RAP-IN Resources Provide Problem-Solving Information

By Rich Burger
Editor

Most news about resources these days is replete with words like scarce, depleted, inadequate and limited. There's a resource on campus, though, to which none of these adjectives apply and it's as close and convenient as the nearest telephone.

It's called RAP-IN, Reference Agency for People In Need, and it has been meeting people's needs since 1971. But, unlike most other resources, RAP-IN is growing, expanding, becoming an even more valuable asset.

RAP-IN is primarily an information resource but it's also much more than that. Graduate psychology student Kathy Musgrove, project coordinator, explained, "We like to act as a personal advocate."

No matter what the problem, RAP-IN can probably provide the solution or put you in touch with someone who can. Project volunteers maintain an extensive resource list that provides information on just about every conceivable subject.

Three rolodex files contain information on resources available in emergency situations such as suicide threats, drug crises, etc., as well as availability of resources to deal with more common needs, like baby sitters, health problems, loneliness and depression, and school problems.

Resource information consists of the name, address and phone number of any individual, club or service organization that can provide help in a given situation.

This information is, in most cases, confidential and is not given out to callers. Instead, RAP-IN volunteers make the contacts and arrange for the callers' needs to be met.

RAP-IN has worked closely with individuals and organizations in Cheney to develop local resources. "People in Cheney have been very helpful," said Musgrove.

Cheney welfare chairperson Virginia White and the Cheney Service Council, made up of representatives from all local service clubs and organizations, have given considerable aid Musgrove said.

RAP-IN telephones are manned by volunteers who must undergo screening, personal counseling and training sessions before they are allowed to go on duty. These prerequisites take about two weeks to complete.

Once qualified, volunteers work in two-hour shifts, two volunteers per shift. Hours of operation during the regular school year are from 1 p.m. to 5 a.m. Summer hours are 6 p.m. to midnight.

In the academic year just completed, RAP-IN received 4,813 calls. The single largest category was calls for babysitters, 68. That was followed by loneliness, 56, pregnancy and abortion counseling, 46, and interpersonal relations, 24.

"Most calls are fairly routine," said Musgrove, "but occasionally we get one that's really unusual. Once a lady called wanting to know if there was any way she could get a cake to her son who was graduating from the Air Force Academy in Colorado Springs the next day. With our help, he got his cake.

"Another time," Musgrove recalled, "we found out the commitment law in Wyoming for someone who called."

RAP-IN's resource list would appear to be quite well-rounded; however, Musgrove noted that any person or organization who would like to help can be added to the list.

"No one on the list is required to help every time we call," said Musgrove, "only if they're able to and want to at the time."

RAP-IN's number is 359-7979 in Cheney and there's also a line from Spokane, 838-8275, that can be used toll-free after 5 p.m.

Next time your car battery goes dead, those numbers may be well worth remembering. RAP-IN recently acquired a set of jumper cables they'll loan out free of charge when the need arises. While you're at it, ask them where the parties are. They've often got that information too.

A number of bright yellow posters tucked up in various places around campus proclaim, "At RAP-IN we do more than answer, we listen." That epithet seems altogether appropriate.
Russian Geologist Speaks On Environmental Issues

By Jim Elliott
Staff Reporter

A Russian geologist spoke Tuesday afternoon to Eastern Science department faculty and students concerning the environmental issues facing the Soviet Union.

Dr. Ruslan I. Volkov, a member of the Soviet delegation at Expo '74, said the "constant demand for minerals, oil, gas, and coal requires a thorough and precise geological investigation of our planet."

He said one of the most efficient ways to have knowledge and not harm nature was "through the systematic geological mapping of an area."

"Each quadrangle of the country is mapped by the Ministry of Geology to include the geology, hydro-geology, occurrence, geochemical and soil analyses of the area," Dr. Volkov said.

The project has taken 40 years to complete, and now the Soviet Union is revising the data that has been gathered. All the maps are stored in a special library so each scientist will have access to copies.

"This gives us a sound base of scientific research to compare our country with others and other sections," he said.

As a participant in the Environmental Symposium, Dr. Volkov said the growing demand of a society for minerals also brings up a serious problem concerning the environment.

"Mining results in the destruction of nature, lakes, rivers, soil, and the pollution of air and water. This requires strict watch over mining by the State," he said.

Dr. Volkov said the users of the natural resources are responsible to take measures to extract oil and gas from the earth's crust that will protect the soil, forests, and waters of the country. After mining, industries are required by law to rehabilitate the land and give it back to the people.

"State mining and environmental commissions can limit or stop mining anywhere in the country if the laws are not followed," he said.

Dr. Volkov said the Soviet Union is not experiencing shortages yet, but natural resources are diminishing. "We are constantly looking for new sources of energy and are switching from coal to gas in generating electricity. We have atomic power, but that will not fill in the long run solve our problems because of the shortage of uranium," he said.

He was asked about the problem that the Soviet Union has concerning water (87 per cent of the water resources are in the northern and eastern parts of the country). "We have a number of projects to divert about 10 per cent of the water from Siberia to the southern republics that are short of water. A small amount from many rivers will be channelled to those regions with great shortages," he said.

The agriculture in the Soviet Union is lower in productivity than many countries. Dr. Volkov said, but the country can increase productivity with better organization and more extensive use of machines and fertilizers.

Describing the "Green Belt" around Moscow as an example of the Soviet Union's attempts to preserve a health environment, he said: "Our people are very fond of hiking and going to nature. On weekends all of the people of Moscow move out into this wooded area surrounding the city." He said.

Dr. Martin Mumma, chairman of Eastern's Environmental Studies program, gave a talk with Dr. Volkov and other Russian scientists to exchange information.

Police Beat

On Environmental Issues

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Keys Found

A set of keys was found on the lawn in front of Showalter Hall July 20 and turned into Campus Safety. The keychain had a small license tag on it with the number CKL 881. Campus Safety ascertained the owner of the keys to be Helen Kesner of Spokane.

Bicycle Found

While on patrol during the early morning hours of July 21, campus safety officer Chandler reported finding a small, burn-orange and white bicycle on the lawn in front of the music building. The owner of the bike has not been found.

Bicycle Stolen And Returned

Forrest Amsden reported to campus safety July 22 that his bicycle had been taken from the north end of Showalter Hall sometime before 8:30 a.m. and 11:45 a.m. A short time later, Amsden returned to campus safety with a young suspect in tow, who said he had taken and returned the bike.

Barriers Program Set

WHEELCHAIRS WELCOME--Here's one example of the work to be done all over campus to remove architectural barriers and make it easier for handicapped persons to get around. Other changes to be made include installation of directional signs and modification of phones, drinking fountains and restrooms. (photo by Kurt Wharton)

A contract between Eastern Washington State College and the State Department of Health and Social Services has been signed for the removal of architectural barriers. Dr. Wayne W. Loomis, director of EWSC facilities planning, said the contract, for $64,240, will be financed 80 per cent by the state with EWSC paying the balance.

A study of the EWSC campus and buildings to determine needs for removal of architectural barriers has resulted in a three-year program for their elimination. Dr. Loomis said. This will include installation of directional signs informing handicapped persons of the location of special facilities.

Curb cuts and additional building- ramp entrances and ramps to eliminate short flights of stairs on the grounds are now in use. Other improvements to aid the handicapped include additional elevators and ramps, modification of rest rooms, and adjusting of phones and water fountains for persons in wheelchairs.

Completion of the program will result in a model project for other institutions, both public and private, Dr. Loomis said.

FOOD SERVICE SPECIALISTS--Szabo representatives Ed Paulus, left, and Al Graupner inspect one of the innovations incorporated in PUB food service. Szabo took over food service officially July 1. (photo by Kurt Wharton)
Choral Group Returns

For the second time in as many years, the Southwest German Chamber Choir of Heidelberg, Mannheim will be performing on the Eastern campus. The group will be in the Music Building Recital Hall Monday, July 29, at 8:15 p.m.

Twenty-four group members, ranging in age from 18 to 52, will perform. They will be accompanied by Dr. James Edmonds, a music instructor at Eastern, on the piano.

Dr. Edmonds has toured with them this year on a schedule that brings them to Cheney from San Francisco. Six members of the group were here on the group's earlier tour.

In addition to the concert here, the group will be performing the next two days at Expo '74. Concert material to be performed includes sacred choral works by Bach, Brahms and Monteverdi; secular works, and classical voice pieces by Haydn, Brahms, Beethoven and Schubert.

Gerald Kegelmann will direct the group at their campus concert, which is billed as free. Donations will be accepted at the door, to help the group meet travel expenses.

EWSC Stage To Toot

Neil Simon's rollicking "Come Blow Your Horn" will be presented by the EWSC College Theatre August 1, 2, and 3.

All seats are reserved and reservations can be made by calling 359-7841.

Tickets are $2 except for students, who will be admitted free with a coupon obtainable from the PUB information desk. The curtain goes up at 7:30 p.m. for all three performances.

Free Dance Set In Mall

Those who like to twist and shout in the great out-of-doors will have the opportunity to do just that next week.

The Student Activities Review Board is sponsoring a dance July 31 in the mall between Patterson Hall and the PUB. "Daybreak" will be the featured band and admission is free. Music will last from 7:30 p.m. to 11:30 p.m.

Ed Grant Trains Aides

A $48,620 grant to train Indian teacher aides has been awarded Eastern Washington State College by the Indian education section of the U.S. Office of Education.

Dr. Alice L. Shaw, director of educational program development and school services for EWSC, said the funds are for training Indian Americans to serve as teacher aides for schools with significant numbers of Indian children statewide and in Idaho.

EWSC and School District 101 have field-tested this program through a Federal Education Development Professional Act (EDPA) grant in Pend Oreille, Stevens and Ferry counties.

This new grant, Dr. Shaw said, will enable continuation of the pilot project and provide opportunities to recruit and train new aides.

"There are identified needs for developing a cadre of Indian teacher aides trained at the undergraduate level who are committed to working together in serving the needs of Indian children," Dr. Shaw said.

This will show the Indian people examples of ways to raise their level of attainment. The chance to become a teacher aide with the real possibility of climbing a planned career ladder to become a certified teacher can serve as one such example."

Patton Life Shows

"Patton," George C. Scott's portrayal of the flamboyant commander, is the unforgettable offering of the weekly film series. For his performance of Patton's astounding successes and failures, Scott was awarded the Oscar for Best Actor.

Karl Malden, Karl Vogler, and Edward Binns also star in this epic biography by Director Franklin Schaffner. The movie will be shown Tuesday, July 30, at 7:30 p.m. There is no admission charge to get into the PUB Multi-purpose Room for the showing.
**Vets Get Checks**

Some 4,500 school-going Washington State veterans whose GI Bill eligibility was extended by two years under a law signed by the President on July 10 will receive education assistance checks by the end of July.

"The former eight-year deadline on using school benefits expired June 30 for veterans from military service between Jan. 31, 1955, and July 1, 1966," George A. Cook, acting director of the Veterans Administration regional office in Seattle, explained.

"Those veterans who happened to be in summer school at the time the law was enacted can now be paid legally for training beyond the former expiration date of June 30."

Normally, checks are delivered in advance of each month of training, according to Cook, so the agency prepared in advance of the new bill's enactment to process payments for summer school students as soon as legal authority to make the payments was received.

Veterans in school who were discharged less than eight years ago continued to receive their monthly checks without interruption, and they will have continuing eligibility under the new law for up to 10 years after separation from service.

The extension of eligibility from 8 to 10 years also applies to eligible wives and widows of veterans who train under VA's Dependents' Educational Assistance Act and to veterans who take farm cooperative, flight, appliance and on-the-job training.

A racquetball clinic with a top man and woman player will be held at the Pegasus Wing Flight Championships to be held at Eastern Washington State College, Aug. 1, 2, and 3. The clinic will be held in three sessions July 31. The first two will be in the new phase two gymnasium at 3:30 and from 1:30 to 4:30. The third session will be held at the Elks Lodge from 6 to 8 p.m.

Pat Whitehill, tournament director, said the clinic will feature Peggy Steding, the top woman racquetball player from U.S. and Steve Keeley, one of the top five men players in the country.

Various skill shots involved, including strategy in singles and doubles, will be demonstrated.

One college credit may be earned by participating in advancing and attending all three clinics. Whitehill said, there will be a charge of $6 for all three sessions without credit, or $3 for the first demonstration.

Racquetball is played on handball courts using all four walls and ceiling. Whitehill said, with a racquet similar to a tennis racquet.

Miss Steding is undefeated in two years of competition and has also won NCAA tournament in the class B or middle ranked category.

**Cyclists Advised On Summer Safety**

To bicycle owners and riders, summer is here and the heat is on. The safety precautions and heed the rules. It has become an American tradition to enjoy the outdoors, taking in the sights and sounds of the season.

Summer Jobs Are Available

Two thousand summer jobs are available in Europe according to Student Overseas Services. Most jobs are in resorts, hotels and restaurants in Austria, France and Switzerland and no experience is required.

Free room and board are provided with each job and wages range from $300 to $600 per month. Positions are given out on a first-come, first-served basis.

Interested students may obtain more information and a job application form by writing to Student Overseas Services, either SOS, 22 Ave. de la Liberte, Luxembourg, Europe or SOS, Box 5173, Santa Barbara, California, 93108.

**RAC-PIN: Here To Help**

Institutions of higher learning are the bastions of enlightenment. They’re also places where people find themselves separated from family and friends, perhaps for the first time, facing a totally new environment replete with pressures and problems that even the most seasoned student had to face before. That can be a mighty heavy load.

Diffidence, loneliness and depression are often the off-shoots of the rigors of academia. Even a small college campus can seem like a cold, indomitable and lonely place to face alone. Add to that an academic load and new financial responsibilities and restrictions and the result can be enough to get anyone down.

Eastern, fortunately, an answer to that problem. RAP-PIN has the resources and experience to provide solutions to most any problem faced by new or returning students.

RAP-PIN is manned by student volunteers who have been there, done that and know the same problems as the people who call for help. When you’re down and out, a friendly understanding voice can mean the difference between getting up and staying down.

College can be a wonderful experience. But when it’s not, it’s good to know that there someone as close as the nearest telephone who knows what to do about it.

**Letters To the Editor**

The Pegusus Delta Wing Flight School is now offering classes in the fundamentals of hang glider flying. Classes are taught in two phases; ground school where glider design, construction, maintenance and safety is taught, and flight school with in-flight instruction.

Classes are available Saturdays, Sundays and weekdays from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. The fee is $25.

For more information write: Pat Crogan, P.O. Box 1, Cheney, 99004.