **Commitment to teaching.** Please provide a personal statement which describes background information on your service activities to and during Peace Corps service. Also, describe your personal and professional goals.

### Take the following steps to apply:

1. Contact the Admissions Office

of the George Washington University to obtain an application package:  
The George Washington University  
Graduate School of Education and  
Human Development  
Attn: Admissions Office  
2134 G Street, NW  
Washington, DC 20052  
Tel: (202) 994-6160  
Fax: (202) 994-3365

2. Follow the specific application procedures as outlined in the application packet.
3. Return completed application packet by **October 1**.
4. Be prepared to attend an in-person interview with program staff as part of the application process.

For more information about the GWU Partnership Program For Peace Corps Volunteers, contact or call:  
Jeanne Embich  
Program Director  
Peace Corps Fellows/USA  
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