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Craig Hafner Going Back to Africa

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DAYTON, Ohio, November 15, 1966 — Craig Hafner, a versatile 28-year-old college graduate who completed two years in the Peace Corps this summer, is going back to Africa sometime next year. The former Chicagoan and his wife of three months, Jill, are currently a part of the Front Line missionary program at the University of Dayton.

Hafner, who has his pilot's license, is also training in the UMATT (United Missionary Air Transport and Training) for his instrument rating. Under FAA rules this rating will authorize him to fly in bad weather.

A Political Science major at the University of Colorado, class of 1960, Hafner, who is an Episcopalian in the predominantly Catholic missionary program, spent his Peace Corps time in Tanzania, Africa, and was so impressed with the country and its people that he wants to return there.

During his two year tour, which ended last December, Hafner taught school and worked in Tanzania's Game Preserve, studying animals for the Game Department of Tanzania. Upon his return to the United States Hafner recruited for the Peace Corps in Houston, Texas, and at Duke University in Durham, North Carolina. It was at Duke that his future wife recruited him for the matrimonial state.

His desire to return to Africa comes from meetings with Bro. Michael Stimac, S.M., who flies for UMATT in Nairobi, Kenya. Hafner met Bro. Mike in Nairobi and decided that being a Flying Missionary was a good way to spend another three years of his life. His wife was so impressed with his zeal that she, too, is enrolled in the Front Line program and will go to Africa with him. Mrs. Hafner, the former Jill Thompson, is a 1966 graduate of Duke University.