Stark Studies Wise Bird's Brain; Owl Stimulates Computer Circuits

Explorations of nature's computer center, the brain, and its relation to modern electronic computer systems is the current project of Dr. Lawrence Stark, M.D., Research Associate in the Department of Biology. Experimenting with a small owl, Dr. Stark has correlated stimuli to learning. The learning process is the heart of the computer, and the basic problem in development of better systems is the wiring of learning units. Strangely enough, the brain of the owl undergoes processes during such simple functions as light detection which are similar to the wiring of electronic circuitry. By a study of the owl's conditioned reflexes, a knowledge of computer circuit potential is gained.

Dr. Stark's findings indicate that basic instinctive reactions can be controlled as computer processes, that perhaps the same wiring can be utilized to control animals and even human beings, to some extent.

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(Continued from Page 15) restrictions on their freedom of movement. University regulations forced students' having visitors in their rooms to force dormitory doors to close at 8 p.m. The university apparently did not agree with the demands, for it expelled the entire undergraduate student body.

The Peace Corps

When asked of students on the international scene, one often thinks of the Peace Corps. A recent issue of its newspaper Peace Corps Volunteer, had a column of excerpts from application forms and letters of reference received by the Peace Corps Division of Selection. Among them were seven.

From an application form: "First, I thought you had to be an English major to teach English; then I learned different.

From another application: "I'm quite prolific, but haven't developed any particular skill in anything."

Answering the question "What do you hope to accomplish by serving in the Peace Corps:"

"Peace."

"Primary skills: "I don't remember.

After listing references on the application form: "These are the people when I feel lose and bad. If you would like another list, of people who do not know me as well, but are in more important positions, please let me know."

In a letter of reference for a garbage collector: "He seems to be down in the dumps some of the time."

These excerpts are from other letters of reference:

"And when he was in the mental hospital with T.B. . . . ."

"We feel we have known him all these years . . . ."

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