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Flexible attitude, idealism essential for volunteers

Peace Corps offers a look at America from outside

By CATHIE FEIGHL Battalion Reporter Helping people to survive in Third World countries may not be an appealing idea for some, but for a Peace Corps volunteer, it can be

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enable Americans as individuals to help Third World countries acquire needed technical skills and knowledge, to give these nations

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first-hand contact, about other cultures and mores, according to a Peace Corps information booklet.

Mike Bowker, who runs the on-campus recruiting office for the Peace Corps, said being in the Peace Corps gave him a look at America from the outside, making him more appreciative of this country.

and agriculture in Western Samoa, a country in the South Pacific.

an opportunity for contact with terested in agriculture while in Americans and to afford the volun-teers a chance to learn, through Texas A&M University to get a master's degree in agricultural economics. Bowker has been the Peace Corps representative at Texas A&M since September. He said he spends about 20 hours a week recruiting prospective volunteers and giving out information on what the Peace Corps is

"It can offer personal satisfac-

He said for people who have an interest in working international-ly, the Peace Corps could be help-ful because it provides a chance to

The Peace Corps is interested in those willing to work and to I wanted to do," he said. Bowker said he became in-rent cultures, Bowker said. cooperate with people from diffe-

The volunteer needs to have a flexible attitude and should be somewhat idealistic," he said.

Bowker said a recruiting drive is held twice a year when recruiters from Austin and Dallas come to the University. Last week during

Corps must submit an application and then be interviewed, Bowker said. The applicant provides the Peace Corps with a list of work preferences and geographic loca-tions, and if he is invited to participate in the service, the applicant's preferences are matched with the needs of a particular country, he

said Volunteers receive training from four to 12 weeks in the country they will be working in, Bowker said. The training involves instruction in language, culture and

technical skills, he said. Peace Corps volunteer modestly while overseas maintain a standard of living lar to the average citizen of

country. While in the Peace Com volunteer receives \$300 and Bower INTER-VA for living expenses, Bowker TAMU CZH and then, upon his return receives \$125 for every mon has served. Bowker said all me al and health services are provi by the Peace Corps for the w

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Norman said Cowan, an AAUW member, will explore the advantages and disadvantages of highly-qualified women taking academic jobs rather than taking higher paying, more competitive jobs in the industrial world. Norman said the topic will also throw light

phy department at Texas A&M. "There are women who have master's degrees who are secretaries here.

"Almost 35 percent of the students here women. They need role models. They need see women getting someplace." A panel discussion will follow Core

address. Pat Hensley will be the moderate the panel which will discuss the topic, "Ve

teer Work Opens Doors." Norman said the topic was chosen to an the importance of volunteer work and how translate it into a resume.

After the panel, Dr. Pamela Swan Ha administrator of the Strengthening G Program at Texas A&M, will discuss "Fa Challenge and Change in the Job Market topic focusing on re-entering the job ma For lunch, participants will break into

discussion-planning groups over brow lunches. The 90-minute discussion topics willing

re-entering the job market, local support vices for women, dual career families, as tiveness/interpersonal TAMU Women's Network, especially for duate students and projects and prospect After the sessions, the large group will me

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for frivolous reasons, like to buy a sofa," she said. "Also, most people think that women are paid as well as men. Well, they're not. Nationtee on Women. Their goals are to identify issues affecting women and to achieve a net-work of support for women in Brazos County. ally, women make 59 percent of what men make Dr. Elizabeth Cowan, English professor and assistant to the president at Texas A&M, will discuss the topic, "Why Choose Acade-mia? And Why Stay?" Sally Sheppard, Committee on Women chairperson, said the workshop will focus on the concerns of area women who are in or considering entering the working world. With the number of working women steadi-

ly increasing, the resulting changes in lifestyle are dramatic for women themselves and for their families, said Sheppard, a professor in the computer science division of the industrial engineering department at Texas A&M University.

By BETH GIBSON

Women will present a workshop entitled "Women and Work: The Challenge of

Change" Saturday from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at

The workshop was organized by the Bryan-College Station branch of the AAUW Commit-

the Brazos Center.

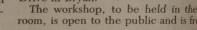
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dent, said these changes, such as finding suitable daycare, single parenting and assertive-ness on the job, also apply to men and she urges them to attend the workshop as well as

on two problem areas at Texas A&M.

'So many women are underemployed," said Norman, a research associate in the oceanogra-

volunteers.



Rose Norman, AAUW programs vice presi-

"It gave me an opportunity to see different cultures," Bowker said. "It was stimulating and exciting and helped me to decide what

and what it has to offer.

Bowker, a graduate student from Boston, spent three years teaching secondary science, math agriculture and agriculture agriculture and agriculture agr

adapt to life overseas.

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Norman said examples to be discussed in-

Employers seem to think that women work

clude the myths that women are more unreliable than men, or that women work for unim-

a recruiting drive, Bowker said, he received eight applications. Anyone interested in the Peace

teers while overseas. Bowker said the Peace (prefers college graduates of

with working experience in field. Applicants must be citizens over 18, but there upper age limit, he said. V teers are asked to stay in foreign country for two years the workers may leave at time, Bowker said.

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