

## PEACE

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fessors Gerald Fry and Carl Hosticka and graduate student Alison Wiess.

Back in the United States, they form a unique community bound by the common experience of helping others.

Anna Aguilar, the current recruiter for the Peace Corps and a graduate student in International Studies, returned just a few years ago from her assignment in Niger and was quickly swept into the returning Peace Corps volunteer community here in the Northwest.

Her first job after returning was as a range manager for the Forest Service in Oregon. She discovered the job through the Peace Corps' employment hotline that directs job opportunities to returning volunteers.

While working there, she said a friend pointed out another former volunteer also working for the agency and pushed her to meet him.

Two months later, she became tired of her friend's prodding.

"I formally invited him to a tea party because that's what we did in Africa, have these long tea parties. Now, we're really good friends," Aguilar

said, adding with a laugh, "He's my Portland connection."

The Eugene connection for many returning volunteers is the West Cascade Returning Peace Corps Volunteers, based in Eugene. It claims about 200 members, but sends mailings to about 800 in the state, the group says.

The group's dedication to returning and current volunteers is partly why Peace Corps Director Carol Bellamy is coming to the University today, Aguilar said.

Beryl Brinkman, co-president of West Cascade, said groups like hers help returning volunteers cope with what she calls "returning culture shock."

"Getting used to the materialism of the United States again is really hard, especially after living in third-world countries where the way of life is so different," Brinkman said.

Brinkman volunteered in Afghanistan for two years between 1967 and 1969, she said, inoculating the population against small pox.

During her two-year stay, she entered regions of the country where many Afghans never saw an American woman before.

## HEALTH

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said. And one to two times per week fresh-steamed vegetables are made available at dinner.

In an effort to provide low-fat meals and to satisfy students' varied eating habits, food services uses Canola oil for deep frying, bakes corn dogs and burritos and has installed a YoCream frozen yogurt dispenser.

But some students still aren't satisfied. "The food is high fat, and it's like institutional food. The only thing I really like is the rice," said Josh McCleary, sophomore business major.

However, McCleary said he and his friends order out for pizza and go to Taco Bell when they aren't satisfied with what is available for dinner in the dining center.

Freshman Leah Touhouliotis disagreed, saying she likes the food in the dining centers and believes much of the food offered is good for a low-fat diet. "The selection in the morning for breakfast is good, and the fresh fruit is a plus," she said.

But Koepp said "it's hard to know exactly what people are talking about when they talk about wanting low-fat food."

The best way for students to see changes made "is for students to come to food committee meetings or put suggestions in the suggestion boxes," Bruce said. All residents on the meal plan are encouraged to attend the meetings where the food service managers take questions and comments from students.

But Bruce cautioned that changes happen slowly because there is a whole procedure to go through. "It takes time to respond to the students," she said.

To accommodate students' changing lifestyles and dining habits, food services opened Hammy's and Pizano's to give students more choice instead of having to eat in a large cafeteria setting. Because both are cash-based operations, they are open to the entire University, as well as students with dining center contracts.

Hammy's, which was remodeled and moved to its present location in Hamilton Complex two years ago, serves up a variety of hamburgers and garden burgers. And Pizano's, which will be expanding into the Fishbowl and Fountain Court Cafe, offers

## University signs Corps proposal to aid members

The University will officially join forces with the Peace Corps today as Carol Bellamy, director for the Peace Corps, and University President Myles Brand sign a cooperation agreement to help Oregon communities with Peace Corps talent.

The Resource Assistance for Rural Communities program will train former members of the Peace Corps on community development and then send them out to selected communities for one to three years, said Dr. David Povey, director of the University's Urban and Regional Planning department.

The University will officially present the program today at 2 p.m. at the Johnson Hall Conference Room.

Bellamy will also speak about the Peace Corps at 4 p.m. in the EMU Fir Room.

Povey said RARE will educate graduate students and returning Peace Corps volunteers for two years in urban and regional planning, then send them out to live and work in rural communities around the state.

Funding for the program will include \$500,000 from the newly formed Corporation for National and Community Service, President Bill Clinton's highly prized fund to support students, to supply a monthly living stipend. The grant also gives students \$5,000 a year to put toward future study.

Povey said he hopes to have students in the field by next fall.

pizza and pizza pockets.

"Overall, there has been high student satisfaction for both Hammy's and Pizanos," said David Funk, food services manager for the cash sales program.



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Tues., Jan 11, 7-9pm  
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### Peace Corps Director speaks on campus

Peace Corps Director  
Carol Bellamy  
Wed., Jan 12, 4-5pm,  
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### Interviews

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## FORUM

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public hearings around the state to hear testimony from those who have witnessed or experienced racial bias in the judicial system. More than 7,000 surveys to defense lawyers, prosecutors, and other workers in the judicial system also were distributed.

Angel Lopez, a criminal defense attorney from Portland, related his difficulties in getting juries to make unbiased decisions when his clients are of color.

"I've found that when I've had an Anglo client, it wasn't hard," Lopez said. "But when you have a person of color at your side, it's not so simple."

Panelist Nargess Shadbeh, a Portland attorney, discussed how the findings also revealed a lack of qualified interpreters in the state's court systems. Because there is no certification program in the state for court interpreters, many of the interpreters who are available are not qualified, which has affected the judicial outcome for minorities who don't speak

English, she said.

"Imagine the frustration they must feel when they finally get their day in court, and their interpreter is not qualified," Shadbeh said.

Peterson told of how a court interpreter in Woodburn inadequately translated a defendant's testimony in Spanish, which led members of the audience to murmur, "No, you've got that wrong."

"I fear that kind of thing is replicated over and over again in this state," Peterson said.

The task force already has made progress in that area. As a result of their efforts, a bill has been passed in the state senate which will require the certification of court interpreters by January of next year.

The group also plans to make recommendations to have the state's justice system explained to minorities who don't speak English, to have court documents translated into other languages, and to address the need for sensitivity training for judges.

Peterson said that he hoped

that the task force's recommendations could be successfully implemented within a couple of years. Although he said it was "heartening" to know that some steps are being taken to help minorities be treated more fairly in the court system, he acknowledged that the task force's report won't get rid of all of the problems in the state's courtrooms.

"We're not going to eradicate centuries of prejudice, we realize that," he said.

The discussion was the first of a two-week-long series of lectures and films that will commemorate Martin Luther King Jr.'s birthday and accomplishments.

The series, which will look at the history, controversies and future trends surrounding civil rights in Oregon and across the country, differs from simply observing a holiday honoring the slain leader, as was done in the past. University President Myles Brand thought up the idea to have the series as a way to explore and help to better understand civil rights issues, Frohn-mayer said.

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