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Dear Rollie:

9 correction. I just came from our New Student Convocation for the Class of 1999, which has 31 males and 21 females, and ranges in age from 20 to 37. These 52 were chosen from an applicant pool of 1222. I thought you might be interested in some of their occupations and experiences.

One young woman was a Peace Corp Volunteer in West Africa, who had to teach herself physics and chemistry with a study guide, "old text written in French and Portuguese, using candlelight and unconventional study locations."

Other occupations include:

Aquarium designer and builder Exchange student to Columbia, South America Kung-Fu instructor Community impact project leader for mentally disadvantaged children Founder of the UNR Gerontology Club Radio DJ Tissue procurement technician Tutor at the Piaute Indian Reservation County Sheriff Pilot EMT Flying Samaritans Volunteer on the AIDS Quilt Crisis Line volunteer Rape Crisis Counselor

Class member travels have taken them to 21 countries, and their honors fill an entire page, single spaced. And we all learned a new word from the "personal comments" section of one application. The student wrote, "'Indarra' is a Basque word meaning inner and outer strength, which I feel is essential in the pursuit of a career in medicine."

I could fill several columns for you on this class, but I will stop here. They are, as usual, a special group.

Jame Williams