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DULUTH--Sharon Lee Porter, the UMD sophomore from Milaca who interrupted her studies to join the Peace Corps, has received a temporary assignment to work in the Guatemalan village of San Felipe.

Sharon is part of a 36-member project force scheduled to arrive in Guatemala on March 17. The team presently is quartered at New Mexico State University for final training following a month of physical conditioning and study in Puerto Rico.

"We kept going from six in the morning until 11 at night (in Puerto Rico), mostly physical training, some Spanish classes and cross-cultural contact," Sharon writes. "We lived with Puerto Rican families for a few days."

Sharon's Puerto Rican schedule included mountain climbing, hiking in the jungle, staying afloat for 45 minutes with hands and feet tied, calisthenics, a mile run, canoeing and clearing roads.

While at New Mexico State the project force is taking courses in American history, Latin American and Guatemalan history, politics, agriculture, home economics, Spanish and many other areas, Sharon reports.

Sharon is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Howard Porter, 325 Central Avenue, Milaca.