

# New Peace Corps Recruiting Localized For More Unity

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Peace Corps as of old is no more. The new has worn off of this organization and the problem of getting new volunteers has increased. The administration of Peace Corps has realized this and re-evaluated its recruiting program.

Peace Corps recruiters Miss Barbara Hunter and Miss Joanne Phillips will be on campus the rest of the week to establish a more personal contact with the students who wish to apply. In the past, an applicant lost touch with the organization while his application was being processed. This sometimes caused the student to pursue other courses of service and forget the Peace Corps.

The PEACE CORPS has not regionalized its offices in an attempt to maintain a more personal contact with the people who apply. It plans to provide a service where a person can call to check on the status of his application, by providing a speakers bureau for campus officials to engage on Peace Corps subjects and other means of which to follow through after the initial contact.

The procedure for volunteering: an application is filled out and a modern language survey is taken to show ability to learn a foreign language. This is sent to Washington for pre-screening. Reference forms are then sent to the people listed on the application and a certain waiting period is started for the forms to be returned.

THE APPLICANT is then notified

that his application is being processed and that it is under consideration. This is the last that he hears until he is invited to attend a training project. Most projects are held on college campuses throughout the nation.

In some fields, after a training session in the states, additional training is required in the country the person will work.

Some universities have set degree plans where students may attend academic classes for two years, go overseas with the Peace Corps for two years and return to finish their college education with a degree in their particular field and a Peace Corps Diploma. At this time Texas A&M University does not have such a program.

THE STUDENTS are required to finance their academic work, but the Peace Corps pays for the training and provides a salary while the person is overseas.

Dr. Curtis Godfrey of A&M's Peace Corps Advisory Council said, "I had hoped that the Peace Corps could provide some scholarships and fellowships for our students to help with academic expenses, but evidently they do not exist at this time."

Junior, Senior, and graduate students who can be available within 15 months are the most sought after. At the present time agricultural majors are the most in need. However, there is room for all majors as community development, agriculture, health, and education problems are worked on by the Peace Corps.

Misses Hunter and Phillips will establish a booth in the Post Office area of the MSC. They will

be able to explain the offered programs, issue applications and administer the modern language aptitude survey. The survey will be given in Room 3D of the MSC Wednesday and Thursday until 5 p.m. and Friday until 3 p.m.

For those people who are accepted to go overseas, it is probable that a two-year occupational deferment can be obtained from the armed services.

## Bulletin Board

TODAY

The American Marketing Society will hear a guest speaker, Roger Lakamp, special assistant to the president of J. C. Penney Co., at 7:30 p.m. in Rooms 2C-D of the Memorial Student Center.

The American Chemistry Society will hear UT President Dr. Norman Hackerman speak on fuel cells at 8 p.m. at the Holiday Inn.

The Student AVMA Auxiliary will hear national officers of the AVMA Auxiliary at 8 p.m. in the Texas Room of the Bryan Building and Loan.

WEDNESDAY

The Amarillo Hometown Club will have pictures made for the Aggieband at 8 p.m. on the steps of the Memorial Student Center.

The Aggie Wives Bridge Club will meet at 7:30 p.m. in the Memorial Student Center.

The Student AVMA Auxiliary will have a salad luncheon from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. in the South Solarium of the YMCA to honor national officers of the AVMA Auxiliary.



## BOOKS ARE PROFITABLE

Fred S. White Jr., a senior at A&M turns his books into money as he sells rare items to collectors across the state. White claims that not all rare books are old as many can be valuable before they are ancient.

## A&M Student Named State Junior Engineering Officer

Don Chapman of Houston, an industrial engineering graduate student at Texas A&M, has been named assistant state coordinator for the Junior Engineering Technical Society.

Chapman, 23, is a fall term graduate of Lamar State College in Beaumont, where he earned a bachelor's degree in industrial engineering. At Lamar, Chapman was student president of the American Institute of Industrial Engineers, president of the Alpha Pi Mu honor fraternity, and vice president of the Texas Society of Professional Engineers' campus chapter.

A Houston Reagan High School graduate, Chapman will edit a quarterly newsletter distributed to 1,500 Texas high schools, arrange speeches to high school groups by A&M engineering faculty members, and aid in aligning JETS testing centers for high school students participating in national engineering aptitude examinations.

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# Hobby Turns Books To Gold For Aggie

A Texas A&M senior who has no reading time except for studies in finance is building a profitable business as a rare book dealer.

He's Fred S. White Jr., a 21-year old Bryan resident who landed into the part-time business as a hobby until he realized there is gold in books.

"Money is important, all right," White grinned, "but the best thing about it is getting to meet a lot of wonderful clients. My customers include an ambassador, four senators, five governors and about 50 doctors and lawyers."

White's sale stock is valued at \$5,000 and includes about 750 titles, but he has a closet full of books valued even higher in a private collection.

"Rare books don't necessarily have to be old," the personable Air Force ROTC student confided. "Some of mine range from brand new to more than 100 years old."

Not all rare books are costly. White's price tags range from \$1 for a copy of Carl Hertzog's Cotton Memorial Papers to \$1,500 for James Cox's "History of the Texas Cattle Industry." The latter book became a rarity when a publishing company fire in St. Louis destroyed most of the copies about 1895.

Among White's most treasured books is a log of a Union gunboat, the "Granite City," which contains an account of the shelling of Sabine Pass during the Civil War.

"That was the battle in which fewer than 100 Confederate soldiers held off several thousand Yankees," he noted. "A former owner of the log said the captain was the first to go over the side when the boat was attacked."

White values the log at \$1,500. "Dad started collecting books about four years ago," the two-year A&M bowling letterman pointed out. "He's worn out about four cars looking for books since then, but he has a fabulous collection."

The elder White, associate research librarian for A&M's Texas Transportation Institute, owns the only known copy of the "History of Colorado County," valued at up to \$10,000. Altogether, his safety-deposited tomes near the

\$35,000 mark. White sends a list of available books to about 700 persons four times a year. Response is best in the late fall, worst in January and February.

"People are broke about the time of the year," he chuckled. Much of White's stock includes productions of Hertzog, considered by many as the finest book designer in the country. J. Evans Haley, his favorite author, also is well represented.

"Because of my interest in Hertzog, I became acquainted with Price Daniel Jr., son of the former Texas governor," White commented. "He had a great Hertzog collection while a student at Baylor. When he graduated and went into law practice, I bought his stock of about 400 books."

White's financial background allows him to speak with authority on books.

"In 1966, the Wall Street Journal listed rare books second only to land as best investments," he said. "Rare books dipped to their lowest in 1967, but their prices jumped 55 per cent. Markup on these books is about 100 per cent."

Latest addition to his stock is a slim volume on J. Frank Doherty by Sen. Ralph Yarborough.

"They were close friends," White pointed out.

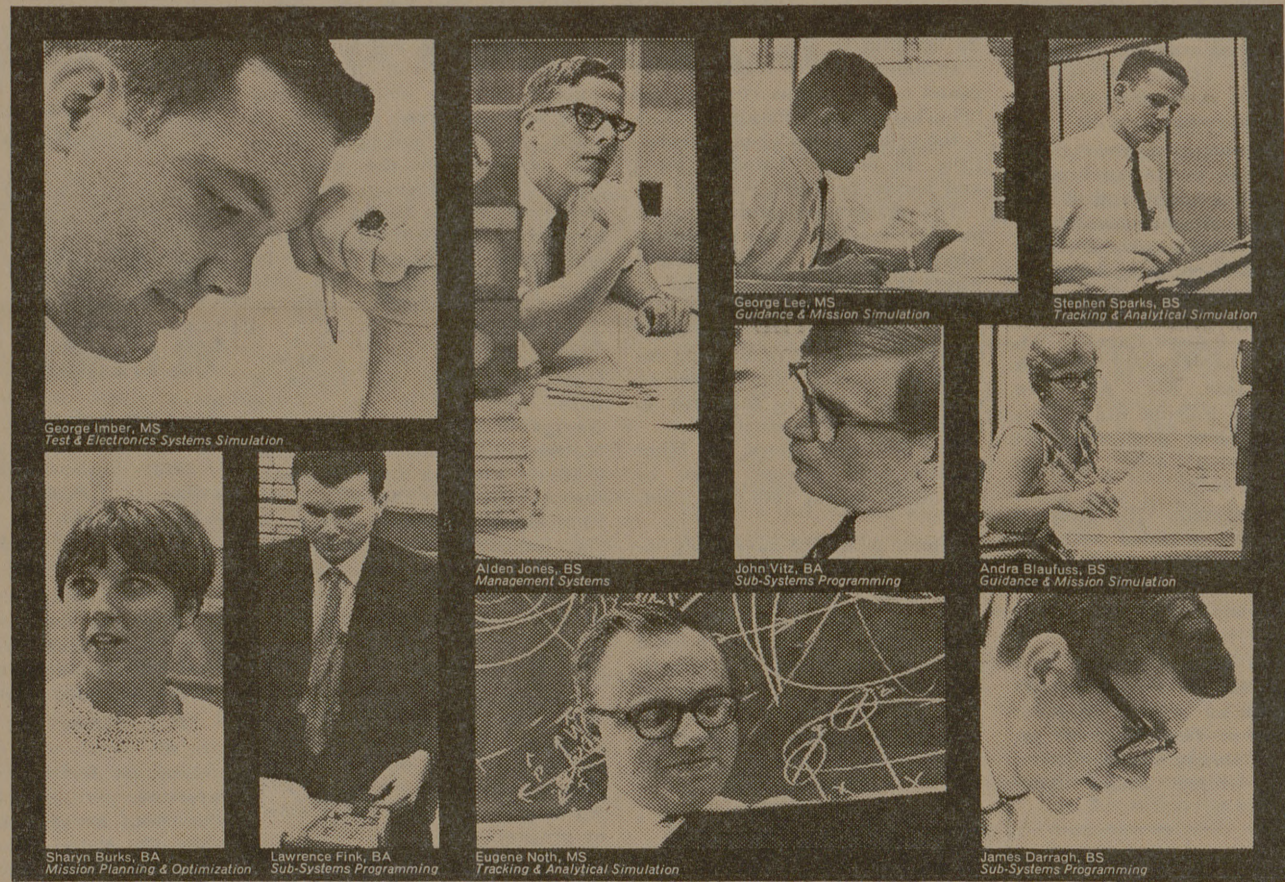
Not all of White's stock is comprised of books. He has a collection of letters, among them a pencil-written epistle from F. L. Lubbock, governor of Texas during the Civil War. Written in 1903, the letter tells about his capture and 18 months imprisonment after the war. It's said to be a bargain at \$50.

The books vary widely in binding, shape and condition, but one of the most unique is "Bob Crayby, World's Champion Cowboy," bound appropriately in blue denim.

Eventually, the energetic White wants to become a stock broker but he will maintain close tabs on the rare book market.

"I'll keep dealing in books as a hobby," he emphasized, "but I hope to branch out into publishing. I've edited some material but I know my talent is not in writing."

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