

35 VISTA Volunteers Arrive at UA

Approximately 35 VISTA volunteers have arrived on the University of Alaska campus to begin an intensive five-week training program.

The group is participating in the Volunteers in Service to America (VISTA) program, sometimes known as the "domestic peace corps."

At the university, the volunteers will receive instruction in Alaskan history, anthropology, sociology, geography, forestry, fisheries, homemaking skills and in other fields.

Directing the training program is George B. McMillan, a long-time Alaskan resident and former Juneau-Douglas school principal.

Assisting him will be Wallace M. Olson, assistant project training officer who has taught school in Alaska for many years.

Field placement supervisors for the program will be Helen E. Sanderson, who has worked with previous VISTA training programs, and James Huntington of Huslia. Huntington is well known in many Yukon River villages and contributed to the book, "On the Edge of Nowhere: An Alaskan Saga."

This is the fifth VISTA training program to be held on the University of Alaska campus. In previous programs, a total of 114 volunteers were trained for service within Alaska.