

# A corps at Texas A&M designed for assistance - the Peace Corps

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Reporter

Although the Texas A&M Corps of Cadets is familiar to all Aggies, one corps on campus is not so familiar to most students — the Peace Corps.

However, new Texas A&M Peace Corps recruiter Jerry Namken says student interest in the group is high and plans are being made to increase exposure of the Peace Corps at the University.

The government-backed agency places qualified volunteers in developing countries that request their services.

Namken, 34, a senior agricultural economics major, served as a volunteer for two years in the southern African nation Swaziland and also in Kenya, a nation in eastern Africa.

"Anytime anybody finds out I've

served in the corps, it seems like they know somebody interested in it or they are interested themselves," Namken said. "The problem is that people don't know there is someone they can contact to find out about it."

He said the organization did not have a contract with the main Peace Corps office last year as it has in the past, but the contract has been renewed. The group has worked out of the Agricultural Economics office in the past, but hopes to open an office in Room 103B of the Agriculture Building by the second week of school.

"I'll be available to help fill out applications and I can answer any questions students may have, or I can find the answers," he said.

Namken said he hopes to clear some of the misconceptions people at Texas A&M may have about the

group by giving talks and a slide show presentation to clubs and other groups.

"We wouldn't drop somebody in the middle of the jungle all alone," Namken said. "Even in the smaller countries, there are a large number of volunteers."

Another project Namken will start is a grapevine of former volunteers now at Texas A&M.

"You'd be surprised at how many people at A&M, both students and faculty, have served," he said. "One thing former volunteers like to do is get together and talk about their experiences, and maybe some would like to help the corps at A&M."

Namken says the goals of Peace Corps are to provide technical assistance to developing countries, to learn about the people of the country, and to let the people of the

country learn about the volunteers.

"It's important we take our skills and help others with them," he said. "You learn that the people in those countries aren't in the condition they are because they're ignorant, but because they haven't been taught."

The Peace Corp offers students advantages upon graduation, because they get responsibility they might not have in an entry-level job and good credentials for the job market when they do return, Namken said.

"In a developing country, volunteers are put in charge of people, teaching and guiding them in many ways," he said, "and the good reputation of the corps also attracts employers, because they know it takes dedication and hard work to serve overseas."

# Ferraro denies ties to labor racketeer

United Press International

ST. LOUIS — Geraldine Ferraro said Wednesday that a report saying she received campaign contributions from a convicted labor racketeer leaves an impression about my family that is wrong, altogether inaccurate and offensive.

The Democratic vice presidential nominee was again put on the defensive about her finances by a report in The Philadelphia Inquirer. It said New York baker Michael La Rosa made two donations in 1980 and 1982, totaling \$700, to Ferraro's congressional campaign and his firm donated another \$500 that was reported to the federal elections officials this year just 10 days before Walter Mondale named Ferraro for the ticket.

As she campaigned in three states, drawing enthusiastic crowds, Ferraro issued a statement saying she knows "nothing about" La Rosa's labor activities and they "have nothing to do with me or my family."

She said the contributions "were legal and I properly recorded them with the Federal Election Commission." But she strongly denied what the said was an implication in the article that she might have accepted il-

legal corporate contributions from La Rosa.

"My husband and I have already disclosed more information about our finances than any other candidate for president or vice president in history," she said. "This article leaves an impression about my family which is wrong, altogether inaccurate and offensive."

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Mondale sprung to his running mate's defense, telling reporters in Minnesota that no public official can always be certain about the back-

ground of every contributor.

"We do the best we can, but it's very difficult under all circumstances to know the background of every person who might contribute to a campaign," he said.

In 1982, La Rosa, 69, admitted to a scheme to pay off corrupt labor unions to assure labor peace on non-union jobs, the Inquirer said. He was sentenced to a year and a day in prison and served eight months.

The newspaper said the family of John Zaccaro, Ferraro's husband, also managed properties for La Rosa and lent him mortgage money on several properties. But Zaccaro severed the management connections in November 1977, several months before his wife decided to run for Congress.

The newspaper said La Rosa, in an interview, said he had done business with Zaccaro's father, but, "I never done nothing with this kid, with John," he said.

The newspaper also said the G. La Rosa & Son baking company was incorporated in 1973 with Michael La Rosa as president.

Ferraro, in her statement, singled

out two La Rosa contributions to deny she accepted corporate contributions, which are illegal.

Although one check, dated May 6, 1984, is drawn on the account of G. La Rosa & Son, flour bakery supplies, she said, "The bank on which that check was drawn has informed us that this was not a corporate check."

Another check, dated April 25, 1984, from G. La Rosa and Son, Flour Corp., "was returned immediately because it was a corporate contribution," she said.

Ferraro, addressing 4,000 cheering and clapping people at a rally held in sweltering heat, attacked President Reagan for "exchanging insults" instead of proposals with the Russians and said the danger of armed conflict will increase if he wins a second term.

"Now as president he has presided over the total collapse of arms control talks," she said. "I want a president who believes in negotiation not confrontation."

Ferraro said the election in November will determine, "Will we be a safer nation — or not?"

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