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## Pres. McClane Says Senate To Provide New Services

Up to date, the senate has many accomplishments to its credit, which benefit the students in every way. Its arranged for the issuing of library cards from Benjamin Franklin Library, and identification cards for identification at banks, places of discounts, and in case of emergency.

Because of many requests, the senate arranged for the opening of the library in the evenings. The hours are: 9:00-9:00 p. m., Mondays, Wednesdays, and Friday; 8:00-8:30 p. m. Tuesdays and Thursdays; 9:00-1:00 p. m. Saturdays.

The senate has compiled a discount list for the convenience of students. It includes restaurants, bars, women's clothing shops, shoe stores (made to order), beauty shops, and record shops.

For athletes, there is now an athletic equipment dispensing department in the senate office. Also in the office is a newly established lost and found department. Proper identification can claim lost articles. At present there are only books.

The senate assists Dr. Furbeck in handling records, notices of vaccinations, shots and boosters.

Feb. 20, the senate sponsored a school dance at the Turf Club

which was a big success. It is planning to have more of these school get-togethers in the future.

A permanent layout of the bulletin board will be completed shortly. This should avoid confusion and give announcements and notices sufficient prominence. Also the senate arranged for old mail to be returned to the sender.

Big plans for the coming quarter are being discussed. It is the desire of the senate to put out a new Info Book with all the latest, revised dope.

A social committee in charge of college mixers, dances, parties and picnics will be organized in the near future.

Also, reorganization of now dormant clubs will take place soon, and the organization of new ones will provide activity for those interested.

With this new program to be carried out, the Student Senate will be able to take its place as the guiding light of MCC.

Any suggestions for improvements may be written out and turned in at the new senate office next to the snack bar. They will be greatly appreciated. The official senate office hours are from 10:00 a. m. to 1:00 p. m.

## Dr. Bosch Accepts Appointment to UN

Dr. Bosch Pedro Guimpera of the philosophy and history department of MCC has accepted an appointment to UNESCO.

Doctor Huxley, General Director of UNESCO, while in Mexico, met Doctor Bosch and asked him to head the Department of Humanities and Philosophy of that organization.

Doctor Bosch will leave for Paris in the latter part of March.

One of the aims of the Department of Humanities and Philosophy is to write a World History that can be read in every country of the world.

Doctor Bosch attended the University of Barcelona where he received his MA, and later went to the University of Madrid where he received his Doctorate. His PhD thesis on "The Problem of Iberian Pottery" is considered one of the most authoritative studies ever

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## New Student Visa Law Explained By Admin.

EDITOR'S NOTE. Because of the international interest aroused in the recent discussions centering around Mexican and American immigration visas, the administration of Mexico City College was asked to state its views on the matter. The following statement was given us for publication.

### It Will Make A Difference-Vets

A Patio survey conducted by EL CONQUISTADOR revealed that MCC veterans are unanimous in their approval of the new increases in their subsistence allowances.

Single Maurice McClane, president of the Student Senate said, "This will make the difference, I couldn't get by on the \$65 a month and my father was helping me. Now I can manage alone".

Frank Wilson, married and a veteran of the Bataan March, "I don't think the government owes me a living, but it did promise to make it possible for me to go to school and this increase is a step in that direction".

Gil Zisenwine, student from Ohio State, "I am going back at the end of the quarter and I hope that ten bucks will go as far in the states as it does here, but I have my doubts".

Fred Peterson, amateur archeologist and single, "Well I have been getting by on my \$65 mainly because I have no vices. Perhaps I can take up a few now".

Dennis Taylor, married and the recent father of a baby girl had nothing to say, his wife said it

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## Spanish Club Aids Broadcast

Six representatives of the Spanish Club joined with students from the Universidad Nacional and Politécnico in the first of a series of radio broadcasts at Station Radio Mil, Donato Guerra 26 last Wednesday. The occasion was a program honoring Columbia University, New York.

MCC students who attended were Robert Phelps, Sydney Irwin, Marvin Rosen, Robert Telles, Frank Fisher, and Tom Norris. Srita. Martinez del Rio, Instructor in Spanish and Club Counselor, is affiliated with the weekly broadcast which will be honoring universities and colleges in the Western Hemisphere.

The next meeting of the Club is Tuesday, March 2, at the new building at 1700. The meeting will start promptly because technicolor movies of Rural Schools in Mexico and several reels of interesting Mexican towns and sights will constitute the program.

On Saturday, March 6, the Club will meet at the School at 1100 and leave by bus for an all-day picnic to Tezocotzingo.

## B'nai B'rith Hd. Flies to Capitol

The International Youth Commissioner of B'nai B'rith, Gilbert Zisenwine, will fly to Washington, D. C. to meet other executives of the commission and discuss policies for the coming summer.

As commissioner, Gil organizes and supervises all youth organizations affiliated with B'nai B'rith throughout the world.

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## Radio Plugs MCC

There is a possibility that the popular radio show "The American Hour", which gives MMC a friendly plug now and then, will be lengthened to a full hour and a half.

At the present the program is being sponsored by Royal Crown Cola, who buys one hour of the hour and fifteen minute "platter parade". The program expects to pick up another sponsor soon.

The American Hour is an all-request record program, broadcast nightly except Saturday and Sunday at 1830, from station XEBS, on a frequency of 1410 kilocycles. It draws upon a library of 1,200 records and manages to fulfill 90 per cent of its requests. The "Hour" attracts over 500 phone calls and 100 letters each week.

Fred Spielberger, 31, of Alhambra, Calif., MC's the gringo show. Prior to coming to Mexico, Spielberger was a disk jockey for Don Lee-Mutual Chain in California. He also did radio work in Oregon.

Spielberger was sent here by RCA-Victor. He is recording manager for Victor Records in addition to being contact engineer for RCA motion picture sound equipment. The new RCA-Victor plant in Mexico City is being constructed under his direction.

Fred spent five years in the Signal Corps during the late unpleasantness and was in charge of the sound recording of the Ja-

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## OSU Schedule Cards Arrive

Spring Quarter schedule cards for Ohio State students have been available for some time in the Registrar's office here. Various college bulletins and a time schedule are there for reference. Each student is to mail his own schedule card to his college office immediately. There will be no charge for late registration.

The fee cards and approved schedule cards will be mailed to the student's home address. Parents should be notified to keep the cards until the student's return. Spring Quarter begins March 30.

To veterans wondering about their subsistence checks, the Veteran's Administration here has issued the following information. A representative will be at MCC to distribute slips of the notice of interruption of training. With the information they get from these slips, they will fill out a supplemental certificate which the returning veteran will present to the VA at Ohio State. A change of address will also be filed so that the March check will go to the student's home address.

If any veteran, who did not at first plan to stay more than one quarter, is now planning to do so, he should immediately notify the VA here. No more subsistence checks will be paid to him until his permanent records come from the United States. The sooner his plans are reported to the office here, the sooner the records can be sent for.

For many years, the Mexican government had followed the policy of allowing students to come into the country on tourist cards. Until very recently, such students remained here on their cards by the simple expedient of presenting a letter from a local school in which the Director declared that the person in question attended classes regularly, observed good conduct, and was passing in his subjects. The long experience of Dr. Cain and Dean Murray with such student arrangements led them to believe that the Mexican government would continue to grant extensions of tourist cards for studying purposes even though both parties to the tacit agreement knew that tourists were not supposed to study.

Also, practically since it came into existence about twenty-five years ago, the National University of Mexico's Summer School has never asked students to acquire anything more than a tourist card before registering for courses there.

By the time Mexico City College began to grow — during the summer of 1946 there were rumors that new immigration legislation would be passed that would especially facilitate the granting of student permits by Mexican consuls in the United States. Dr. Cain and Dean Murray immediately wrote to the indicated officials in the Secretaría de Gobernación and tried most especially to obtain full information of the projected changes through friends in the Departamento de Turismo. The college catalogue reflected these efforts when it advised students that "pending legislation will soon make it possible for students to come to Mexico on permits good for ten months". After receiving assurances (the letters are in the college files) that students would be allowed to come in tourist cards and could then legally change their status here, the college authorities continued to so advise men and women who wrote letters of inquiry concerning study here.

### Policy Change Unknown

Not even at the time of the famous "raid" on the college last October was there any inkling that the government intended to change its policy and deny students already in the country the privilege that had been granted them of applying for a change of status with practically an assurance that such changes would

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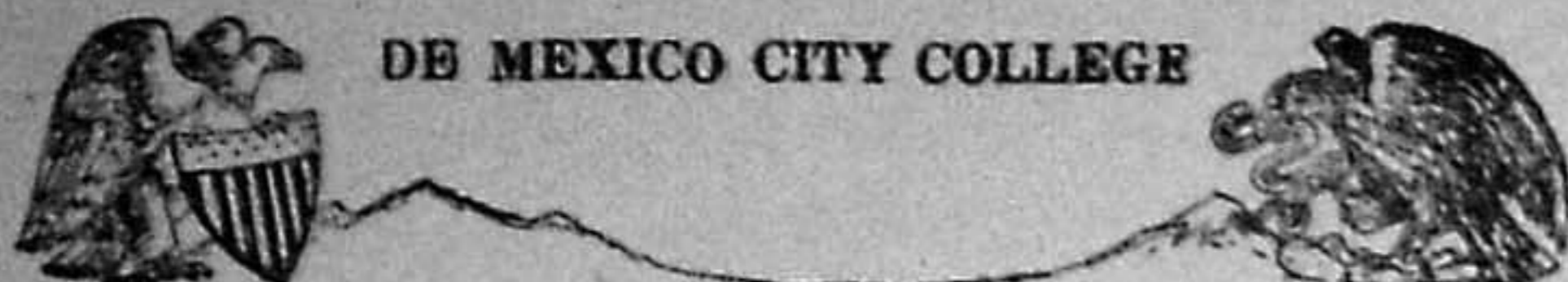
## Azteca Wants Bigger Staff

Juan Cobre, editor-in-chief of the MCC year books, the "Azteca" is on the lookout for material and staff members.

The year books, which will come out the beginning of June, needs short articles and pictures on the school and its personalities. There will be a cash prize given for the best work turned in. Gene Bonfiglio, the staff photographer, will not compete.

Juan Cobre can be found in the Aztec office, conveniently located next to the snack bar, between the hours of nine and 12 and three and five. There is a box located near the Azteca office for photos and articles.

Students that become staff members have permission to be absent from class, according to Mr. Cobre. William Russel is business manager and Ruth Goodspeed Assitant Editor.



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## So You Want To Be President?

"Now Wilbur", Mrs. Doe said, "you must never forget that in America everybody is free and equal. That's why it's possible for any little boy to grow up and be President. Doesn't that make you glad all over, Wilbur?"

We would like to give Wilbur the real lowdown on this hoary old American myth before Wilbur grows up, runs into reality, and maybe blows his "brains" out.

It's like this, Wilbur. The U. S. A. population is now 144 million, but only 110 million are native-born or third generation Americans. You know very well that no "furrier" will ever be President.

There are 24 million Catholics, Wilbur. You aren't so naive that you think a Catholic can be President are you? That leaves 86 million.

Three million have had no schooling. That leaves 83 million.

Crime figures are sketchy. The FBI reported 1.3 million cases of felonies in 1944. The same year they arrested ... 500,000 people. New York State in 1944 made 13,000 arrests for felonies, and held 14,000 imprisoned. Let's estimate 3 million people are in prison, will go to prison, or will be accused of a felony during the time you, Wilbur, will be eligible to be elected President. We have 80 million left.

We estimate there are 5 million who are insane or psychiatrics. Anyone with such a clinical record would be a dead duck in a political campaign. We have 75 million left, Wilbur.

There are 5 million jews. Now we have 70 million.

There are 13 million negroes. Now we have 57 million.

There are at least 2 million more that, because of certain physical characteristics, are considered mentally unfit for the society of all good, 100 per cent, red-blooded Americans. We have 55 million left, Wilbur.

There are 40 million people in the South, Wilbur. You should drop dead if you think a Southerner will ever be okayed by the machine. We have 15 million left.

What's your political party, Wilbur? You had better be a Democrat or a Republican. We're guessing here, Wilbur, but we think it is conservative to say there are 3 million on the fringe, like Communists, Socialists, Wallace-ites, Progressives, and such. That makes it 12 million.

Now, out of the 12 million we have left, only 35 per cent are in the age group from 35 to 64. We are down to 4 million.

Let's cut it down to 2 million, Wilbur, for obviously half of our last amount are women. It's downright laughable to think of a woman as President, isn't it?

We have made no statistical allowance for such sects as the Holy Rollers, Shoutin' Baptists, Yogis, Great I Am's, Mormons, Mohammedites, Druids, Buddhists, Shakers, Amish, and the hundreds of other denominations, sects, and cults that seem weird and odd to most of us.

We haven't talked about professions that would bar one from the Presidency: actors, artists, poets, musicians, insect exterminators, servants. We might generalize by saying all professions are outlawed if they are ludicrous, are considered "lower class", or if they involve selling or expressing personality (such as an actor, artist, or poet).

We ended with 2 million, didn't we, Wilbur? Everyone may disagree with this, but we think you also must have at least a slightly above average mind. Cut the last figure in half, and we have 1 million men who might qualify.

We doubt if more than a thousand of them will devote their lives to politics, spending years climbing from one political job to the next, inviting favor from the machine. So, Wilbur, if you want to devote your life to "public service", and if you pass all these hurdles we've put in your path, you might, just might make the grade.

But it's worth it, Wilbur. It really is... We've had not more than three great Presidents in 159 years. In the next decade we are going to need the fourth one. And if he doesn't turn up, soon Wilbur, there is the chance that the job may no longer exist.—J. P.

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Dear Editor,

Since when are kindergarten pupils allowed to write for a college paper? Seth Spaulding has further proven his incompetence in journalism. Why not restrict him to writing obituaries, where it is hoped he will show his true worth.

From his paranoical diatribe against Juan Cobre he has gained notoriety, not fame. Let's keep personalities and their quarrels out of "El Conquistador".

Your for a better type of journalism,

León Helguera Seis.

To the Editor, EL CONQUISTADOR:

I was surprised as well as glad to receive your letter. I thought that the 'Principal' would reply to my letter, but anyhow he was kind enough to let you write to me.

Can you please let me know what sort of a paper the college publishes and also in what way you are connected with the college.

It seems to me that you are editing the paper.

Well! Whatever it may be, please thank the principal on my behalf to be so kind in giving my address for publication. If it has incurred any expense please try and let me know in U. S. dollars so that I may repay it. Or, if the principal or you are interested in any special hobbies like stamp collecting, coins, photo-graphs, magazines, newspapers, etc., etc., etc., I can help.

At the moment I am sending some Jap currencies and stamps of Malaya, Ceylon and India. I hope you would kindly show them to the principal and exhibit them to the college students as it will be something of a history lesson, especially the Japanese currencies. During the Jap Occupation the Japanese printed these notes to such an amount, that money became totally valueless in the end of 1945. At the moment the British Govt did not give anything in exchange for these notes, but anyhow let them be the souvenir of the college. As it is very costly to send them by air mail, I am sending them by surface mail, which I think you will receive in the near future.

From the amount of geographical knowledge I have imbibed, I think that Mexico is a swell country, with its natural beauty.

Can you please let me know all about your country (i. e. its customs, religion, etc.). What is the paper you are editing. There are a hundred little things I wish to ask you, and I can only ask them slowly. I hope that we both will strengthen our correspondence by our continuous correspondence. At least I will be glad to.

What do the students in Mexico college study. Is it a co-educational college.

I am also studying in a co-educational school. It is an American Mission school and I am in the School Certificate class which is the last class I have to get through, after which I will be able to enter into any college and study for any profession or start to work.

I am also sending you our school magazine which is published at the end of the year. This will give you, as well as the principal and if possible the students an idea of our school. The name of the school is Anglo-Chinese School.

What else do you like to have from Malaya.

In what language do the Mexicans converse. I hope that the students will pen to me in English, as I do not know any other western languages.

During the Jap Occupation we students were forced to learn the Jap language whether we liked it or not. At the moment I can read and write the Japanese language.

Excluding these, I am happy to tell you that we have got our Independence from the British without shedding a drop of blood. My mother country is Ceylon.

Nothing more for the moment. Expecting a reply soon.

Your sincerely,  
S. Aminthalingam.

To the Editor, EL CONQUISTADOR:

In the Feb. 12, 1948 issue of the school paper I noticed a little item to the affect that one Edward Rogers hitch hiked from San José, Calif. to Mexico City and set a record. As I recall it, his record was 5 days.

I wish to state that I beat his record before he came to Mexico. I left Brunswick, Maine June 15, 1946, and arrived in Mexico City on the 20th. of the same month. I hitch hiked all the way, with numerous stopovers. I would be interested to know if anyone has beaten my record.

Sincerely,  
J. B. Shea

To the Editor, EL CONQUISTADOR:

Never mind the Chaplain. I want the adjustment department. Who is the administration bonehead at MCC responsible for the subsistence allowance cut of \$6.50 suffered by each and everyone of us veterans for the month of January past?

Whose fault is it that approximately 400 struggling GI students here were made to stand a collective cost of \$2,600 just because the Winter Quarter tardily opened three days beyond the 15 days or so permitted by the VA?

Who are the office jokers so careless of the GI students welfare as to neglect to protect them against such a mean cut simply because college attendance was not required by Jan. 3 instead of Jan. 7?

Surely something could have been done about it! I, for one, am peeened off, and hotly contend that MCC owes everyone of its GI students \$6.50? What have they got to say for themselves. what are they going to do about it, and when do we get our \$6.50? It's only fair.

Charles.

The length of quarters was determined last Spring after studying the length of terms of other quarter-schools. The length is not determined by VA policies of paying subsistence allowance. This holds for all schools. Are you from OSU, Charles? If so, you waited 25 days between the Summer and the Autumn Quarter. You'll find the same thing in other institutions. — Ed.

## Querida Diario

Either my Spanish is improving, or my self-confidence is! I find that I go in shops and ask for things without a quaver. Perhaps I'm asking wrong, but I make myself understood!

We had a vacation from school because it was a national holiday. I went with my room-mate, Lucille Sutton, to Taxco. Talk of an earthly Paradise — that's Taxco. The quaint, picturesque little town is practically unchanged since the day Josef le Borde made his fortune there. I ruined the heels of my blue shoes on the cobble-tones, but it was worth it. I admired all but bought very little of the silver. No funds. Earl Brizendine and Maurice Wheat were in Taxco, too. The sun was very hot — just ask Wheat.

I saw my first bull-fight today! I liked it and I didn't. It was exciting and colorful and I especially admired the dexterity and grace of placing the banderillas. But I didn't like it when the bull died hard or when the horses were hurt. I ate toasted lima beans and drank beer and amused the nearby spectators by my dumb comments. I'd hate to see what would happen if they ever got a cross-eyed bull!

Today we visited Tepetzotlán. We went all through the monastery and that overwhelmingly magnificent church of Churrigueresque architecture and interior design. The part I thought most beautiful was the tower of alabaster and onyx — translucent to the sun as you look up from below. We got off the bus at a town on our way back, thinking we were very near to the Tena-yuca Pyramid. It was the wrong stop and I'm sure we were the first turistas to explore that town. Finally we were set aright — and went on to explore the cavernous interior of the pyramid of the plumed serpents.

Mrs. Cancebo says we are good Mexicans now — for we can eat a whole chile with our rice! The cook thinks we are quite crazy — but nice.

Almost every afternoon we swim at the Hacienda Club. Well, I go over for sunning, anyway. I often see Phil Miller and Hal Tictin there and sometimes that triumvirate of Robertson, Fairly, and McAnany. When Jack Smith is there you can ask him to sing and he'll give out with, "Ooooooh, that Oxydol sparkle!"

Went to Xochimilco again yesterday. Can't resist that romantic spot. When we returned that evening we went to a Mexican party where all the fellows wore charro costumes — complete with guns and knives. We danced on the tile terraced roof of the beautiful home and I couldn't help but gloat a little. Think of dancing under the stars in February in Ohio!

Yesterday was my birthday and my sweet room-mates planned a surprise party with a very fancy cake and all the trimmings. For such chatter-boxes, they really kept it quiet. I was quite surprised — dirty face, stringy hair, no make-up, and all! Don't ask me how many candles.

Three cheers to the Student Senate and its fine committee for planning the Leap Year Mixer! It was quite a dance. I think the most beautiful girl there was Mrs. Carlos Bosch-García; no wonder he has such a proud look in his eye.

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# Foreign Students' Visa Problem Settled by U. S. - Mexican Govts.

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be granted as a matter of routine. After that unpleasant incident had passed into history, the college authorities drew up a long letter to the late Secretary of Gobernación, Dr. Hector Pérez Martínez, and it was agreed that Dean Murray and Dr. Mata, a personal friend of the Secretary's, should go in person and seek an audience with the Secretary's ill health, no appointment could be arranged during the balance of 1947 and there the matter rested.

When the new immigration laws were published in the Diario Oficial of December 31, 1947, Dr. Mata and Dean Murray again made every effort to: 1. Obtain a copy of the official paper (which was sold out several times because of the important legislation it contained); and 2. Arrange an appointment with Dr. Pérez Martínez. From the first week in January until the day when the Secretary was actually removed from the Secretaría on a stretcher, Dean Murray and Dr. Mata made eight trips to his office without once being able to see him. On one occasion, they went with a card given them by the President of the Chamber of Deputies, Sr. Eugenio Prado, who intervened in the college's behalf because his son was a graduate of the local American High School. Unfortunately, there was a mixup and by the time it was clarified Dr. Pérez Martínez had left the city in an effort at recuperation which ended with his death in Vera Cruz.

During all this time, the college authorities were keeping in touch with the American Embassy. They were especially well attended by Consul General Maurice L. Stafford, who did all in his power to obtain information from Gobernación that would allow the college to reassure its students. Meanwhile, Mr. Morrill Cody, Cultural Relations Attaché of the Embassy, visited several leading Mexican intellectuals and pointed out to them what application of the "2000 peso law" would mean to American students. He also helped arrange an appointment for Dean Murray with the Rector of the National University, Dr. Salvador Zubirán, who gave the two men a most sympathetic hearing but asserted that little could be done at the moment because of the various celebrations in honor of Don Justo Sierra and because of the illness of Dr. Pérez Martínez.

Still trying to exhaust every means to help students who were threatened with the payment of the 2000 peso fee, Dr. Cain and Dean Murray turned to Lic. Enrique Loaiza, Director of the National University's Summer School. Lic. Loaiza assured them that he thought matters could be arranged without too much difficulty and he made an appointment to meet Dean Murray and Dr. Mata at Gobernación. The idea was to interview Lic. Arcadio Ojeda, Jefe de Migración, and an intimate friend of Lic. Loaiza's. Unfortunately, Lic. Ojeda was in conference and could not be reached. The Sub-Jefe de Migración assured the three men that there was absolutely nothing that could be done by anyone at Gobernación; that the laws governing immigration had been passed by congress; that only congress could change them; and that Gobernación would have to enforce them just as they had been written. Lic. Loaiza, Dr. Mata, and Dean Murray all took the opportunity to point out the evident injustices involved, especially because of the retroactive nature of the laws but without any appreciable success. After the

meeting, Lic. Loaiza assured Dean Murray and Dr. Mata that he would take up the matter immediately with the Rector. Unfortunately, Lic. Loaiza had to leave almost immediately for San Antonio, Texas, where he was to take part in a series of lectures on Mexico arranged by the university and the Mexican government. He did not expect to return until March 2 at the earliest.

Convinced that they had made every reasonable attempt to solve their problem by appealing to both Gobernación and the university, Dr. Cain and Dean Murray decided to lay the students' case before Ambassador Walter Thurston. They asked for an immediate appointment and were received a few hours later. The whole affair was discussed in detail and a memorandum was made for presentation to the Mexican government. A diplomatic note, asking for information about the application of the laws and containing a special appeal that foreign students not be asked to pay the 2000 pesos, was presented a day later to the Mexican Secretaría de Relaciones Exteriores. The college authorities waited hopefully, confident that something would be done to alleviate the situation of the many students who were being threatened with having to pay the fee or leave the country upon expiration of their tourist cards.

Almost three weeks passed after the presentation of the note and still no word came from any Mexican government source. Student after student went to the border, some of them encountering accidents on the way, this adding to the growing unpleasantness of the situation. Still not content with what had been done so far, Dean Murray agreed to cooperate with a group of Mexican schools which are approved for veterans' study, the idea being to attempt to reach the attention of President Alemán by publishing an open letter in the main newspapers of the country. Too, since he had been appointed — at the suggestion of Mexican members to the committee of the Mexican-American Institute of Cultural Relations formed to protest against the immigration laws as they affected students, Dean Murray drew up the outline of a letter which the Institute intended to send out to all Mexican institutions and individuals interested in cultural interchange.

The rest is well known. There is no need to recapitulate for our students the steps which the American government finally took in an effort to clarify a most annoying situation. Although a final agreement covering students already in the country has not yet been published, we are assured from Relaciones that no student will have to pay the fee and that none will have to leave upon expiration of either a tourist or a student card. Dr. Cain and Dean Murray deeply regret the incident and hope that it will speedily be forgotten. Mexico City College is dedicated to the work of international understanding and student and teacher interchange. I allowed to do so, it will continue to make every effort to make both Mexico and the United States proud of the school, its faculty, and its students.

Lastly, the college authorities extend their thanks and gratitude to all the friends, Americans and Mexicans, who tried to help alleviate the tense situation of the past few months. Although many of these must remain nameless it is only right and just to mention the names of Ambassador Thurston, Consul General Stafford, Mr. Cody, Mr. Wilson, Dr. Mata,

# Arzac Is Host To Music Club

The Music Appreciation Club met last Thursday at the home of Dick Arzac. Record selections started with the Prokofieff "Classical Symphony", and with the Rossini "Overture — La Gazza Ladra" following.

Several Melchior and Lily Pons sides were heard and then the club dined.

The Italian Concerto by Bach played by Artur Schnabel, the Leohore Overture No. 1 by Beethoven played by Toscanini and the BBC Symphony, and two violin selections done by Yehudi Menuhin, the Brahms "Hungarian Dance No. 6", and the Paganini "Perpetual Motion" rounded out the program.

The next meeting of the Club will be next Wednesday at the home of one of the Club members in Lomas. A notice with details will be posted and only those who sign up may attend.

Members who attended the last meeting were: Mr. and Mrs. Robert Gotisher, Miss Hildegard Buch, Peck Whitcomb, Amy Middleton, Tom Norris, Harold E. Honey, Rudolph Alrumada, Sydney Thurman, Parlin Klumpp, Ernest Riley, and Mr. and Mrs. Jack Merideth, and the host, Dick Arzac.

# Border Trips For Visas Cause Wailing And Gnashing Of Teeth

By JEFF BALL

Quite a few MCC students are still simmering about their long, arduous, and expensive trip to the States in an attempt to straighten out their student paper. They all had to purchase another Tourist Card for re-entry for student visas were unobtainable.

Speaking of an expensive trip, Urban James can tell a sad account of his experiences.

James rode up to the border with his wife, baby, and maid. After several attempts to obtain a student visa from the Vice Consul in Laredo, he finally settled for a Tourist Card.

On his return trip, while passing through Montemorelos, he hit a Mexican who stepped out from in front of a bus. The man had a broken leg. This, after spending five days in Montemorelos, cost James 1500 pesos, the entire sum of his terminal leave check that he had cashed in Laredo. Financial matters were so bad that James had to borrow 50 pesos from his maid in order to make it back to Mexico City.

James says the crowning touch was, that after he had paid all the hospital and doctor bills and mordida, he was told that he wasn't really at fault, but since he was an American (all Americans are rich) he was expected to pay.

The next problem for James is

Lic. Loaiza, Diputado Prado, and the many members of the faculty and student body who came forward with advice, suggestions, and offers of help. Perhaps that is the best thing that has come out of this difficulty — the knowledge that Mexico City College has gained fast friends who give life to the old saying that "A friend in need is a friend indeed".

# Acting Secretary Of Gobernación Deplores Student Visa Confusion

Sr. Ernesto Uruchurtu, Subsecretary of Government, states that due to a lamentable interpretation of the new Law of Immigration, a feeling of unrest has been created among the foreigners who live in Mexico.

# Bosch Heads UNESCO Department of Humanities

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made in that field. Doctor Bosch later taught pre-history and ancient history at his alma mater, the University of Barcelona.

Among the many books he has written, Razas Humanas is particularly well known and has gained him great fame in the world of anthropology.

When he came to Mexico in 1939, he was almost immediately given a post at the Instituto Antropología, with which he is still affiliated.

The sons of Doctor Bosch, Pedro and Carlos Bosch Garcia, are both on the MCC faculty. Lic. Pedro Bosch is professor of Economics. Carlos Bosch, noted historian, recently returned from the U.S.A. where he did special historical research on a Guggenheim fellowship. His daughter, Maria Trinidad, is also on the faculty of the Instituto Antropología.

Doctor Bosch is getting a leave of absence from his classes at the National University and MCC.

"In regard to the American students", said Uruchurtu, "we have encountered some irregularities in their documentation. A good part of them, soldiers of the democracy, who offered their lives and their blood in the last war, a motive more than sufficient to count with our sympathy, come to this country in the capacity of 'tourists' when they really are 'students'."

"There is no reason for stating that they are one thing when they are the other. Mexico has always opened her doors to students, and will continue to have them open. Not one extra cent will be collected from these young people for the change of documentation, but they should make the change with all possible speed, in order to be within the law", Uruchurtu said.

Sr. Uruchurtu said that circulated, the Secretary of Government, and he in particular, as interview with that gentleman, the university man he is, have great sympathy toward students, and all he desires is that they legalize their stay in Mexico.

In regard to tourists, Uruchurtu stated that they will continue to have the same facilities they had in the past.

The Subsecretary said that have been made in the migratory laws will be applicable in the future, but will not affect those who are now in the country, since it is not the wish of the Government to apply the laws retroactively, but on the contrary to normalize in the least possible time the equivocal situation which existed for tourist, visitors, investors, and immigrants.

"All that we wish", Uruchurtu said, "is that when a foreigner lives temporarily for permanently in Mexico, he may do it with the same liberty and facility as in the past."

"To that end we have been working extra hours in the Secretary of Government for many days. I, myself, have been leaving my office at late hours of the night."

"We desire that the procedure and documentation of immigrants and tourists will take place with the greatest rapidity humanly possible, and with the least loss of time for all concerned."

"I desire, also", Uruchurtu said, "that in the process of these points, there will be no intermediaries to cause abuses and needless expense. The functionaries and employees of the Secretariat have instructions to give every aid and facility to the interested parties in the management of their requests."

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"Mona Lisa's Mustache", satire on modern art by T. H. Robsjohn-Gibbins, takes a good crack at the whole body of ultra-modernism. He argues that the unsuspecting artists have been neatly maneuvered out of their previous role of craftsman into the new role of quasi-mystic. This shift in function is not only so much balderdash, but also a negation of the true function of art for man. The author writes with clarity to the rumors that have veriness and subtly.

While we are in the matter of controversial subjects, we can consider Lecomte du Nouÿ's popular defense of religious fundamentalism in the new book "Human Destiny". Many borderline adherents of traditional fundamentalism will be rescued by this work and herded back into the fold for safekeeping. The author is shrewd in his arguments and knows how to handle the neoskeptic with amazing adroitness. It is a good bracer for the Cause and will do much to help preserve the Book, the Faith, and the Life. Although the author bends over backwards in trying to give scientific backing of an authoritative nature to Adam and Eve and the Fig Leaf, there are some rather respectable mathematical computations on Probabilities which are downright convincing and highly impressive.

The library has received a large number of the Modern Nibrary Series, and of real interest among these is an "Anthology of American Negro Literature" edited by Sylvestre C. Watkins. The getting deep into his chapter of the history of the spiritual, and will derive no little humor from some of the modern poetry. An evening with this book will give you a genuine insight into to essential humanity of the negro tradition in the U. S.

Many of the new books in the library are strictly departmental material and highly technical. Of that literature which is not, I am impressed with the controversial value.

A solid plug for the Catholic position has been bound into Ericn Pizywara's edition titled "A Newman Synthesis". There is much of value in Newman for even the most critical apostle of the "Anti" school, and to overlook some of Newman's writing is to confess ignorance.

However, this month the balance of new literature seems in favor of the traditional and historic viewpoint. For a little refresher, go to the Vocational Guidance Reserve section and glance through Angyal's book "The Science of Personality". The author discusses the Holistic, Naturalistic, Organismic, ??? or whatever classification best pleases, and gives a unified, scientific, and intellectually respectable presentation. Hard reading, but worth it.

## Gilbert Zisenwine Is Head of International Youth Org.

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Gil, a junior at OSU, was enjoying the Winter quarter here at MCC when he received the note urging his attendance.

The young executive, also a sports reporter on EL CONQUISTADOR, intends to resume his studies at the Buckeye State University, and to continue his duties as International Youth Commissioner.

## Students Have Troubles In Attempts To Get Visas

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the border within the time stipulated on an extension granted by Gobernacion. Menz had come down on a Tourist Card, and had filed for his student papers three month before the expiration date.

He was later told that his papers were held up in Gobernacion, and now he would be affected by the new law.

The Menz family went to San Antonio, Texas and waited for the Mexican Embassy to receive a directive that would interpret the law and allow them to get student papers.

This went on for several days and they finally had to return with Tourist Cards.

## MC Of XEBS Amer. Hr. Needs Asst. Scoutmasters

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panese surrender aboard the Battleship Missouri. He was flown to the Pacific especially to do the job.

Last week, following a long siege of typhus, Spielberger returned to his duties as Scoutmaster of Troop No. 1, Boy Scouts of America. Apparently the scouts require some handling because at the last report Fred was still seeking a couple of assistant scoutmasters to apply.

## Vets Will Wine And Sup With New Subsistence Up

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for him, "Don't worry I'll know what to do with it".

Veit Gentry operator of the Patio bookstore, married and the father of two, "I am going to put the extra money in the house I'm building".

Tony Vlahakis, art student, "Now I can eat the last week of the month".

Harriet Ramirez ex-marine, "Well to me it will mean money for recreation that I couldn't afford before".

Raymond J. Wetherbee, recently married and a coming newspaper man, "Unprintable".

Kennetit McGoon newly elected vice-president of the Junior class, "Now I can put eggs in my beer".

Juan Cobre refused to make any comment other than, "Ten bucks equals forty eight pesos and that equals eighty liters of pulque".

Gene Bonfiglio, the schools official photographer and ardent aficionado, "This means I can sit on the shady side now".

Luke Judd one of the original MCC students and the father of two, "So far I have been digging into my savings, this increase will mean, that I can squeeze by now".

## Plays And Radio Projects Planned For Spain Class

Sra. Rivas, instructor in the Spanish language department, is working diligently on a project she hopes will develop and flourish during the Spring Quarter.

With Sra. Constantine, she is rounding up all available and suitable Spanish One Act Play material that can be adapted and presented by the students.

She has a nucleus of Spanish drama enthusiasts all ready, and this she expects will be supplemented by additional Spanish students from advanced classes. Sra. Rivas stated that the plays will not be too difficult, and will give additional help to those desiring to further their Spanish fluency.

Also, she is on the look out for a sponsor to back this group on a proposed weekly radio show.

Interest has been encouraging and work will begin on this theater and radio project in April. All students desirous of participating are directed to Sra. Rivas.

Formation of school basketball and baseball clubs are nearing completion.

Following a request by the President of the Student Senate, Maurice McClane, notices were posted on the bulletin board and a large number of interested ball players signed up to participate.

Meetings are taking place to answer all questions and to iron out difficulties, and practices are being scheduled so that the teams can be picked from the available material.

Many of the players have been working out on their own at the Club Hacienda and elsewhere, and report that they are in pretty good condition.

Others say that they will need a little time to get accustomed to the altitude, and also to get back into the swing of things after a year's rest.

Outlooks for entering these teams in Mexican leagues are vague at present, but the possibilities are good. Outside games can easily be secured as there are many free-lance ball clubs throughout the nearby area.

As yet coaches have not been secured and all the equipment purchased, but those in the know claim this is only a matter of days.

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## POPOCATEPETL ASCENT COMPLETED BY SEVEN

The night watch man at Sears finally breathed asigh of relief as the 29 strangely clad persons gathered on the sidewalk moved on. It was 3 a. m. on Sunday and the group was merely a few stalwart creatures with hearts set on climbing Popocatepetl — just 17,520 feet high.

They arrived at the spot to begin on foot around 0530 a. m. and soon discovered they had too little equipment. However, everyone was dressed for mountain climbing, with boots, warm clothing, and the other essentials, so decided to go as far as possible. Everyone? All but one — George Roy — who came with acrease in his trousers and a fancy necktie, just like he was going to a summer picnic in Tuscaloosa!

The climbers began the gradual incline over very rough, dusty terrain. The sun came up in all its splendor and the more stalwart began to climb in earnest. The snowline was reached about 8 a. m. and now the stragglers began to lag behind. But not Roy, he wrapped his scarf around his ears and plodded on.

Paul Guerrero complained of his foot being cold but soon said it was better. Finally when he was unable to walk anymore, Joe Roldan took off his boot and rubbed the frozen foot with snow until the circulation was improved. Then both went on climbing.

Finally five from MCC and two from the Polar Bear Club reached the top. It was 2 a. m. The students who succeeded in the climb were Bob Belmar, Joe Roldan, Paul Guerrero, Pete Brucato and — you couldn't guess — our friend George Roy. Roy was using some of his valuable breath to smoke a big cigar!

The group went about 50 feet

down in the crater. They sat on the warm rocks, had lunch, and took a short nap. Guerreo finished thawing his frozen foot on the hot stones. The alpinists carrying the pennants for the peak hadn't made it to the top, so those who did tramped out a huge MCC in the snow, as a substitute for the pennant.

The excursion down was a single-file sort of arrangement, and the trip was completed without mishap. The weary climbers came back into the city and it is rumored they slept very soundly all night.

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