

# PHATWAD

Because you have nothing else to do! Nor do we!

## SUMO LAY?



So sad, weep weep, can I blow a load of snot on someone's shirt sleeve? All this saying goodbye crap is for the birds. Let's see, to date we've lost a Micha, a Joe, a Salami, a Vivian, a Gates and two bi-polars (1 with a hubby and 1 without).

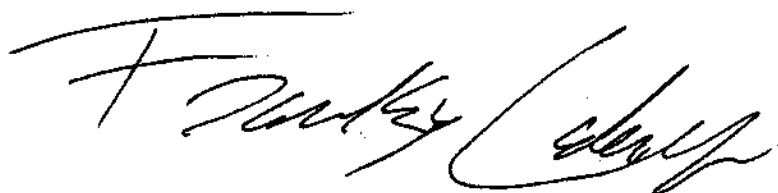
To show our last respects to those of you who are about to make the transition back to the Land of the free (refill) and the home of the (Atlanta) brave(s) , we the editors of the Phatwad will hereby dedicate the rest of this page to all the sustainable projects you have completed during your service.

Sorry eh.

Congrats to Jen Wegis the new co-editor of the WAD

For all you yahoos that are going home, stay in touch and check out the "unofficial" PC/TG website where you'll hopefully be able to keep up-to-date on those you left in the field, new projects and of course the PHATWAD is going online!

<http://members.theglobe.com/pcgambia/index.htm>

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Frankie Calver". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

## **A Way to Look at The Newbians**

If we could expand the Newbian Group (as if it could get any bigger) to 100 people, their Peace Corps service would look something like this.

There would be 35 agroforestry volunteers, 35 education volunteers and 30 health volunteers.

70 will be Catholic, 10 will be total bible thumpers, 15 won't practice any religion and there will be 5 token Jews who's mothers are at home in support groups exclaiming "Oh, I hope my baby is alright; I can't believe they're shitting into a hole in the ground!" By the end of training 5 agroforestry volunteers and 10 health volunteers will E.T.

85% of the volunteers will experience at least one bout of explosive diarrhea (the kind that ends up on your foot)

8 will have dysentery, 4 will have dysentery more than once (Yo Jackasses, get a different water source!)

By Christmas 2 more agroforestry volunteers and 8 more health volunteers will E.T.

96% will have sex during their service, 20% will become clientele at Wheels, 4% will not have sex during their service, 0% will boink Errol (poor Errol).

By the one year mark 1 more agroforestry volunteer, 1 education volunteer and 6 more health volunteers will E.T.

6 female volunteers will get married (4 to Nigerians, 1 to a Senegalese and 1 to a Gambian)

2 volunteer will have their children move to The Gambia to be with them, 1 will say "this place sucks" and go home, the other 1 will say "this place sucks" and become a volunteer.

100% will have down-country houses

When one considers the Newbians from such an incredibly well thoughtout perspective, the need for guidance, patience and understanding becomes glaringly apparent. Hey Barbara where did you say you keep the extra supply of condoms? (Oh Christ, as if you weren't thinking the same fucking thing!)



## **To The Anonymous Traveler on Gypsy Road**

'Twas the night before Phatwad was due to appear  
I slept so soundly with nothing to fear  
Until I read May's issue to find  
"Gypsy Road" with no name signed  
Now visions of authors dance through my head  
waving sweet little poems that all PCVs have now read  
Discreet you are not but you sure know how to write  
I was so flattered by your words they made me smile all night  
I'd love to say thanks to whoever you are  
Though this I can tell you, Mandori's not far  
There's a path in the Baddibu for authors unknown  
Just keep walking 'til you find the yellow brick road

### **How To Buy Your Very Own Second Wife**

A six step program to *get you off* on the right track

Step one: Window-shop

Step two: Save your Dalasi

Step Three: Steal your wife's Dalasi (can't save up for a second wife  
and keep up the attaya habit on your money alone now can you)

Step Four: Window-shop some more

Step Five: Try a few prospects on for size

Step Six: When you find one that fits, buy her

(Optional) Step Seven: Begin saving up for wife your third wife

*\*Please note: for quickest success, start from Grade 6 and go down from there*

# Now Playing

# ~~THE SWEETEST THING YOU'LL EVER PUT IN YOUR MOUTH~~

Starring  
T-Amara Sue  
&  
E. Claire Shmidt

Written by Franky Lakeside  
Directed by Wally Nut  
Produced by Spyglass Productions  
Soundtrack by Bonk-Jigee-Bonk-Bonk

The porn industry's well-deserved shoddy reputation is based on manufacturers' proclivity for cutting corners; such cheapness is not always a bad thing. Cheap is good when it means splitting T-Amara Sue three ways in *The Sweetest Thing You'll Ever Put in Your Mouth's* first scene, dividing her toothy, \_\_\_\_\_ between a trio of \_\_\_\_\_ checkers who \_\_\_\_\_ her bent over the seat of a Harley. Blond wisp E. Claire Shmidt pops into a low-rent-diner set with chewed bubblegum pressed into her \_\_\_\_\_. A bearded older dude shaves the mess clean and splats a new mess onto her \_\_\_\_\_. *Sweetest Thing You'll Ever Put in Your Mouth* is good for cheap beats, we give it a score of Three-Quarters Erect

## Cuisine



Here's the recipe for those fantastic bean sandwiches from the C.O.S party. : So good you gotta recreate them at site.

### "Support Your Local Dentist" Bean Sandwiches

#### Ingredients:

60 lbs black-eyed peas  
10 lbs gravel  
20 lbs onions  
10 cups vegetable oil  
100 Jumbo cubes  
salt and black pepper to taste  
red peppers

#### Night Before:

Cover beans with water and let soak overnight.

#### Day of Consumption:

Drain and add fresh water to beans, enough to cover, add Jumbo cubes, and all but two handfuls gravel. Cook until beans are soft. Pound onions, both peppers and salt. Saute in oil. Place oil mixture in small faux plastic bowl, place bread on serving tray, heap beans into a large serving dish. Garnish beans with remaining two handfuls of gravel. Serves over a hundred people. Keeps dentists of The Gambia in business. Enjoy. I know I did.

## Arts and Entertainment

May 28th, 1999

### Caribbean Night

Fishbowl held yet another one of its infamous extravaganzas. The host of this particular event was Doug Fynn, denizen of the "Bowl." The theme was a tropical one. Fish, coconuts and related paraphernalia abounded. The host was tastefully attired in a grass skirt and flamingo hat.

All guests, upon entering, were festooned with leis. Refreshments were alcoholic in nature, the primary beverage being served in a large bucket. The flavor was dominated by citrus with prodigious amounts of the aforementioned alcohol. Ms. Walker was working some bartending magic with her own concoctions.

A final touch to the festivities was a large banner announcing the Jazz Festival, that had been procured in Dakar, Senegal, several weeks earlier.

May 29th, 1999

### Evening Performances

Westfield House debuted its first foray into the "Performing Arts." Flautists James Burmester and Lanae Starkey performed beautiful duets while Jean Ricardi and Becca Carter entertained with a series of interpretive dances.

It was a night of improvisation. James and Lanae utilized the house drying rack for a music stand, while Becca and Jean flitted about with fabric scraps and utilized a leather footrest to accentuate their leaps and



"Wasted away Jagan"



ounds.

When asked about what influenced their unique style, Ms. Carter responded "Pole and table dancing" (referring to her pre-Peace Corps career.) Ms. Ricardi stated that the performance had been inspired by the "sprightly music" of the flautists.

Ms. Starkey, when solicited for comment, replied "I don't know how it happened. One minute we were playing and the next minute, there they were." Mr. Burmester stated, "They're just crazy."

Future performances are planned, but not yet scheduled.

May 30th, 1999

### *C.O.S. Party*

A seventies theme seemed to permeate the final festivity for some of our comrades-in-arms.

### **Style:**

Ms. O'Leary was a sultry seventies sex-kitten in her polka-dot frock. Her upswept hairstyle and dramatic eye makeup served only to accent her attire.

Fishbowl members showed up in a selection of "night wear." Sporting various colors and styles of pajamas, they managed to keep to their own particular style.

Ms. Keating was also "in theme" with her pink top, green plaid pants, and flower. Ms. Nawi was deliciously dishy in her Chinese influence body-hugging gown.

And who could forget Mr. Oetting's ruffled dress shirt which he so generously shared with Ms. Grant?

But the pinnacle of fashion was

Ms. Schmitt's attire. Her snug fitting man's shirt and plaid pants, topped with multiple braids, may not have been in keeping with the seventies theme, but they definitely made a statement. You go girl!

### **Activities:**

The evening was a time for dancing, drinking, and chatting. There was a small break from the norm as four unnamed individuals decided an evening swim was in order.

Despite Mr. Amodio's attempt to make off with the swimmers' discarded clothing, all was restored by a kindly Ms. Newbold and others.

Except it has come to this writer's attention that a certain Ms. Oddman snapped several pictures of the "Midnight Mermaids."

Legal action is being taken to obtain these pictures and negatives. The party pushing forward this action has not wished to make their names known.

### **Bittersweet Memories:**

And a touching moment, not soon to be forgotten, was when Ms. Schmitt clasped Mr. Gates into her arms for the song "I Will Always Love You" by Whitney Houston. A truly touching, bittersweet finish for this man's strenuous tour of duty.

### **Upcoming Events:**

Arrival of the "Newbies"  
Fourth of July Party  
"The Gambian Goat-Step"  
Other stuff...

## Dear Franky

Dear Franky,

Last month I submitted a poem to 'The Wad' about my love for one of our fellow volunteer's offspring.

Unfortunately, everyone seems to think that Errol wrote it (as if he could come up with such an emotional masterpiece) and now he has taken the spotlight I deserve. What can I do to score that kiss with Gypsy and how can I get back at Errol for snagging all the attention that belongs to me?

Sincerely,

I crashed and burned on Gypsy Road

Dear I crashed and burned on Gypsy Road,

You are absolutely right, Errol could have never come up with such endearing words, not even if he owned the last box of attaya in the country and every old pa around was threatening to chop off his nads for just one caste. Besides do you really think that that is why Errol's been getting all your attention? Shit no, the reason he's been getting so much attention is that he's had a crusty piece of rice hanging off that olfactory monument of his for nearly a month now. Point is don't sweat the small stuff, what you need to do is concentrate on your goal.

My advice to you is sign up for some Pre-Service Training sessions at Tendaba. Gypsy's mom will be at site

and without the goalie there it will be much easier to score. Buy that young vixen a few Julbrews or maybe even lay it on thick by springing for some Heinekens. Before you know it she'll have forgotten all about what's his face and Gypsy will be yours. One last thing, please be sure to put the top up on the convertible if you enter any tunnels on Gypsy's Road.

Dear Franky,

It's almost C.O.S. time you know and although I am beginning to get very excited, one thought has begun to linger in my mind. It has been quite some time since I have seen my boyfriend back home and I'm a little worried that I my oral skills aren't quite what they used to be. I know that people say, "it's just like riding a bike once you learn you never forget" but is there anything that I can do to make myself more prepared?

Your's truely,

Tire blow out

Dear Tire blow out,

I hear ya on the "it's been a while" deal, but you'll be alright. You might think about building up some stamina so that your cheeks don't feel like they got kicked in my the compound donkey. One suggestion would be to practice on some eclaires from La Parisienne, although you'll have to take vacation days unless you can come up with some lame ass

excuse about why you're in Kombo. The other suggestion is to visit your local DHT (and hope it's not Margarette's) where your fellow PCVs will be glad to give you a "hand."

## **FEEL BETTER ABOUT YOURSELF AND JUST THINK, SOMEONE'S GOT EVEN MORE FREE TIME THAN YOU!**

> GOLFERS BE FORE-WARNED: IF A BALL SMACKS YOUR HEAD, SEE YOUR DOCTOR

Golf can be a healthy way to exercise and have fun, but it can also lead to severe injuries. According to government statistics, more than 300,000 people have suffered serious golf injuries over the past few years. Many of these required hospitalization; others were fatal.

> SEX IS MASTER OF WEB DOMAIN

Hey, here's a shocker: Adult content Web sites are very popular. Last year Web users in the U.S. and Western Europe shelled out \$970 million for access to

adult content sites, according to a study by Datamonitor, a U.K. analyst firm.

Adult content accounts for 69 percent of the \$1.4 billion online content market. The company expects that figure to reach \$3.1 billion by 2003

> PRANKSTERS TURN MIT DOME INTO 'STAR WARS' CHARACTER

Some Massachusetts Institute of Technology pranksters turned the university's trademark dome into a larger-than-life replica of R2-D2, the trash-can-shaped android in the "Star Wars" series. School police discovered the dome covered in red, white, blue and black mesh fabric panels during a routine patrol early Monday morning. The students left a dozen doughnuts and instructions on how to remove the material. MIT officials plan to leave the prank in place until Thursday.

COS Questionnaire

Name: Yvonne White Rank: Angelic  
 Estimated # of shots of attaya consumed in the last 22 months: ick  
 Estimated % of your service that you spent away from site: 0 % See above

1) What 3 things WON'T you share about your service in PC/TG when you get home?

KB

Derek

Doug

2) Of Phatwah editors—past or present—state what each is most likely to be doing in 10 years:

Nigel & Ryan - getting married

Michelle - checking men with mag lights

3) If you could <sup>take</sup> someone to America with you, who would it be? Where would you take them first?

Let me get there first!

4) Most memorable moment of your service (that doesn't involve the Tendaba pool or an LCH):

Niro Jataba children throwing rotten mangos at me and yelling "F\*@k You, Toubab!" while biking. (Thanks Michelle!)

5) When you move to America, what will you take in place of Mephaloquine?

You mean I should stop taking it?

6) Biggest mistake in the Gambia:

See #1 ... Oh ... and not understanding that my bicycle brakes were engaged for 1 1/2 years!

7) Your words of wisdom for incoming trainees:

Let it Riiiiide

-Travis Rush  
GPI

Don't go intestate—submit your Last Will and Testament!



# No Englissee but English!

Dear Editor

We would like to thank Mr Bora Mboge for his contribution in the *Daily Observer* of Monday May 10.

As programme manager at GRTS, he should be aware of all that happens there. However, it is not fair of him to describe Momodou Joof and Pierre Gomez as hypocrites, just because they said the truth. We felt he could have solved the problems amicably in-house.

As he said he welcomes

criticisms, here is something that goes on daily, and it is kind of accepted now, when it is not right. It will be very good to have someone who has a very good command of the English language, to assist the news readers to distinguish between written and spoken English, to facilitate their pronunciation. It is very alarming and calls for attention, when even senior staff make unforgivable mistakes and the junior ones meekly copy them.

For example: (A) SECRE-

TARY is written like this, but pronounced Sectry, especially when secretary of state is being used.

(B) COMPANY is written like this but, pronounced Compy.

(C) THEME is written like this but news readers pronounce it as TEAM.

Perhaps, Mr Mboge, you should ~~be~~ your news readers to ~~make~~ an effort to pronounce Shce and tion properly, because it is embarrassing and painful to the ears of those who know the right way to say things.

Just listen to Essa Jallow, Lamin Manga and Neneh Macdoll, they articulate very well and we enjoy listening to them. This is a FACT. Watch the way they dress and comport themselves on the screen.

We feel the staff of GRTS have to adjust themselves to meet international standards. You definitely lack good readers. Do you folks watch other TV stations like RTS, SKY (UK), CNN, etc? Your answers to your questions could be found there.

Bora, we hope you'll accept these criticisms and solutions. You see, we recall the days when Saul Njie, Jay Coker, Amie Joof-Cole, Christiana Thomas, Neneh Macdoll, Ebrima Cole, and others used to read the news, we believe you know the flavour. (No speaking of Englissee but ENGLISH.)

Gambians are watching and listening.

Sheikh Jobe &  
Alasan Jabang  
Latrikunda

After a long absence the Phatwad not so proudly presents...**THE DRUNKS OF THE MONTH.**

Apparently not everyone struck-out at softball.

These two clowns got to frist base alright...DOH!!!

>Top ten things men would do if they woke up and had a vagina for a day:

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- >10. Immediately go shopping for zucchini and cucumbers.
- >9. Squat over a hand-held mirror for an hour and a half.
- >8. See if they could finally do the splits.
- >7. See if it's truly possible to launch a ping pong ball 20 feet.
- >6. Cross their legs without rearranging their crotch.
- >5. Get picked up in a bar in less than 10 minutes...BEFORE closing time.

>4. Have consecutive multiple orgasms and still be ready for more without sleeping first.

>3. Go to the gynecologist for a pelvic exam and ask to have it recorded on video.

>2. Sit on the edge of the bed and pray for breasts, too.

> And, the NUMBER ONE thing men would do if they woke up with a vagina:

>1. Finally find that damned G-spot.

>Top ten things women would do if they woke up and had a penis for a day:

>10. Get ahead faster in corporate America.

>9. Get a blow job.

>8. Find out what is so fascinating about beating the meat.

>7. Pee standing up while talking to other men at a urinal.

>6. Determine WHY you can't hit the bowl consistently.

>5. Find out what it's like to be on the other end of a surging orgasm.

>4. Touch/shift yourself in public without thought as to how improper it may seem.

>3. Jump up and down naked with an erection to see if it feels as funny as it looks.

>2. Understand the scientific reason for the light refraction which occurs between a man's eyes and the ruler situated next to his member which causes two inches to be added to the final measurement.

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>And, the NUMBER ONE thing women would do if they woke up with a penis:

>1. Repeat number 9.

## 'Do not urinate here'

There are certain streets that are well known as 'urinating streets', Hill Street, Banjul, Aisha Marie, and Jang Jang Road, Serrekunda, easily come to mind.

Whenever passing along these streets, the smell of urine is foul, due to the huge amount of people who use these streets as toilets.

Somebody has painted some very nice 'do not urinate here' signs on the wall by Aisha Marie, but almost nobody takes any notice of the signs.

Is it that people who use the streets as toilets cannot read, or cannot read English?

Perhaps instead of written signs, we should have picture signs instead. Similar to the nice new 'no yellow taxis, or humps ahead' signs, so that regardless of whether you are illiterate or cannot read a particular language, people will be able to understand a 'picture' sign.

The mind boggles as to what the sign for 'do not urinate' would be!

## Are You Gettin' Any??

1. When you get up in the morning, the first thing you do is...
  - a. sweep the house
  - b. find your underwear
  - c. ask "Why is that donkey in my hut?"
2. It's the big disco in the village, what you wear to the event is...
  - a. clothes that you wore all week to make Kumba Gaye stoves
  - b. an "above-the-knee" number
  - c. jelly-jellies and a smile
3. When eating out of the foodbowl...
  - a. use your hand
  - b. use someone else's hand
  - c. who needs a foodbowl?
4. Your favorite fruit...
  - a. bananas and/or cherries
  - b. peeled grapes
  - c. what the hell does this have to do with anything?
5. When Lamén, your sexy, virile tailor whips out his tape measure you ask him...
  - a. why he needs a tape measure since his hands are more accurate
  - b. to remeasure your inseam several times to be sure
  - c. to copy the dress you brought
6. Your most frequent, recurring methloquine dream is...
  - a. your naked APCD draped across the sign-in log at the front desk
  - b. your counterpart cavorting naked through the bush on a pink bicycle with plastic handle tassles
  - c. Sexy Smurf

7. You like to use your trusty mini-mag light for...
  - a. censored
  - b. reading Penthouse Forum on the commode
  - c. to conduct a cursory genital check of the latest to grace your bamboo bed
  
8. The song that best describes your sex life in The Gambia is...
  - a. "No hope for the hopeless..."
  - b. Morning call to Prayer
  - c. Lucky Dubey
  
9. Your favorite use of med-kit issue condoms is to...
  - a. make puppets
  - b. give impromptu produce demonstrations at the bantaba
  - c. write a SPA requesting a gross or two for your "secondary project"
  
10. You like to use your palm oil for...
  - a. greasing your high quality Peace Corps issue bike chain
  - b. facilitating the sliding of the noxious food bowl contents down the commode hole
  - c. lubricating the donkey that keeps showing up in your hut

**SCALE:**

For each "a" circled, give yourself one point; for each "b," 2 points; and for each "c," 3 points.

**SCORING:**

Less than 10- Congrats! You are a member in good standing with the 4% club...suggestion, go to Wheels or start makin' donuts...

11-20 points- Get on it! You only have a year left! No more slacking is allowed in this agency!! Do not bring shame upon the NAME!!

21-30 points- Save some condoms for the rest of us...and leave that donkey alone!! There are plenty in the 4% club to work on!! Help a friend out!!

My last WILL AND TESTIMENT as a PCV by Peggy Sedlak. As my time here comes to a close sob sob ... I don't want to forget all you small boys and girls so here goes...

To Nigel - I give all my panties.

To Amy R. - the condoms from my med kit.

To Jenny S. - the toads in my up-country house.

To Justin - my silverware, hint hint.

To Jennifer W. - the plastic bags scattered throughout The Gambia.

To Vivian - my panty liners.

To Mike A. - worn out holey clothes, to help liven up your wardrobe.

To Ellen - plenty of rat poison.

To Margaret - an ambulance from the DHT's ambulance graveyard. Fixed up of course.

To Rachele - a Mosque alarm clock. To keep the memories fresh.

To Lanae - free water.

To Tina - air conditioning, running water, TV, electricity - I can't remember if she has these.....

To Michelle T. - Youssou Ndure tapes.

To Gwynne - an aquarium, to take the place of the fish pond.

To Nate - beer, bottles of it.

To Erik - a whole week at site.

To Cole - palm wine.

To Tamara - a years supply of cherreh.

To Darren - a new pair of flip flops.

To Jean - the PCVL position for next year.

To Michelle E. - a teddy bear.

To Heidi - you own PC Trooper.

To Errol - it goes without saying.

To Katy N. - all my male Nigerian friends addresses. Have fun.

To Gypsy - ten new outfits from Serrekunda.

To Elsie - a new kamo lid. Sorry eh.

To Katy S. - a year suply of low fat KILM milk.

To everyone else - rice.

#### WANTED FOR ATTEMPTED MURDER (the actual ~~murder~~ e)

Linda Burnett, 23, a resident of San Diego, was visiting her inlaws, and while there went to a nearby supermarket to pick up some groceries.

Several people noticed her sitting in her car with the windows rolled up and with her eyes closed, with both hands behind the back of her head. One customer who had been at the store for a while became concerned and walked over to the car. He noticed that Linda's eyes were now open, and she looked very strange. He asked her if she was okay, and Linda replied that she'd been shot in the back of the head, and had been holding her brains in for over an hour. The man called the paramedics, who broke into the car because the doors were locked and Linda refused to remove her hands from her head.

When they finally got in, they found that Linda had a wad of bread dough on the back of her head. A Pillsbury biscuit canister had exploded from the heat, making a loud noise that sounded like a gunshot, and the wad of dough hit her in the back of her head. When she reached back to find out what it was, she felt the dough and thought it was her brains. She initially passed out, but quickly recovered and tried to hold her brains in for over an hour until someone noticed and came to her aid.

And, yes, Linda is a blonde.



## Quotes:

"I want to go home and get a job as a Walmart Greeter...I know I would have the greeting stuff down!"

-Jean R. (on how she will be using her Peace Corps language training in the future)

"Wooterless..."

-Julie Z. (offering her word for the end of the Education Workshop evaluation)

"I would like to buttress what Julie said..."

-Vonnice W. (when asked after Julie Z. for her word to evaluate the workshop)

## Vocabulary

**gender balanced-** Oops! We forgot that women were human beings too...

**girls education-** your genitals affect your ability to learn, in case you didn't notice

**workshop-** a "wooter" incubator

**team-teaching-** "Hi, glad you're here! I am going out to brew attaya while you take over my class that hasn't been taught anything in the last eight months..."

**curriculum-** something that someone did for fun to see how many teachers wouldn't follow it...kind of a reverse psychology thingy...some claim, like the Loch Ness Monster, it doesn't really exist

**Resource Center-** that cool room where the toubob lives and where bags of rice, farm tools and trash can be stored...

**RESETT teacher-** a person who complains that his/her per diem was insufficient for their last workshop

## Personals

### For Women

YSGM seeks toubob woman for walks in the bush, meals over three stone fires, and dances at the disco. Must know how to cook benachin and have a large lippy. *Box 1256*

OPGM yearns for a sweet submissive woman to wait on him hand and foot and give him many sons. No shoes required. *Box 5631*

YPCVM desperately desires nubile ex-military woman to warm his bamboo bed, whisper sweet nothings and gaze adoringly into his eyes. Must have unusual first name. Blondes preferred. *Box 9742*

### For Men

SPCVF craves active male, preferably agroforestry, for strolls along the bolong. Man with strong ankles preferred. *Box 5687*

DGF looking for a man to build her a round hut, give her cloth and chickens. Man who is farmer given priority. Respond ASAP. Rainy season is coming. *Box 0872*

SPCVF searching for a man to meet her needs. Must be able to do more push-ups and want 30 children. Has to be willing to relocate to Oregon and crochet plastic doilies. *Box 4724*

*If you are interested in communicating with any of the boxholders or would like to place an advertisement, please submit your letter to the Editor. Please include the Box number you wish to contact if you are responding to an advertisement.*

COS Questionnaire

Name: Jenny Saguera Rank: Yes  
 Estimated # of shots of attaya consumed in the last 22 months: 62  
 Estimated % of your service that you spent away from site: .00001 %

1) What 3 things WON'T you share about your service in PC/TG when you get home?

- that enlightening evening at COS conference
- le Palais du Chocolat
- walking in on Nigel and Frankie

2) Of Phatwad editors—past or present—state what each is most likely to be doing in 10 years:

- Konobaa - manning the MIA booth in front of the Lincoln Memorial
- Nigel - lecturing world wide as an expert in "Emergency Planning Procedures - How to Respond"
- Michelle - writing her Dominatrix memoirs

3) If you could <sup>take</sup> someone to America with you, who would it be? Where would you take them first?

- One of my compound mothers, Jambri
- up an escalator

4) Most memorable moment of your service (that doesn't involve the Tendaba pool or an LCH):

that haunting nightmare about filling in a Peace Corps application form and being sent to some country I'd never heard of before and being posted out somewhere in the "boos" where other volunteers posted there all et and being suckered into

5) When you move to America, what will you take in place of Mephaloquine?

In place of?

doing a SPA that involves trips to Mecca and doing a "little trusion" to a TBA manual

6) Biggest mistake in the Gambia:

~~whos ever idea it was to ship attaya to this country~~

7) Your words of wisdom for incoming trainees:

- get some earplugs from Barbara
- if you want bumpsters to stop bothering you, shave your head; it's good for ringworm too
- Don't go intestate—submit your Last Will and Testament! or so I hear
- take time to smell the operant's armpit
- heckle the heckler
- remember how lucky you are to have this experience

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COS Questionnaire

Name: Jake Hanson Rank: Armpits, shoes, & most shirts  
 Estimated # of shots of ~~atoya~~ <sup>whiskey</sup> consumed in the last 22 months: atoya - 0; whiskey 10,000  
 Estimated % of your service that you spent away from site: 0 %

1) What 3 things WON'T you share about your service in PC/FG when you get home?

Booze & Broads & more Booze

2) Of Phatwad editors—past or present—state what each is most likely to be doing in 10 years:

Nigel - devoting entire time trying to get article published in 'The Onion'  
Michelle - in a straightjacket - reading 'The Onion'  
Errol - writing for 'The Onion'

3) If you could <sup>take</sup> someone to America with you, who would it be? Where would you take them first?

Fatou (any or all!) - on a tour of my house!

4) Most memorable moment of your service (that doesn't involve the Tendaba pool or an LCH):

Blacking out from too much booze.

5) When you move to America, what will you take in place of Mephaloquine?

Viagra or Birth control (I haven't decided yet)

6) Biggest mistake in the Gambia:

Spending all my time at site

7) Your words of wisdom for incoming trainees:

Booze, Broads, & more Booze

## Want Ads

- *Taxi Park Big Boss* – Position now open at the Brikama Taxi Park for a lazy individual who is willing to, breathe exhaust fumes for 8 hours a day, accept bribes and cause chaos. Position pays D150 per day plus fringe benefits including free rides to and from work, discounted ice-juice and the wardrobe of the late pimp Guido.
- *Policeman* – Position now open in Basse for an individual who is willing to sit under a mango tree for 8

hours a day, harass Senegalese citizens, accept bribes and cause chaos. Position pays D125 per day plus fringe benefits including a nice blue uniform to impress your friends, a cool ID card that will get you through all check points hassle free, and a sweet pair of sunglasses to make you look like Poncherelo. The week hearted need not apply.

- *Bowling Pin Setter* – A position has just opened up at Player's Club for a bowling pin setter. Applicants must know how to count to ten,

have quick reflexes and be able to dodge 20kg balls of rubber that might be thrown at them by drunk patrons.

Conflict resolution skills are a plus.

- *Peace Corps Director* – Just kidding Tom, wanted to see if you really read this thing or not.

# COS Questionnaire

Name: VIVIAN KOLL Rank: PFC (PEACE FEELING CORPS)  
 Estimated # of shots of attaya consumed in the last 22 months: SO MANY I NOW HAVE  
 Estimated % of your service that you spent away from site: SITE ??? % DIABETES

1) What 3 things WON'T you share about your service in PC/TG when you get home?

MY SALAMI  
 MY SALAMI  
 MY SALAMI

2) Of Phatwad editors—past or present—state what each is most likely to be doing in 10 years:

MICHELLE - MISS HAWAIIAN DOMINATRIX 2009  
 NIGREL - PEACE CORPS DIRECTOR - THE GAMBIA

3) If you could <sup>take</sup> someone to America with you, who would it be? Where would you take them first?

① MY SALAMI  
 ② STRAIGHT TO THE EMPLOYMENT OFFICE.

4) Most memorable moment of your service (that doesn't involve the Tendaba pool or an LCH):

SEPTEMBER 3, 1998 - WHAT ELSE??

5) When you move to America, what will you take in place of Mephaloquine?

MY SALAMI

6) Biggest mistake in the Gambia:

~~MY SALAMI~~ OH! I MEAN WATCHING "NOTHING TO LOSE" ONLY SIX TIMES OVER THE X-MAS HOLIDAYS.

7) Your words of wisdom for incoming trainees:

TRY THE SALAMI - IT'S REALLY GOOD!!



## Horoscopes

### **Aquarius** (Jan 20-Feb 17)

You are in your house of fashion this month. You're beautification and shopping skills put you and your wardrobe into a favorable light. Consider a career in fashion or beauty after your service here. Remember that certain things need not ever come to light, especially incriminating photos.



### **Pisces** (Feb 18-Mar 19)

Your feelings could get hurt a lot this month. Get insensitive and shove that irritating Musukehba off your seat on the bush taxi. She'll live. Avoid relationships with sheep and other four-legged indigenous animals.

### **Aries** (Mar 20-April 19)

Rethink a choice in colleagues for a literary project. For some Arians it is difficult for them to resist women's clothing. You could lose money over this obsession. Explore different avenues of sexuality.


### **Taurus** (Apr 20-May 19)

Rusta is integral to your love life. Skin ailments are a thing of the past. Remember the bucket bath. Charred flesh factor in your life now. Prepare for future projects. Rainy season is approaching and will spur your creativity.


### **Gemini** (May 20-June 20)

Lots of initials factor in your month. It's a time for some serious attitude adjustment and reality checks. Be sure to monitor your health. Give up lost causes. Is your house really ready for the rains?

### **Cancer** (Jun 21-Jul 21)



Creatively this will be a good month for you. You will be in your zenith for acquiring new coping and domestic skills. Reconsider a move. Be wary of those wielding brooms and bleach. Education and parties factor heavily in your coming month.



### **Leo** (Jul 22-Aug 22)

Remember, you are the puppetmaster. No one controls your fate. Get back to site and relax. Health matters will pick up in the next month or so. Express your creative side and love of the limelight through performing arts.


### **Virgo** (Aug 23-Sept 21)

Your sphere of influence will be changing in the next month. Be prepared for partings and changes in your job and personal life. Don't despair, more people are coming.

### **Libra** (Sept 22-Oct 22)

Changes abound for this sign this month. Keep looking for a job, but don't expect support from the "higher ups." Family is coming. Prepare to become the focal point for visitors. Don't bring shame upon the name. Rid yourself of tailor grudges, start afresh with new love.

### **Scorpio** (Oct 23-Nov 21)







Don't be too harsh to your fellow sign-mate. Just because she is going to leave you in this fetid dung hole doesn't mean she hates YOU. It's just this country. You will have to be sensitive to other peoples needs. Love proves elusive. Do not lose hope. A good month to clean.

### **Sagittarius** (Nov 22-Dec 20)

Relax and stop to smell the flowers. Work is good, but stop for some essential "YOU" time. Take a poetry day. Education will not be at its all time high for a long while. Just do what you can and let the world take care of the rest. Remember, there are three goals for Peace, Corps.

### **Capricorn** (Dec 21-Jan 19)



You are in a personal upswing this month. Watch for annoying Arians. Take up boxing and martial arts for your health. Swimming and pounding are mainstays, but remember rainy season is coming, so use your fungal powders religiously. Chocolate could get scarce, so be sure to tuck some away for those rainy days.