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## Seniors Set Prom For Friday May 13

### Band Music By Orquesta Mendez

This year's Senior class demonstrates that a college education seems to abolish superstitions. The Seniors have set the date for their traditional prom for Friday night the 13th of May.

The semi-formal dance will be held at the Rotary Club, Londres 15, from 10 to 2 Orquesta Mendez, a ten-piece band from XEW, will furnish the music.

Admission will be 10 pesos for couples or stags. Graduates of '49 will receive complementary tickets.

## PROFESSOR AIDS IN CIVIC PROJECT

To help eradicate the juvenile delinquency problem in Mexico City, Fernando Horecasitas Pimentel, Mexico City College Spanish instructor, has worked for the past two years with the Asociacion Civil Auxiliar de Prevencion Social Contra la Delincuencia Infantil.

Under the direction of Francisco Cardona, an engineer, the Asociacion is a voluntary civic project working in connection with the Church.

### Three Schools

Sr. Horecasitas explained that children are taken from reform schools and placed under the protective custody of various committees in the organization.

At present, Mexico City has three schools to which the children are sent; the school at San Angel has 150 girls, and at Mixcoac there are 40 girls instructed by nuns. The third school which Sr. Horecasitas' committee handles, is at Coyocacan with Franciscan monks teaching 39 boys.

## Group Compiles Literary Mag

A quarterly review of letters made up of writings of MCC students is now being compiled by a group consisting of Hildegarde Buch, Mike Galvin, Bert Levesque, Charles Hilton, Fernando Horecasitas and William Sullivan. Dean Murray is acting as adviser.

The magazine, which will be ready for distribution near the end of this quarter, will contain poetry, translations, book reviews, short stories, sociological treatises, and literary studies. Some of the articles will appear in Spanish and some in English.

### Little magazine size

The publication will be of "little magazine" size and will contain some sixty pages.

Material will be accepted from all

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## STUDENT GOVERNMENT LEADERS



THE STUDENT SENATE MEETS WEEKLY IN THE PATIO AT 2 P. M. ON THURSDAYS WHEN STUDENTS MAY PRESENT PROBLEMS AT OPEN SESSIONS. SENATE MEMBERS, READING FROM LEFT TO RIGHT, ARE: FRESHMEN REPRESENTATIVES JIM SMITHERS, YVONNE BLUMENTHAL; SOPHOMORE REPRESENTATIVES, DAVE MARSH, JACK KELLY; (SECOND ROW) JUNIOR REPRESENTATIVES DON SMITH, HAZEL TAYLOR ELLIS; PRESIDENT MIKE GALVIN; SPECIAL STUDENT REPRESENTATIVES AL EBERSOLE AND MRS. HARLAN PICK; GRADUATE SCHOOL REPRESENTATIVES JOHN PIERCE, HARLAN PICK.

## August Graduates Must See Mrs. Lopez

Any student planning to graduate in August, 1949, may participate in the June commencement exercises by submitting a partition of intentions to Mrs. Lopez.

All students must apply for candidacy one quarter before they plan to graduate.

All seniors who plan to graduate in June or August, 1949, must take a Graduate Record Examination in their majors by May 23, 1949. This is a test of general educational development to see how MCC graduates compare with graduates from other colleges and universities and is kept on record at the school.

## Mildred Allen New Asst. Registrar

Miss Mildred Allen, formerly of the American High School in Mexico City, recently joined the staff of MCC as Assistant Registrar.

Miss Allen came to Mexico City in 1934 as an English teacher for the American School Foundation. During the war she returned to the United States and remained there one and one-half years.

Upon returning to Mexico, she was associated with the American Embassy, but soon transferred back to the American High School where she remained until recently.

Miss Allen was born, raised and educated in Texas. She received her degree from the University of Texas and worked for a short while with the Houston City Recreation Department. Her interests lie in sports and books.

## Catalogue Lists New Courses

Fifteen thousand copies of the new 1949-1950 MCC catalog were released last week. Dean Murray plans a more extensive distribution of this year's edition than has been attempted by the College before.

The appearance, make-up, style, and cover, of the new catalog are the same as for the previous year. However, there are to be several changes in content.

### M. A. in Education

An International Relations and Diplomacy Department to be headed by Señor Martinez del Alba will be initiated this summer and the Economics Department will be reorganized. An M. A. Degree in Education will be offered also.

There are to be many program changes. (Continued on Page 4)

## No Classes On May 5

As the Collegian goes to press, Gobernacion has issued no statement declaring Monday, May 2, a holiday in lieu of Labor Day's falling on Sunday, May 1.

Cinco de Mayo, Thursday, will be a holiday at MCC. However classes are scheduled for Friday, May 6, in spite of the fact that many students have expressed the hope that another long week end might be coming up.

## SEVENTY FOUR CANDIDATES FOR DEGREES IN JUNE

Simple Ceremony Will Be Held At Sear's Auditorium

## Camargo Weds In June

Ricardo Camargo Garza, Business Manager of Mexico City College, will be married, June 7, to Maria Elena Ricaud, in the Church of Guadalupe de la Paz.

Attended by the families and friends of the respective bride and bridegroom, the candlelight ceremony will be performed by the Reverend Father J. Vertiz, S. J., at high noon. A special benediction will be given to the couple.

### Honeymoon in Acapulco

Among the wedding party will be Irma Camargo Garza, sister of Camargo, and Mexico City College Dean and Mrs. Paul V. Murray. Following the reception, the couple will leave for a two-weeks honeymoon trip to Acapulco.

Camargo is the son of Don Ricardo Camargo Vilela and Doña Dolores Garza de Camargo of Hidalgo 448, Monterrey.

The bride-to-be is the daughter of Don Roberto Ricaud R. and Doña Carmen R. de Ricaud, Tehuantepec 244, Mexico City.

### HOLDERS OF MCC MASTERS STUDY FOR PH. D.'S

After having had the degree of Master of Arts conferred on them at MCC, the following students have gone after Ph. D's: Mary Gormly at the University of Washington; John Menz at the University of California, Berkeley; James Wilkins at the University of Montana; and John McConnell at Stanford.

## DR. STAFFORD PUBLISHES SCHOLARLY TREATISE ON ANCIENT PRINTING

Do you know what "incunabla" are? Well, Dr. Lorna Lavery Stafford, co-director and Dean of MCC's Graduate School, has recently published an outstanding work entitled *Catálogo de incunablas de la Biblioteca Pública del Estado de Jalisco*.

*Incunabla* (straight from Webster) concerns books produced in the infancy of printing, before 1500, from movable type.

### Research in Jalisco

Dr. Stafford lived in Guadalajara from 1938 to 1941. In that time she came to recognize the promise of material for research stored in the State Library of Jalisco. Here she began the work which she has but recently finished.

She takes the development of printing as the theme for a short introduction. She then lists in detail and presents a collation (collation: description of the technical features of a book; volumes, size, pages, illustration, etc. more Webster) of 15 works ranging

Plans have been made to hold the 1949 Commencement Exercises of MCC on June 9 in the Sears Auditorium. Sixty-five students have been accepted as candidates for a B. A. degree and nine students for M. A.'s.

### Invocation By Priest

The ceremony this year will be simple. The Invocation is to be delivered by a Catholic priest since the policy of the college is to acquire the services of a representative of a different faith each year. Dr. Cain or Mr. Murray will confer the degrees.

The proposed schedule is:

- Academic Procession
- Invocation
- Valedictorian's Address
- Commencement Address
- Conferring of the Degrees
- Benediction

## Fever Incarcerates Carroll And Ross

Mrs. Pat Ross, instructor in the anthropology and English departments, was suddenly taken ill with scarlet fever during the Semana Santa holiday. Although she is recovering, Mrs. Ross will have to remain in quarantine for at least another week.

Eleanor Carroll, Dean of Women and sociology professor who shares an apartment with Mrs. Ross, was fortunate enough not to develop the contagious disease, but has had to remain under the same quarantine restrictions.

Both students and faculty members have expressed regret over this forced absence of Mrs. Ross and Dean Carroll, two of MCC's most popular faculty members.

from *Opuscula* of St-Augustine printed at Venice in 1484 to *Super decalogo* printed at Salamanca in 1500.

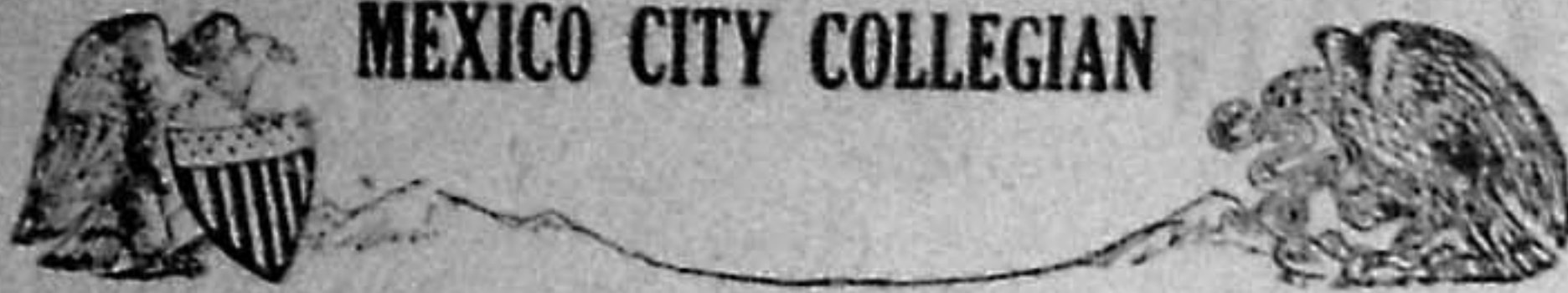
### Well Reviewed

Excellent reviews have appeared in *El Universal, México y su cultura*, and *El Lingote*, and other reviews will appear in the *Papers of the Bibliographical Society of America* and the *Nueva revista de filología hispánica*.

The value of the catalogue lies in the fact that none of the *incunabula* had come to the attention of bibliographers in the Americas.

The *Census of Fifteenth Century Books* which records the location of *incunabula* in the Americas, had no entry of any of the books found in Guadalajara, Jalisco (the State Library).

One piece is apparently unique in the western world, the *Via paradisi* ascribed to Magister Petrus as author and to the printer of Nebrissensis' *Grammatica* who worked in Salamanca about 1468.



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# Editorial

The ability to adjust is now considered by eminent psychologists a truer mark of intelligence than a high I. Q. score. Such an idea seems logical even to an individual who hasn't spent much time studying in the field of psychology. Where are the dinosaurs and the mammoths? All nature preaches silently but surely the sermon of the survival of the fittest.

Your ability to adjust can well be tested in Mexico. Just remember that fact when you have running water eight hours instead of twenty four and hot water only when you have to be in classes.

Maybe the man in the street isn't as polite as the guide books you read before you came down here indicated. Maybe the steaks here aren't as juicy as they were at home. Maybe you do miss a glass of milk with an inch of cream on top. Yes maybe you are even used to busses stopping long enough for you to jump on them.

There are new and unusual situations to adjust to here. The point is not that such differences exist, nor why they exist. The big thing is CAN YOU ADJUST? Are you intelligent, or are you somebody who likes the idea of a foreign country as long as he can carry his home town along with him?

# CINCO DE MAYO

By Yvonne Blumenthal

Regarded as one of Mexico's biggest holidays, Cinco de Mayo commemorates the battle of Puebla, fought in 1863. In this battle, a Mexican army commanded by General Ignacio Zaragoza defeated the French under the leadership of General Laurencez.

The French were so sure they could conquer Mexico that General Laurencez even wrote to the French War Minister before starting his campaign:

"We have such a superiority over the Mexicans as to race, organization, discipline, morals and sentiments that I beg your excellency to tell the Emperor that now under command of his army of 6,000 men I am already the conqueror of Mexico."

## First Skirmish

General Laurencez was surprised to see General Zaragoza with his Mexican army awaiting him at the "cumbres of Acultzingo". In the initial skirmish the French army forced the Mexicans to retreat to Puebla.

In Puebla the real battle began. More than 5,000 French soldiers participated of which some 500 were killed. General Zaragoza's brave defense of

Puebla prevented the conquest of Mexico by France.

## Symbol of Courage

The Mexicans consider the fifth of May as a symbol of the courage of their army in securing liberty.

Every Fifth of May a ceremony takes place at the tomb of General Zaragoza in Mexico City.

In Puebla the holiday is celebrated with an enormous, colorful parade. Cars are adorned with flowers and a so called "flower battle" ensues when the crowd throws flowers at each other.

## Mock Combat

Traditionally, several towns-people engage in mock combat depicting the historical event. One man represents the French army, another that of the Mexicans.

These festivities generate considerable excitement as the Pueblans recall the valorous deeds which saved their city and all of Mexico. Almost spontaneously a gay boisterousness surges through the city. On this day, happiness and gaiety reign all over Mexico.

# LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Dear Editor and Staff:

Allow me to congratulate you all on what I consider the best paper the college has yet seen. I hope the high standard set in this issue will continue to be held.

Sincerely,

(Signed: Paul V. Murray)

Dear Editor and Staff:

Sincere congratulations on the supreme quality of the Collegian. I learned more about the college with which I have pleasure of being associated in one issue than in the previous collection! With best wishes for the continued success of a project to which you have given a tremendous lift.

(Signed) Lorna Lavery Stafford

To the editor:

The magazine situation in the library is somewhat S. N. A. F. U. It is very difficult to obtain the latest

issue of any magazine. It is apparent that those magazines that DO appear on the shelves are consistently two or three weeks late. Why?

It is my suggestion that more attention be paid to placing these magazines on the shelves promptly and in binder form. J. S.

## COLLEGIAN OFFERS FREE WANT-AD DEPT

Beginning with the next issue, the Collegian will run a want-ad column for the exclusive use, gratis, of students wishing to buy, sell or trade anything; or wishing rides to the States, etc.

If you have an ad you wish published, give same to any member of the Collegian staff or drop it in the letter slot of the press room in the patio.

# GOOD NIGHT LADIES

By Richard Siviur

A week or so ago, while cat-footing across the patio, I overheard a racy conversation, which, lest ears of extreme sensibility be scandalized, is better left unrecorded. This much can be unveiled: On the following day twenty-six American coeds from a Mississippi finishing school were invited twenty-six MCC male students, all finished products, to a fiesta.

## Ink in Blood

The pure strain of printer's ink coursing through my veins demanded that I attend, if only for the furtherance of journalism. Accordingly, for that night I decided to sacrifice myself to my chosen calling.

The following day the entire patio was permeated with talk of the forthcoming event. Speculation concerning the opportunities to be had in a few hours ran the gamut from discountenance to unrestrained gaitié de coeur. The wise old hands refused to be heartened about the talk of the twenty-six maidens. They concentrated on the possibilities of unlimited food and drink

## Moonlight

The goddess Freya smiled upon the festivities by providing a moonbathed evening. The moon, full and smiling, was further graced by a slight cast of cirrus clouds which, diffusing the rays, made them even more alluring.

## Teen-Agers

The hour was at hand, and having completed my meticulous toilette and donned my swede spats, I strode confidently into the night. After two bus rides and some forty minutes, I arrived at the appointed destination. A winsome young Mexican girl greeted me warmly in my own tongue and escorted me to a room wherein twenty-six teen-age college girls were seated.

They hadn't as yet finished their dinner of various Mexican dishes, which they seemed to regard as curious but extremely palatable. As each of us entered, they turned to cast appraising eyes. The MCC group soon departed for the roof garden, and resumed their talk of the coming events.

After a befitting interval the girls joined us, passing in review. Immediately, little knots of humanity were formed: anxious, giggling girls and calm, sober-faced ex-G. I.'s. At first the girls were numerically superior.

# Spanish Club Visits Airport

Following through with its promise of interesting excursions around Mexico City, the Spanish Club of Mexico City College was guided around the American Airlines Airport, recently, by the Airlines' assistant chief radio operator, Salvador Zúñiga Fuentes.

On this second in a series of anticipated trips, the Spanish Club members saw the power plant that generates electricity and power for the intricate machinations of an airfield.

## Accompanied By Instructors

Accompanied by Mexico City College instructors Angela Martinez del Rio and Elena Flores, were: Boris Szyff, Laura V. Smith, Sylvia Maltzman, Pat Carter; Maxine De Daviess, Ada Kaplan, Sam Dunningan, William F. Dunningan; Maurice Saillant, Marilyn Gould, Mercedes Gavia, Anna Barnes; Francisco B. de Fleischman, Red Mulligan, George J. Davis, Donald Smith; Alberto Sanchez, Hector Muñoz, Vince R. Matesan, Randy Russell; Philip Krauel, Peter Cochran, Whitney M. Washburn, Muriel Lindley and Sr. and Sra. Edward Bretz.

## Strange As It May Seem

Juan Cobre left for New York last week after a big send off by his numerous friends here. From this Atlantic port Cobre will take off for Denmark

and thus one boy could command the attention of several girls. At this point beer was introduced, but in such limited amounts that nothing indecorous could possibly result.

## Baleful Glances

From her coign of vantage the school gnatron cast baleful glances at her wards. The girls were properly intimidated and refused to enter any dimly lit corners. They were not allowed to smoke or drink anything but cokes; moreover, they were not to leave the roof.

Joe Rodriguez, meanwhile was entertaining the assemblage with Mexican songs. His full beard, long hair and curving fascinated the coeds. Tom Aingnettes's van dyke scarcely raised an eyebrow. The girls were readily briefed about the individuality of MCC students.

## No Rumbas

The usual masculine reluctance subdued, dancing began. The girls wanted to learn Mexican dances but were chagrined to find that the boys to the most part were unable to teach them. The fox-trot reigned.

A discordant note sounded — the beer supply was exhausted. The boys now had to amuse themselves by talking to the girls. The same questions were bandied back and forth: How do you like Mexico? Isn't the climate marvelous? What do you think of the food? Do you really like the bull-fights?

## Riste Entertains

As might be supposed, Tom Riste went thru his repertory of bullfighting poses. As the girls were scheduled to attend the corrida de toros the following Sunday, they observed his movements carefully. Later they listened attentively when he and several other fans lectured them on what to watch for at the fights.

A rumor swept thru the crowd that cuba libres would be served. Nothing came of it, however; the brown liquid proved to be plain coke. Already the boys were discussing the next stop after the party.

At ten o'clock the group was arranged for the inevitable picture. This done, the matron herded her flock into a waiting bus. As it must come to all parties, the end came at exactly 10:10.

# Group Compiles . . .

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Departments of the college and may be submitted to any one of the group of compilers who state the only restriction is that the writing be creative and of superior quality.

At present the editors are particularly interested in additional short stories in English.

# Collegian Staff Pleads for More and Better News

Although the Collegian this quarter is being put out by only nine so-called journalists (and one of them has abandoned his typewriter to go off shooting jaguars and another has set off on a trip to the border), yet the staff is finding time to bombard the local papers with as much about MCC as the editors will bear.

Another staff plan is to send statewide home town papers articles concerning the activities of MCC men and women.

But, willing as the staff is to attempt this project, it can't do much without the assistance of the student body.

If you haven't filled out the questionnaire distributed at the last assembly, we urge you to do so at once. If you've mislaid the mimeographed sheet, come around to the press room and get another. Come around to the press room anyhow. We're hungry for news.

Maybe you aren't personally interested in having the home town folks know what you're up to here, but for the good of your college give us all the news that is safe to print.

After all, MCC is your alma mater and you don't want it hiding under a bushel basket.

Don't shy away. You aren't timid or you wouldn't be here. Only adventurous spirits leave home to study in foreign countries.

# DR. PARRA HOLDER OF HIGH POSITIONS

"I believe Mexico City College is a symbol of the friendly relationship between United States and Mexico", says Dr. Manuel German Parra, who has a Ph. D. in Philosophy and teaches two courses at MCC: Trade Policies in Latin America and a seminar in Economic Industry in Latin America.

Dr. Parra is also a professor of philosophy and psychology in various Mexican universities including the Instituto Politecnico Nacional, Escuela Normal Superior, Escuela Nacional de Maestros and Escuela de Trabajo Social.

## Important Positions

Not only as a professor has Dr. Parra distinguished himself, but also, he has held important official positions.

At present Dr. Parra is Counselor of the Presidency. Formerly he was Sub-Secretary of Economy; Chief of the Findings Department at the Secretary of Public Education; General Secretary at the National Commission of Review and Coordination referring to Educational Planning, Study Programs and Textbooks; and Secretary of Technical Matters of the Electoral Campaign for President Aleman.

## In Foreign Affairs

In foreign affairs, he has also held major offices. He was President of the Mexican Delegation in the World Conference of Alimentation and Agriculture; Vice-President of the Mexican Delegation of the World Conference on Commerce and Employment and President of the Mexican Delegation in the Revision of the Commerce Treaty Mexico-North America.

## Has Three Sons

This active man still has time for a private life. In fact he is a devoted father to three boys.

New York and Los Angeles are his favorite American cities.

Indeed in only 34 years, Dr. Parra has led quite a full life.

# INSTRUCTORS DIRECT ONE ACT COMEDY

When a man tries to thwart his mother-in-law by passing a gift of a red tie on to a friend which arrives as a red dress, a series of complications develop that takes seven persons to straighten out.

A one-act play, "La Corbata Roja", was presented recently by members of the Spanish Club at the Coahuila building.

## Instructors Direct

Under the direction of instructors Angela Martinez de Rio and Elena Flores, the Spanish comedy is from an anthology of Latin plays compiled by an American author.

In an informal living room effect where the audience sat around the stage, Toni Smith and Don Smith portrayed the husband and wife, Isabel and Gaspar. Sofia, the mother-in-law was played by Mercedes Gavia; Lulu Gould enacted Maria, the maid. Pat Carter, Sydney Irwin and Alberto Sanchez completed the cast.

## NOTES FROM ALL OVER

Ex-sergeant, Patrick Stahl lists his previous occupations as that of a "tramp". He is in Mexico because (1) it is too cold in the states (2) he wants to study languages (3) curiosidad. Stahl is interested in the world, anything in it and in inhaling and exhaling.

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After graduating, Louis L. Rodriguez will become another MCC representative in AFTOSA's organization. He is studying Sociology and Spanish and comes from Oklahoma.

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An anthropologist, Arthur N. Parker registered at MCC after time at Brown University, the U. S. Marine Corps, Harvard University, and the University of N. Dak. Wife, Patricia, has come along to see to the education of husband and self.

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A graduate of Potsdam State Teachers College, New York, Mrs. William J. Oleott, is a candidate for an M. A. degree. Her husband is in Mexico with the Carbide and Carbon Chemicals Corp. as technical sales representative.

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A new student, Philip D. Krauel, is in Mexico to study, to see the country, to have fun, and to go to bullfights. Krauel is a former student of Valparaiso University, Indiana.

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Attending MCC to study Spanish only, E. W. Hatcher from Texas came to Mexico to serve as pilot-mechanic with Alas de Socorro. He is a former B-25 pilot of the U. S. Army Air Force and has worked as an aircraft and engine mechanic.

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Stuart F. Batista is interested in swimming, hiking, and match-box collecting. He is now continuing work toward a degree, and his permanent address in Mexico. Before MCC Batista studied at the University of Illinois. And before the University of Illinois he was a maladjusted student in high school.

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B. A. degree in August, 1949 (?). Marguerite Beltran is in Mexico to learn Spanish and to meet and know members of her father's family. She has been here nearly three years and is majoring in Spanish and Latin American studies.

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New arrival, Peter L. Cochran, has enrolled at MCC primarily to study Spanish. He has done prior work at Washington State College.

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Two navy veterans, Robert M. Ellis and wife Hazel, are working for degrees in Fine Arts and Sociology respectively. Ellis has recently completed a mural for the De La Borda Hotel in Taxco.

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"Because I liked the country, climate, and people", Elinor S. Fulton is in Mexico. A former student of Oberlin College and Western Reserve University, her interests are music, sports, and civic activities in the American Colony.

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The señoritas are helping Will Nunn Graves, Jr. with his Spanish. However, he has been attending MCC for formal academic work in the language along with the informal training. His home state is Texas.

# KEYHOLE TALES REVEAL SECRET, LURID PASTS

By R. D. R.

Observing MCC students laboriously working on research papers in the library or listening to them courageously practicing their Spanish, one might not suspect the various occupations which have occupied them previous to their present scholarly activities.

An inquiring reporter delved into the pasts of some of the potential graduates and discovered they have done everything from F. B. I. work to the ghoulish job of digging up corpses.

### Law in Warsaw

Helmi Anderson says that her most interesting work was practicing law in Warsaw where she was admitted to the bar.

Working for a yacht club was the peak of Howard Atkins' career before going to college in Mexico.

Selling at Macy's during the Christmas rush is an experience that Dick Brennan will never forget.

Frank Casoni, when interviewed in the elevator of the Coahuila Building at 9 a. m. commented on the irregularity of anyone's considering such a topic as work at that early hour.

Senora Lucille Eisenbach insists her most interesting occupation has always been teaching. (Can the lady be stark mad?)

### F. B. I. Employee

Digging up information for the F. B. I. in Washington D. C. was a high-light in Douglas Glass's activities.

Mario Arturo Gutierrez still remembers the days when he was working on the air line between Mexico and Acapulco.

A job no one would envy him, was C. T. Hindley's occupation in the Russell Islands — digging up bodies which had been buried from three weeks to three years.

Running a ship service store for the Navy while he was stationed in Hawaii and Guam was basic groundwork for Frank Hyde's present position in the MCC Book Store.

### Auto Racer

Gene Hall used to be an auto racer, and Chela Jones once worked with the convoy and routing section of the U. S. Navy.

Quietly, Leo Levine remarks that he has never worked, since he was born with his fingers in his mouth.

Frank Meekins, before embarking on his literary career, used to expedite materials for a New York construction company.

Albert Tristani once reigned supreme in the pie making business, while Manola Ruiz, a cute little Mexican señorita has never bothered to work at all.

James Sobrino formerly was assistant manager of the "Harvard-Madrid" night club in the biggest city in the world.

### Teaching English

Having to teach 49 Mexican children how to speak English when she didn't know one word of their language nor they one one word of hers is an experience Mildred Hunt Rowland can never forget. What really got Mrs. Rowland down, though, was the fact that the director promised to divide the class when the enrollment reached 50. He never did.

Scraping the sides of a ship for 19 hours, straight is listed by William Shepherd as his most interesting job.

Boris Szuff once was a chemical engineer in Poland.

William Tyson was an electrician's assistant in New York while Herb Smith once was engaged in the lucrative business of gambling.

### Head Chef

Library routine used to occupy Surya Peniche, and being head chef at "Tato's" used to keep Roy Packard busy.

Nothing more baffling than trying to teach English to Japanese has ever confronted Daniel Young.

Earl Votaw made a lot of people happy when he made out Army discharge papers.

### Floor Scrubbing

Dapper John del Valle, believe it or not, once scrubbed floors for two old maids.

Senate President Mike Galvin was once a filling station attendant in Cedar Falls, Iowa. After two years of hard labor, Mike was finally put in charge of handling the cash register. One week later our boy was down here in Mexico living in luxury and in hiding.

## BOOK REVIEW SECTION

By Barrett Leavit

### The Barriers Between by Marc Brandel

Contrary to our hoped-for policy of only reviewing books that are worthwhile reading, for one reason or another, we are reviewing today the most miserable novel that we have come across in 1949.

Our contact with it was purely accidental; about two weeks ago we got a letter from a simple-soul who casually remarked, "there's a new novel about Vets in Mexico". So, we rushed out and paid three dollars (American) for *The Barriers Between*. It is not a novel about Vets in Mexico; although a couple of them do stroll casually down the Paseo de la Reforma.

### Guilt Complex

The story (and we are using the term loosely) is about Jordan Bushnel who arrives in Mexico City with a Guilt Complex and war memories, lives with Sylvia (who can't afford an apartment solo) and "murders" Richard Slater, a homosexual who does not try to seduce Jordan.

These are the ingredients of a (possibly) good short story, but it's dubious that even a first-rate story-teller could blow it into a novel. Altho critics say Brandel is a writer "of promise" we must remember that this is his third novel and that it's about time the lad kept his promise.

### White Mice Better

The book is being played up as a "psychological novel" and only by stretching the meaning of that term can the idea be accepted. (We are looking forward to that Happy Day when someone will do a novel about white mice and label it a "psychological novel". After all, psychologists have done more study of white mice than people, so—).

Jordan, as we have mentioned, has a Guilt Complex. The author (possibly displaying his own?) is taking no chance that you're going to miss it, so in the epigraph quotes Raskolnikov. If we had the talent to compare Edgar Guest and Keats, we could compare Jordan and Raskolnikov.

### Theme Ignored

We have a feeling that the theme of the novel is "being a man one would not, as long as one's reason held, grovel or run wild under danger" but after stating it Brandel ignores it as if it were something too profound to be written about.

His occasional descriptions of Mexico are no better nor worse than a half dozen travel books that we have read. But these amusing, well-written sentences hardly justify the book. And, to make matters worse, at least our copy is the poorest printing job that we have seen for three dollars (American) in many a month.

## FAMOUS DIPLOMAT ON MCC STAFF

By M. L. R.

The already imposing list of outstanding instructors at MCC has recently received a boost by the addition of Salvador Martinez de Alva to the teaching staff.

A listing of the activities and accomplishments of the new associate professor would read like quotations from "Who's Who". Indeed they have been endeavors that merit such publications.

### In Diplomatic Service

From 1909 to 1915 Sr. Martinez was in the Mexican Consular Service. Then in 1918 he began his diplomatic career that lasted until 1944. During those years he was stationed in the U. S., England, Spain, Italy, France, Japan, and all of the Central American countries. He was Charge d'Affaires in England, Japan, and Italy, and Minister to Costa Rica. He wound up his diplomatic career as Ambassador, a post he held in Guatemala and Nicaragua.

### In Geneva

Prior to Mexico's entry into the League of Nations, Sr. Martinez was at Geneva as an observer for the Mexican government. After Mexico became a member he was head of the Mexican office and handled Mexican affairs in the League.

In 1931 he was the Mexican representative to the conference for the "Limitation of Manufacture and Sale of Narcotic Drugs". In 1931-32 he was Secretary of the Mexican delegation to the "Disarmament Conference".

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### CHANCE TO PRACTICE SPEAKING SPANISH

If you would like to practice your conversational Spanish, the Instituto Mexicano Norteamericano de Relaciones Culturales, at Yucatan 63, will be glad to introduce you to a Mexican of age and interests similar to your own, so that you can exchange English conversation for Spanish.

There is no charge for this service. If you would like to avail yourself of this opportunity, stop by the Instituto any afternoon between four and eight, and speak with Mrs. Garcia, Secretary of the Institute.

## Economics Club To Hear Lecture

On May 4 at seven o'clock Señor Eduardo Hidalgo will speak to the Economics Club on "Aspects of Investment in the Latin Americas".

Señor Hidalgo, prominent personage in Pan-American affairs, was graduated from Columbia Law School and has practiced in both the U. S. and Mexico. In 1948 he attended the Bogotá Conference as a Delegate for the National Security Resources Board.

Mr. Robert Lweynn, National City Bank of N. Y. official, is tentatively scheduled to lecture in May.

### Master's In English

Richard Arzac, '48, is now studying for a master's degree in English at the University of California, Berkeley.

### Tapager at N. Y. U.

Geology is the field of James Tapager who is studying for a Master's in that subject at New York University.

### Instructor at Military School

The present occupation of Lee Peck Whitecomb is that of instructor in a military school in Florida.

### Mary Gilland Teaching

A member of the first MCC graduating class, Mary Gilland is now teaching at the American High School of this city. Miss Gilland spent a semester as faculty member of a public school in Kansas, but returned to Mexico this year.

## TRIVIA

By Robert Deming Ridgway

Campus Glances: Artist John Kennedy, who used to be generally found enjoying a few beers in the company of fellow artists at Tato's, is now located at San Miguel Allende.

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George Halajian, editor of the "Economist", looks forward to returning to Canada after graduation in June... We heartily welcome back to school our good friend John Hoffman, who was seriously ill in a local hospital.

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Sam Fox wants a ride to Los Angeles in June — can someone help him out? Within a few months Senor Camargo (school business manager) will take a bride for himself — we wish him every happiness.

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Friends of Joseph Howard Henry, one-time MCC student and later an at-tosa cattle inspector, will be surprised to hear that Henry has returned to California once again.

Gene Sherry anticipates his weekly Friday night drinking bout. He and Al Schafer enjoyed the holiday at Oaxaca via Al's jeep the "Rozinante".

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Why does Miller ask and answer so many questions in all his classes? Harry Gould is a former Hollywood actor's agent.

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Our weekly laurels go to Blanca, Juan and Mrs. Mancebo — three very obliging personalities.

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Brown and Leroy are now in the swap-shop business — they recently loaned money to one formidable character and took all his clothes as security.

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Kuku's is still a very popular nitery with many of the students — it seems that Mary Price is there practically every night.

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Sorkin, the philosopher, meets with occasional competition in Sra. Mendoza's class... Loquacious, trim, vivid little Mary Bolton is losing her weekly allowance at the races every Sunday.

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Larry Beede is in the book business in case you want to buy, sell, or trade... Bob Fox, having dropped all his classes, is now employed at the local Young-Rubicam Co... Franklyn Hartmann, graduate student, spent his vacation and drinking time at Oaxaca... while charming Marilyn Gould stayed here in Mexico and went swimming every day.

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The little fishing village of Papanoa (about 90 miles north of Acapulco) was the vacation scene for the Economics Club members and their guests I am informed that all hands had a most rowdy, yet enjoyable time.

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Utz Kunewalder threw a fascinating party last Tuesday p. m. and Wednesday a. m. among those checking in were Leonard "Red" Beder, Jim "Mitchum" Bradshaw, 17 year old Verma Hamilton and her parents from Lake Charles, Louisiana, Gene Sherry, Donald Ives Patch Junior, Elizabeth Casablancas, Alberto Alder and Stuart Fleishmar.

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Beder and Bradshaw enjoyed the party more than anyone and really got into the right spirit. After two hours of cuba libres they both very casually passed out... until next edition, que le vaya bien.