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Two New College students are in Costa Rica today beginning a four-week stay with Peace Corps volunteers in two rural areas of that country.

First-year students Ken Peffers of Holland, Mich., and Ann Chandler of Atlanta, Ga., are the first members of a second group of New College students to spend an independent study period in Latin America.

Several other students are being considered for a Rockefeller Foundation project in Cali, Colombia. Last year six students each spent four weeks in Guatemala and other Central American countries.

Peffers is assigned to Peace Corps Volunteer John F. Guerre in the village of La Fortuna de Bagaces, in the state of Guanacaste.

Miss Chandler will stay with Peace Corps Volunteer Ann Fitzgerald in Las Juntas de Abogares, also in Guanacaste.

According to Peffers, La Fortuna de Bagaces has a population of approximately 400. While there, Peffers will study the people and their customs, with emphasis on their involvement in local government.

Miss Chandler is staying in a town of some 4,000 persons. Her study will center on the participation of the citizens in a town government program established by the Peace Corps.

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Both students flew to Costa Rica by plane from Miami. On arrival in Costa Rica, Peffers had to travel a number of miles from the airport by bus, and then several more miles into the country on horseback, in order to reach his village.

Cost of the trips is borne entirely by the students. In order to participate, each must have a working knowledge of Spanish.

Participating students must also plan a research project to be carried out during their stay. When they return, they will present a written report to the faculty member with whom they planned their work.