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Association Heads To Visit Campus

Three prominent southern educators will visit Mexico City College to examine the school's facilities, curriculum, etc., looking towards possible recognition by the Southern Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools.

The committee has been sent in response to the school's petition, presented by Dr. Paul V. Murray, President of the college, and Dr. John V. Elmendorf, Vice-President and Dean of the Faculty, at the Annual Meeting of the Southern Association held in Richmond, Virginia on December 2-5, 1957.

The members of the committee are Dr. Rufus Harris, President of Tulane University, New Orleans, Louisiana, and President of the Southern Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools; Dr. John L. McMahon, President of Our Lady of The Lake College, San Antonio, Texas; and Dr. Jerome A. Moore, Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences of Texas Christian University, Fort Worth, Texas.

Dean Moore is acting as chairman of the committee and he also holds the post of Chairman of the Southern Association's Committee on Latin American Institutions. The committee will hold daily sessions on the campus from February 25 through February 28.

The visitors are among the best-known educators in the south. President Harris holds the degrees of Bachelor of Laws and Doctor of Jurisprudence from Yale University. He was dean and professor of law at Tulane University from 1927 to 1937 and has been president of that University since 1937. He has served as director of the United States Federal Reserve Bank since 1938 and has been vice-chairman of the board of directors since 1948.

He has held numerous positions on committees dedicated to the betterment of education in the south and has served on many national and state committees devoted to the advancement of education and the study of social problems. He took office as President of the Southern Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools at the Annual Meeting in Richmond last December.

President John L. McMahon holds the M. A. and Ph.D. degrees from the Catholic University of America where he was a Knights of Columbus Fellow and at one time taught political science.

He has been President of Our Lady of The Lake College since 1941; and in 1946 he was named President of the Association of Texas Colleges. He served as president of the Catholic Association for International Peace from 1939 to 1942 and presently is a member of the Committee on Admissions of the Southern Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools.

President McMahon visited Mexico previously as a member of the committee that recommended Mexico City College for admission to the Association of Texas Colleges.

Dean Jerome A. Moore
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Infirmery Maintains Ambulance Service

The College infirmery maintains ambulance service for students who become ill while on campus or in the case of an emergency. This service is available through the school nurse from 8 a. m. to 3 p. m.

Any student who becomes ill during class hours should report to the infirmery. Cases of emergency or illness should not be taken off the campus until the nurse has been notified.

Revise MCC Charter To Create Foundation

Another major step in the growth of Mexico City College was taken recently when the college's charter was revised to create a foundation, insuring MCC's indefinite existence in the hands of a self-perpetuating Board of Trustees.

The college was begun as and continued to be a private school until 1950, when it became a civil association operating on a non-profit basis.

The new charter, worked out by college authorities and the recently created Board of Trustees, makes the college organization the closest thing to an American-

type foundation that is possible under Mexican law.

Chairman of the new board is Mr. William B. Richardson, prominent investment counselor and retired vice-president of the First National City Bank of New

Other members are Mr. Fraine B. Rhuberry, General Manager of Ford Motor Company de México, S. A.; Don Pablo Martínez del Río, director of the *Escuela Nacional de Antropología e Historia*; Don Germán Fernández del Castillo, prominent attorney; and the college co-founders, Dr. Paul V. Murray, MCC president and Dr. Henry L. Cain, MCC president emeritus.

Under the charter, all policies of a legal and fiscal nature will be determined by the Board and will be carried out by the president of the college and his assistants. As has been the case for the past eight years, the college's Administrative Council will handle all matters relating to educational policy.

The momentous revision of the charter is considered as one of the major steps in the rapid growth of Mexico City College, which was founded in 1940 by Drs. Cain and Murray. Beginning with six students, it has grown into an internationally known and widely respected college with an average enrollment of 900 students. It is the only institution of its type in Latin America and attracts more North American
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Bob Almanzo Photo

A STUDY IN COMPASSION, MCC relief party members Dick Mallchok and Chuck Baldwin bring the warmth of humanitarianism in the form of clothing, food and fire wood to the snow-stricken villagers beyond Toluca. The relief expedition was organized by Vincent and Francine Hagle and Dean Woods to combat the effects of the worst snow fall in the history of Mexico.

Book Champs Take Honors On Dean List

When the list of honor students was announced for the fall quarter at MCC, one student had earned the distinction of receiving his sixth consecutive honors pin. Sebastien Thomas de Saint-Exupery has kept a Dean's List average for 12 consecutive quarters for his string of six pins.

To make the list, a student must maintain an honors average of 2.2 for two quarters. A grade of A is worth three points, a B earns two points, and a C is worth one point.

Making the list for the fifth time were: Samuel Meharry Bower Jr., Otis Earl Brake, Pauline Flora Brake, Brian Joseph Burns, Leo Bradford Leonard, and James Wallace Wilkie.

On the list for the fourth time are: Robert Erich Miller, Hideo Okanishi, Wiley Henry Smallwood, and Robert Joe Stout.

Up for the third time are: Thomas Fisher Ford, Stanley Frederick Furman, John Charles Kountz, Gerald Masucci, Anthony William O'Donnell, and Richard Phillip Van Buren.

Second time candidates for honors pins were: Alfred Edward Calley, Joel Chase, Hogo Kunoff, Alice Craiglow Jans, Walter Hugh Myers, Jr., William Robert Newman, Josefa Peña, Donald Eugene Renton, John Anthony Ridley, Padget Ann Schall, Peter Albert Schnabl, Nelson Jacob Schwartz, Eric Simms, Jesse Roger Smith, Richard LeRoy Torres, and Harley Upchurch.

Coming up for their first pins were: Lloyd McKinley Bagley, Raymond Eugene Ball, Fred David Beeman, Margaret Mary Crowley, Angela Bolongaro Crevenna, Richard Delgado, José
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Ted Grayno Photo

MEN OF DISTINCTION not because of their choice of beverage but because of scholastic excellence, smilingly surrounding undergraduate Dean Mildred Allen are Brian Burns, Richard Torres, David Goodmen, and Leo Leonard.

Board Raises Tuition Beginning Next Fall

Beginning with the fall quarter of 1958 tuition and fees at Mexico City College will be set at \$155.00 (U. S.) per quarter. This decision was made by the college Board of Trustees at its meeting held at the University Club on Friday, January 24.

"During the past five quarters we have studied and evaluated the financial position of the college," said Mr. William B. Richardson, president of the Board. "We have seen how costs have steadily climbed, new services have been added and salaries necessarily increased to the very limit of the present budget. It was quite obvious that the college could not continue to meet its obligations without some increase in tuition since it has no

endowment or other funds on which to draw.

"At our request," Mr. Richardson continued, "a faculty-administration committee (made up of Dr. Savage, Mr. Judd and Mr. Hernández) was appointed to study costs and charges at other colleges and universities. A special effort was made to study colleges and universities which are somewhat similar in size and objectives to our own.

"The committee's report showed that on the average some forty such schools were charging approximately 50 to 60 dollars (based on a quarter breakdown) more than Mexico City College.

"Therefore, taking into account our present fixed charges,
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Ted Grayno Photo

WITH THE SIGNING of the new college charter, members of the Board of Trustees shown above assumed responsibility for the indefinite existence of Mexico City College. Shown above, watching Board Chairman William B. Richardson, prominent investment counselor, signing the charter are: Mrs. Elizabeth Thomas de López, Dean of Admissions and Registrar who has been with the college since its founding; Dr. Lorna Lavery Stafford, Dean of the Graduate School; and board members Dr. Paul V. Murray, MCC president; Chairman Richardson; Dr. Henry L. Cain, president emeritus; Mr. Fraine B. Rhuberry, general manager of Ford Motor Co. de México, S. A.; Don Pablo Martínez del Río, director of the *Escuela Nacional de Antropología e Historia*; and Don Germán Fernández del Castillo, prominent attorney.

Do Today's Writers Have Key To Future?

The controversy over the use of television as a classroom aid has given rise to an interesting question:

How much reading does the American public do? The standard answer seems to be: "Not very much."

Paradoxically, however, this diminishing reading public is being assailed by thousands of established and would-be writers. Creative writing has become a standard major in the curriculums of many universities and colleges. Probably at no time in our history have so few publication outlets been bombarded by so many men and women eager to have manuscripts published.

Why?

Some say it is because of the crisis-filled age we live in. Others offer the opinion that people have more leisure time—hence they turn to writing—comparing our era with the Elizabethan, when every gentleman was also a poet.

Both of the above reasons have validity; however, it would seem that the key to this apparent paradox lies in the fact that the American culture, as we know it today, is sterile. Mass production and highly centralized industry and government have taken the individual creativity out of the average American's vocation. Mass advertising and news media have patterned U. S. thought into easy-to-take capsules that demand no originality on the part of the receiver.

But there are many who see through this veneer of "culture" and want to do something about it. Most of them turn to writing.

It is significant to note that, in the past five years, several of the nation's best-selling novels were criticisms of "big business" and the false success and security connected with it, written by men who had been all the way up the ladder.

More and more writers, however, seem to be turning away from the novel in its "classical" form as a medium of expression. Non-fiction, both in magazines and as books, has become increasingly important.

G. S. Fraser, in his fine work, *The Modern Writer and His World*, makes the following summary:

"Possibly... the novel as an art-form may be coming to an end, and what we need, perhaps, in our odd, violent, unintegrated age, is rather the exact and sensitive record of personal experience: the diary, the autobiography, the travel book, some flying joy of perception caught on the wing."

Only time has the answer. When the history of our generation is written, will it say that our culture was saved from the sterility of automaton like existence by the writers—the rebels? Or will it report the tragedy of a brave new world in which original thought was no longer possible?

R. S.

PRESENTING MEXICO By Marilú Pease



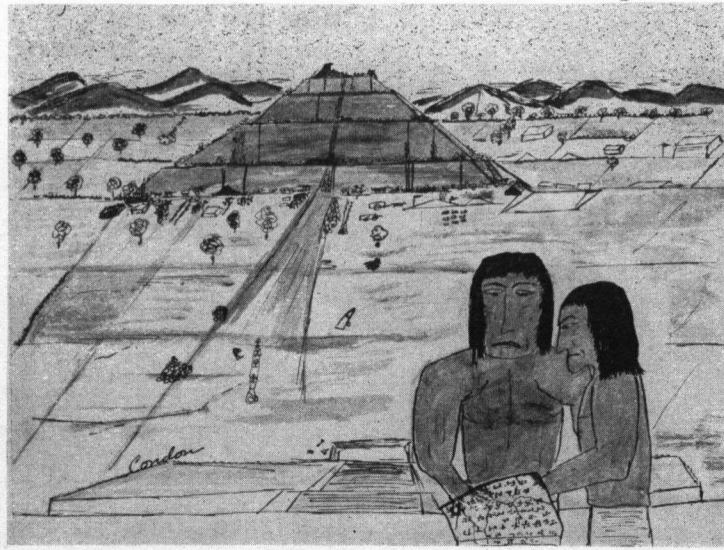
Guadalupe Pilgrimage

Back in 1533 a dark-skinned Virgin appeared to a lowly Indian, Juan Diego, requesting that a church be erected in Her name. Since that date Her shrine, built on the spot of the apparition, has been the greatest magnet for Mexican Catholics.

All through the year, and in all parts of the country, pilgrimages are organized to visit Her shrine. One of the most important of these, and always in the month of January, is the one organized by the diocese of Toluca.

Devout followers of the Indian Virgin from all corners of this diocese congregate in Toluca, usually about 5,000 strong; from there they walk all the way to the Villa de Guadalupe, on the northern outskirts of Mexico City, a distance of some 50 miles over a mountain road which climbs to some 10,000 feet before entering the Valley of Mexico.

Since this pilgrimage passes in front of the MCC campus, many students have been able to see the procession as it goes along the highway, colorful banners and flags held on high.



It's no use, Tlaptixti. All they're hiring are engineers these days.

President's Desk

Yanknik Launching May Cause Slump In School Improvements

There are many ways to look at the American success in heav-



ing a satellite into outer space. In this column—and shortly after the Russians hoisted No. 1—I contended that the Americans, along with their Red playmates, would not leave the skies untroubled and that the day was not far off when traffic controls would have to be installed to regulate the passage of the contending sputniks.

For whatever their effort is worth we should congratulate our fellow countrymen and their German helpers on their accomplishment.

I wish, however, to go back to a theme that I have touched on frequently here. I wrote that I thought the Russian satellites would, indirectly at least, help American teachers get a raise in pay. I contended also that American education should not be junked *in toto* because the Russians beat us into the skies with their iron basketball.

As regards American education: Are we to conclude, now that what someone has called a "Yanknik" is "up there" that our system is 100% and everything that has been said about it since last October was wrong? I hope not—because there are plenty of errors that need correcting. On the other hand can it be said the system that "stood indicted for failure" in October should be pardoned in February because our satellite is chasing the Red "moon" around outer space?

For those who would like some tough but informed talk about our educational system I strongly recommend the interview with Professor Arthur Bestor, of the University of Illinois, published in the January 24 issue of *U. S. News and World Report*. Entitled "What Went Wrong With U. S. Schools," this piece certainly gives us plenty to think about.

I can't say that Professor Bestor has said anything new about the worst aspects of American education but he has said it well and his comments are most timely.

To go back to my opening remarks: It is just conceivable that in the joy at getting our satellite into outer space we could slump back to thinking that if our educational system is very good after all then why spend all those billions on new schools, research and, above all, decent salaries for teachers?

In other words—if we've done so well with the old system why start now to pay teachers a living wage when millions of them have been content to get by on salaries that self-respecting stenographers would laugh at? I grant that this

thought may seem ironical or corny but don't think that it won't cross the minds of a lot of people.

What we should remember is that we have accomplished miracles in education at the cost of the teachers at all levels; and that we cannot expect to keep up with the pace of modern living without revising most of our previous concepts concerning the teacher's role in American society. To put it simply: The Russian sputniks made it practically certain that our teachers would finally get the place, respect and salaries that are due them.

Let us pray that the American Yanknik will not in any way deter our people from carrying out the programs that are necessary for teacher rehabilitation in the United States.

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I have lectured on Mexican education for many years. I have told students and visitors at MCC that it is sad to see Mexican parents and teachers lined up all night outside of school buildings, waiting for registration the next morning.

Thousands are always disappointed. This year of 1958 is no exception; and we now know that neither the National University nor the National Polytechnic Institute can handle the hordes of students who are trying to enter them after finishing preparatory studies in the Federal District and in the provinces. Just what can be done to solve the pressing problems connected with finding schools for Mexico's rapidly-growing and school-minded population?

I do not think it is easy to suggest answers but certain things can be done that need to be done in a hurry. It has been evident for several years that the national government could not carry out the constitutional provision that says children should be educated at government expense. Therefore, officials charged with the solving of the problem turned to businessmen, bankers and merchants and asked for financial support on a voluntary basis.

This was big but not enough. Private schools were asked to take a certain percentage (usually 5%) of their total enrollments as free students named by the government. Religious bodies were allowed to open schools again but were surrounded by a whole series of petty restrictions which were most unsuited to the problems of our times. Recently, private individuals have been urged to open schools to help relieve the pressure on government institutions.

To my mind much more than all this is needed. I believe that we need: 1. A new taxing machinery to provide government with sufficient resources for education-

Book Review

Dreams Are Key To Enlightenment

THE FORGOTTEN LANGUAGE

by Erich Fromm, 18.50
Evergreen Books

... "a dream which is not understood is like a letter which is not opened"... Talmud

That man is a fragmented being, made up of a myriad of different, often conflicting personalities, is a truism discovered centuries past by those who have studied man's mind. Man's identity which he himself regards as

continuous and unchanging, is actually non-existent. The "I" is rather a collection of little-understood or recognized facets, the sum of which is an identity that exists for the most part beyond the realm of consciousness.

The Forgotten Language is an attempt to decipher the language of symbols, the voice of the multitude of other selves. This is the language in which our inner thoughts and feelings are expressed. It is eloquent and manifests itself in a fantastic interior world, which, though abiding by a subjective logic not ruled by considerations of time and space, can be interpreted by the logic of our conscious mind.

This symbolic language is the language of dreams and myths. And though the accents may differ from age to age or from people to people, says the author, it is the nearest thing to a universal communication that humanity has yet developed.

It is Fromm's contention that man's advances in the arts of the machine have carried him away from his own inner life. The result of this lack of communication between conscious and unconscious is that man does not know in which direction he desires to go and, as a result, he floats aimlessly.

To re-establish the lines of communication to our inner will is the job posed by Fromm, an extension of the Socratic idea of "know thyself." From his analysis of selected dreams and myths the depths, heights and general topography of the unconscious have emerged a little clearer, a little more apparent to the curious eye.

Fromm in this book has steered a course between the extremes of Freud's sexual interpretation and Jung's religious interpretation. This avoidance of theoretical dogma has resulted in a realistic and readable investigation of a subject long relegated to excessive abstraction or to the hands of tent-show fortune tellers.

Melbourne Lockey

Ambassador Hill Writes Letter To Pres. Murray

Dr. Paul V. Murray, President Mexico City College Mexico 10, D. F. Dear Dr. Murray:

On behalf of Mrs. Hill and myself I wish to express to you our appreciation for the opportunity to visit Mexico City College last month.

As I mentioned in my talk before the student body, I was genuinely surprised to find a modern, well-equipped college, situated in ideal surroundings. I appreciate your having taken the

time to explain to me in your recent letter, the school policies and practices as regards a) the proportion between American and Mexican students; and b) the scholarly interchange at both student and teacher level.

During my tenure at Mexico City, I look forward to other visits to the college. I wish to assure you of the wholehearted cooperation of all of us at the Embassy.

Robert C. Hill,
Ambassador

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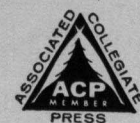
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Wachter Lectures On Art Teaching Today

Associate Professor Merle Wachter of Fine Arts is scheduled to lecture at the American School today on the "Teaching of Art in Elementary School." The lecture will be illustrated by slides of paintings done by Japanese school children aged 5 to 12.

"These particular slides, loaned by Jesse Smith who photographed them in Cooper Union, New York, are of interest," says Wachter, "in that they show the impact and fusion of Western Art on the traditional Japanese use of design, particularly indicating the influences of art style since Fauvism."

ture is to be the exploration of the role of the instructor as an "evoker of perception" rather than that of administrator of inflexible rules.

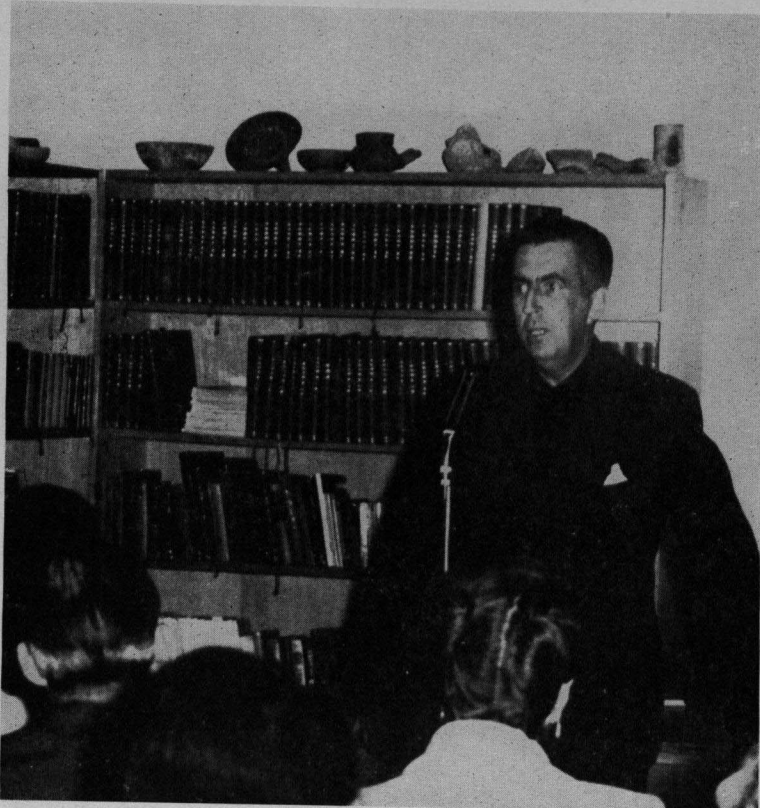
The American School is located at Bonojito and Porfirio Diaz.

Legal Counselor To Be On Campus

Licenciado Germán Fernández del Castillo Jr., the legal counselor for student affairs, will be available for consultation on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9:00 to 10:00 in the Dean of Men's office.

This service is free to all students.

Thriving Success Follows Opening Of Oaxaca Center



DR. IGNACIO BERNAL gives a lecture on the archeology of the Mixteca Alta at the MCC Centro de Estudios Regionales in Oaxaca.

By Chuck Mann

Only a matter of weeks after its inauguration, the MCC Centro de Estudios Regionales in Oaxaca has become a thriving focus for cultural activities which, to the great pleasure of college authorities, involve not only visiting scholars but Oaxacans themselves as well.

Talks on archeology, expected at first to attract perhaps 12 to 15 listeners, have been drawing 70 to 80. Lectures have been offered in both English and Spanish, with equally surprising attendance.

Dr. Ignacio Bernal, co-counselor of the MCC anthropology department, took time off from his winter excavations near Oaxaca to give an evening lecture on the archeology of the Mixteca Alta, a little-explored region in the north of Oaxaca.

In addition to the informal study club of Oaxacans and foreign-

ers resident in the city, the audience this time included Dr. Franz Termer, distinguished veteran German specialist in Mesoamerican studies; Dr. Ross Christensen of Brigham Young University, who stayed two days at the Centro with a group of his students en route to their current excavations in Campeche; and the group of MCC students who this quarter are carrying out excavations at Yagul, Oaxaca, under direction of John Paddock.

Other recent lectures include one by Dr. Bernal on the archeology of the Valley of Oaxaca; one by Howard Leigh on calendrical inscriptions of the Zapotecs; one by Joseph E. Vincent, resident director of the Centro, on archeological field methods; and one by John Paddock on the work at Yagul. In view of the astonishing response, the series will continue.

Another activity which is expected to further strengthen the links of MCC with Oaxaca is the short course in the teaching of English which Mrs. Elena Picazo de Murray will offer there the week of February 17.

Campus Shop Opens

Recently opened, the college campus shop is located in the same building as the student center. Native costumes, jewelry, various types of clothing, and photographic services and equipment are for sale at prices much lower than those in downtown stores.

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Michigan State Dean Erickson Discusses Education Proposal



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TALKING THINGS OVER on the terrace, representatives from Michigan State University discuss a plan to bring teachers in the education field to MCC from Michigan State. From left to right are: Dr. Carl Horn, Professor of Education at MSU, Dr. Clifford Erickson, Dean of the College of Education at MSU, and President Murray of MCC.



Ted Grayno Photo

NEWMAN CLUB OFFICERS plan a full schedule of social events and lectures for the members of their organization which meets every Wednesday at 7:45 at the American Society headquarters, Lucerna 71. Non-Catholics as well as Catholics are welcome to join according to Tony Pasano, president (extreme left, back row.) Emily Alexanderson, social secretary, is at the extreme right. In the front row are Joan Buckner, secretary; Dean Price, second vice president; Carmen Correa, treasurer; Wally Life, vice president; Nina Kelly, social representative. Officers not shown here are Alice Murray, corresponding secretary; and Bob Hambleton, sergeant-at-arms.

Ohio Magazine Appoints Bill Stewart As Editor

William R. Stewart, former MCCer, was recently appointed assistant editor of The Ohio Engineer, monthly magazine of the Ohio Society of Professional Engineers. Making the announcement was Lloyd A. Chacey, executive secretary of the OSPE.

Stewart, a native of Columbus, was editor of the Collegian in 1955 and part of 1956. He was also president of the MCC Press Club. Stewart founded the well-organized Explorers Club

and was its president for several quarters.

A participant in numerous school activities, Stewart was selected for the 1956 edition of Who's Who in American Colleges and Universities and graduated from MCC with a degree in journalism in June, 1956.

By Paul Moomaw

A recent visitor to the campus was Dr. Clifford Erickson, Dean of Education at Michigan State University, who came here to discuss a plan for bringing to Mexico teachers in the education field from Michigan State.

The plan, sponsored by MCC, Michigan State and the American School, calls for the importation of instructors for teachers in the American-language schools in Mexico City.

These schools in Mexico are faced with a lack of teachers, and as a result, have sometimes been forced to hire instructors who are inadequately trained.

The plan under discussion would provide faculty members from Michigan State to give courses in education to those teachers already employed by the American-language schools in the city. These in-service courses would be held at MCC. At the same time that the Michigan State representatives would be giving technical instruction, MCC would offer liberal arts courses in languages, history, etc. In this way the teachers taking education courses would be able to study for a higher degree simultaneously.

Dr. Erickson has said that he is very interested in the idea, and that he thinks Michigan State University will also be interested.

However at the present the plan is still in the idea stage, and several problems will have to be ironed out, most important that of finances.

While he was here, Dr. Erickson attended a meeting of the supervisors of 12 Mexican-American schools here in the city. Later he attended a meeting of the board of directors of the American School and the trustees of MCC. U. S. Ambassador Robert C. Hill also was present.

New York Banker Speaks To LAES

John Thomas of the National City Bank of New York was a recent guest speaker at a meeting held by the LAES. Mr. Thomas described the general activities of foreign banks in Latin America and discussed local banking operations, using the local bank of the National City Bank of New York as an example.

Thomas emphasized the need and opportunity for college graduates in modern international banking.

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Revise College Charter . .

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students than any other center of higher education outside of the United States.

In commenting on the new legal structure, President Murray stated that "the signing of our revised charter is one of the most important forward steps in the history of MCC. The Board of Trustees," he said, "will now preside over the future destinies of the college."

"Dr. Cain and I are especially happy to know that the legal and financial status of the college is such that it will be able to operate freely and fully long after retirement or demise would separate us from the work which has absorbed so much of our time and energy.

"With people of the prestige of the present trustees on its board, Mexico City College is sure to go forward to the full realization of the brightest dreams that we had for it in the earliest years after its founding in 1940.

"Together," President Murray concluded, "we thank the men and women who have assumed

responsibility for the college's future and we unite in expressing gratitude to all who have helped in making our college what it is today."

Board Chairman Richardson, in acknowledging for himself and the other Board members the new responsibilities, stated the new structure was "a momentous and impressive one."

"Speaking for myself and my colleagues," Richardson said, "we humbly enter our new task toward assistance in continuing the admirable, and surely indispensable goals, of Mexico City College. It is an institution of higher learning that means a great deal to all of us in the American community in Mexico, to the Mexicans, to the ever-broadening American student and future leaders in the United States and to education in general.

"To Drs. Murray and Cain," concluded Richardson, "is owed the profound appreciation of all of us interested in the education of our children. The contribution these two men have made is surely immeasurable."



John La Duke Photo

A sudden interest in dog dentistry overcomes Wendy Siegel, Jo Ann Meyers, and Marty Miller. The fur-coated patient is determined to keep his bridgework despite all coaxing.



Ted Grayno Photo

"Why it's only a bird in a gilded cage," exclaims Karen Olson to Al Guilanani who, from his expression, knew it all the time.

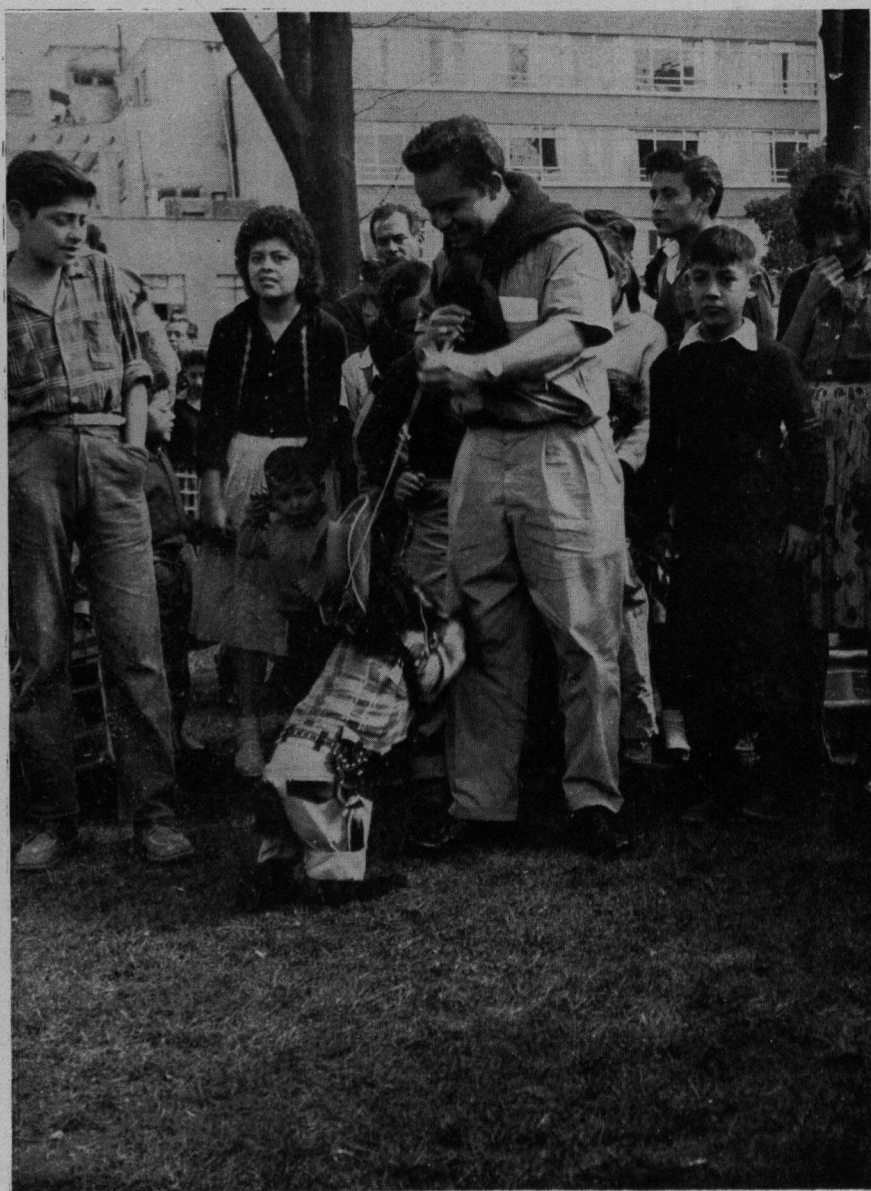
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Dick DaPont Photo

There is a sudden moment of beauty as a careening mass of pigeons fills the square of the Church of San Fernando.



A canine Wyatt Earp does an impromptu Cha Cha Cha in the plaza of the Church of San Fernando.

John La Duke Photo

Students View 'Blessing Of Animals'

By Karen Olson

Numerous MCC students joined Mexico City residents in taking part in the Blessing of the Animals held on St. Anthony's Day at various churches throughout the city.

St. Anthony, regarded as the first Christian monk, was born in Middle Egypt in the third century A. D. As a young man, he renounced the world and wandered along the Nile meditating on the necessity of overcoming earthly desires. Legend implies that the saint possessed a virtuous power for exorcising devil-infested animals which relentlessly besieged him, and from this idea comes the probable basis for animal benediction.

Among the outstanding church celebrations honoring both St. Anthony and beloved St. Francis, was the one MCC students attended at the Church of San Fernando. In the square which faces the church, the animals were gathered in large circle where they admired one another until it was their turn to receive the words of blessings and sprinkling of holy water from the priest.

Large flocks of pigeons gracefully flitted from one buttress to another on the front facade of the church. St. Anthony's Day does not neglect these pigeons who are fed as they swoop down for a special holiday feast in the center of the square.

Sporting fancy sombreros, from Easter bonnets to charro hats, cleverly dressed in everything from laundry bags to natural fur coats the cats, dogs, birds, chickens and rabbits enjoyed their "Animal Holiday" with *mucho gusto*. As pets are expressive, they were not hesitant about showing their delight in meow-meow, bow-wow, and tweet-tweet tones. For, after all, animals too must have their day.



Dick DaPont Photo

A well-trained dog usually faces the camera when his picture is taken, but when Sally Johnson exhibits such an approving smile, no doubt he felt he had received more than his quota for one day's blessing.



Dick DaPont Photo

"Is that rooster as tame as he looks, Marty?" It appears that Jo Ann Meyers and Wendy Siegel aren't quite as enthusiastic about fondling the fowl, although their grins express an inclination to do so.

While two proud youngsters eagerly await their turn to have their pets blessed, Beryl Karpe, Bill Jagoda, Dave Rogers, Carol Opdycke, Sally Johnson, and Bill Pfeiffer crowd through the entrance to the priest's quarters.

Ted Grayno Photo



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Patently awaiting the blessing of St. Anthony and St. Francis, hens, dogs, and kittens (in the basket) are held by their small owners as Sally Johnson, Bill Pfeiffer, Carol Opdycke, and Karen Olson do their best to get into the act.



Summer Session Will Offer Unique Courses

Where in the world can you take a course in English that will introduce you to the language of the Aztecs, the diplomatic tongue of old Mexico? And, exotic *lingua franca* in hand (on tongue?), where can you get an introduction—in English, of course—to the first-hand stories of the conquest of Mexico, in the language of the Aztecs or of the Spaniards?

But how do you find your way around in that epic but remote time unless other instruction is to be had too?

Where in the world? Mexico City College, obviously. By scientific research in their own list of anthropology courses, MCC scholars have discovered that some of their lights have been too closely concealed under a *petate*, or *tenate*, or *almud*, perhaps, depending on how you translate the cliché.

For next summer, the plan is to make it known to the world that the regular summer schedule at MCC constitutes a coherent group of unique courses which deserve the attention even of specialists. Some are given, though, on a level which keeps them open to anyone interested in Mexico, old and new.

According to Dr. Frank Savage, who has been named director of summer studies, the MCC anthropology department has for years been giving a choice summer list of courses on many aspects of Mexican life, but to an appreciative audience too much limited to regular MCC students who stayed through the summer because of the special offerings.

The remedy is an announcement to be widely distributed through the United States, in-

tended to acquaint professional and amateur students of Mexico with what is to be had.

"As a matter of fact, he says, 'Next summer's anthropology program will be even a little richer than usual, because there will be two new choices—a 16—unit set of courses that make up an introduction in the field to archeology and ancient Mexico, and a lecture course on the native civilizations that will be given by a group of the leading men in these studies, all eight or nine of whom—by no coincidence at all—are members of our anthropology faculty.'

"I may add that there are three points we make about the coming summer's courses in anthropology.

"First, the set of lectures, each by a man who is a leader in the study of that particular aspect of the ancient native life; second, the group of courses about ancient and modern Mexico of which this lecture series will form a part; and third, the field study unit, which will take its group to Oaxaca for most of the summer quarter.

"Anybody wanting more details should see Mr. Paddock, over in Anthropology."

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tics about overcrowding in schools back home. The Mexicans have it, too, and in many cases it is worse and will last longer. I, for one, should be very glad to have a chance to help relieve the pressure on the government, providing the problems are attacked with understanding and good will.



ELWOOD MAKES ONE of his frequent, perilous jumps into a forest fire. Hard work, danger, and hours of heat lie ahead.

Dr. Tharp Of Ohio State To Offer European Tour

Dr. James B. Tharp, professor of foreign language education at Ohio State University, who for the past 12 years has been bringing Ohio State students to MCC to study under the WQIM plan, will conduct two tours to Europe this summer. Mrs. Tharp will accompany him and act as hostess.

The first tour, "Europe by Motor," will sail from Quebec on June 30 on the *Arosa Sun* and will visit London and Stratford-on-Avon, the world's fair in Brussels, Munich and Heidelberg in Germany, via Oberammergau to Innsbruck, Austria to Lucerne, Switzerland, and over St. Gottard Pass to Italy. Once Italy has been toured, Nice and Paris will be the last stops before returning to New York on August 15 on the *Arosa Sky*.

The four principalities of Monaco, San Marino, Liechtenstein, and Luxembourg will be visited in addition to the seven countries.

On July 25 the second tour will sail from New York on the *Arosa Sky* and will be joined by members of the first tour who continue onward with the second group at Nimes in Southern France. From Nimes the united group will travel by private motorcoach to visit the scenic free-market country of Andorra, situated high in the Pyrenees Mountains.

Barcelona, Zaragoza, Madrid, Toledo, Granada, and Sevilla, will be the next cities on the agenda. Then all will journey on to Lisbon and Coimbra in Portugal, and once again they will return to Spain to visit Salamanca, Burgo, and San Sebastian.

On September 1 the last group will return to New York.

Ordain Donahue

John Paul (Jack) Donahue, a student at MCC in 1948, and one of the founding members of the MCC Newman Club, was ordained a priest last May.

Father Donahue, a Paulist priest, is now moderator for the Newman clubs at the University of Tennessee Medical Units, the Lutheran College of Optometry and at Memphis State University. He is also assistant pastor at Saint Patrick's church in Memphis as well as chaplain of the local V. A. Hospital.

Smoke Jumper Tells Of Fighting Flames

By James Woodard

You are working about the airport where you are employed. The day is cloudy but nevertheless hot, for it is in the month of July or August. Suddenly an alarm dispels the peacefulness, of the day, and men begin to rush about. You rush with them, for you are a smoke-jumper.

Moments later you are in an airplane headed for a fire which has broken out somewhere deep in the wilderness. You sit quietly as the plane glides smoothly through the summer sky. Soon you are going to jump from that plane into a blazing forest. You are going to help extinguish this killer of timber.

Tom Elwood, presently studying here at MCC, has spent four summers of his life employed in this precarious work. Already experienced in forestry as a logger, Tom set out for Cave Junction, Oregon, in 1951. Here he spent a month of strenuous training in preparation for his future job. Later he joined the group of 27 men who served the national forests of Oregon and California.

Describing his adventures as a jumper, one harrowing experience stands out in Tom's mind. He and three other men had parachuted into a fire, which eventually spread over 10,000 acres. Once there, they soon discovered that this particular fire was too much for four men.

They couldn't get around it. It was crowning rapidly when suddenly there was a deafening roar. Looking about them, Tom and his men saw that the flames were engulfing the hill where they were standing. There appeared to be no escape. In charge of the group, Tom collected himself and gave a risky order.

Covering their faces with their arms, the men ran through the hottest section of the fire in order to reach the cooler part just on the other side. Luckily they all arrived safely, although two men were slightly hurt. Here they

resumed their fight and were later helped by a group from Fort Lewis.

Adventurous as it is, firefighting does not constitute the only interesting phase of Tom's life. He first attended MCC in the spring of 1955, but soon after travelled to Alaska and then to Spain where he studied at the University of Madrid. Aside from his studies there, Tom also worked as assistant office manager with Brown-Raymond-Walsh construction company in Sevilla. Too, he sold insurance for an insurance company in Madrid.

While in Europe, Tom married Helia Salido, a native of Mexico who was attending Cologne University. Helia, incidentally, is now a psychologist and speaks three languages fluently—Spanish, English, and German.

Back again in Mexico, Tom and his wife are living in one of the attractive apartments just behind the campus overlooking the *barranca*. A major in Latin History and Relations, Tom hopes to graduate this March and settle down here in the capital.

Open Letter To Student Body

Only seven days left to win a quarter's tuition or an all expense (air transportation, hotel, meals, etc.) paid fi-day trip to Acapulco. DELTA LAMBDA UPSILON, the recently organized professional business fraternity on campus, is offering this opportunity to all for only five pesos a chance. Thursday, February 20 is the day when some lucky person wins this raffle. It could be you, so buy your ticket from any frat representative and join us for free coffee and pastries in the theater foyer on the 20 for the drawing.

Sincerely Yours,
Ted Grayno
Correspondent, Delta Lambda Upsilon

Shoeshine Money Sends 'Bolero's' Kids To School

By Dale Young

For seven years Francisco de la Peña, "Bolero," has conveniently been on call around the campus from 9 in the morning until 4 in the afternoon for students needing a quick, efficient shoeshine.

Mexico City shining shoes from door to door eight hours a day. Some of his many former customers have expressed their loss and MCC's gain, for, "Bolero" always uses the best materials in his work and is conscientious about doing a good job. As "Bo-



Dick DaPont Photo

BOLERO PUTS HIS CLOTH and skill to a future shiny leather.

"Bolero," who is almost seventy years of age, travels to MCC daily from Toluca where he lives with his wife and seven children.

His three boys and four girls all attend school and are entirely sustained by the pesos that "Bolero" takes in keeping shoes shiny.

Before making MCC his beat, "Bolero" worked free-lance in

lero" himself states, "The wear and duration of shoes depend greatly on keeping them clean and well waxed with good products."

It might be noted that, as against a 35 cent shine in the states, Bolero's services are for a nominal fee of six cents in American money.

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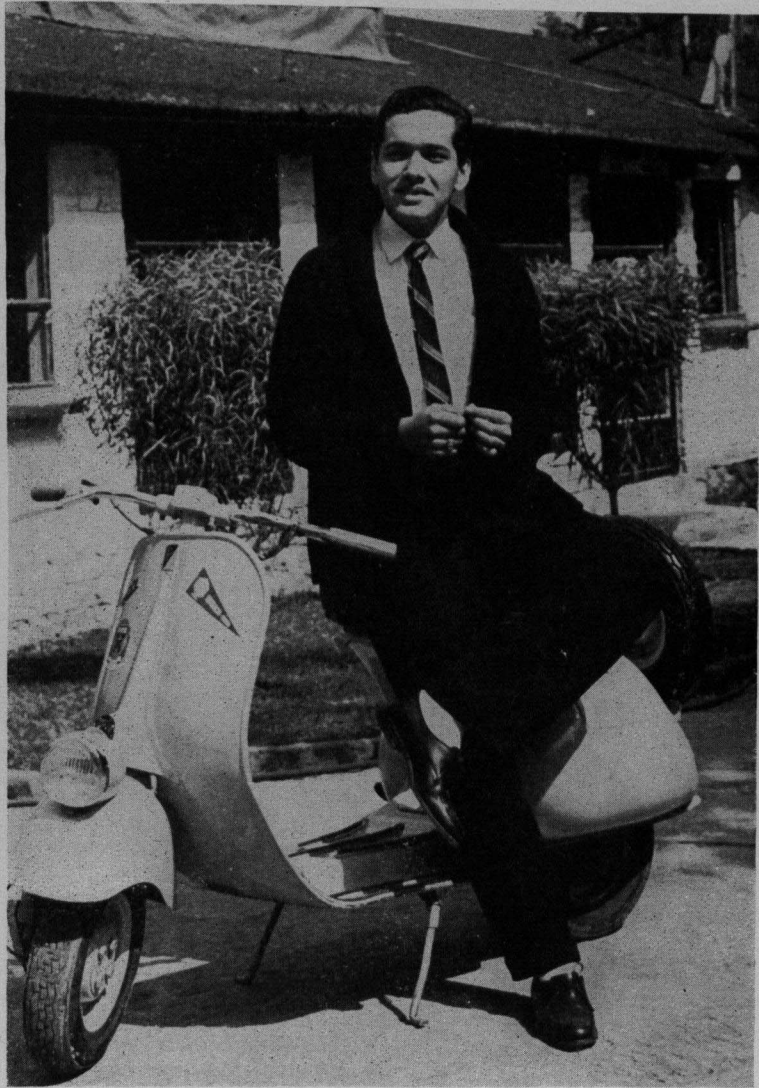
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Scooter-Riding Yogi Comments On India's Contrasts, Changes

By Dale Young



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RIGGED IN A TOLUCA sweater for the brisk open ride to and from MCC daily, Louis Ghosh poses briefly alongside his Italian-made motor scooter.



John LaDuke Photo

ENJOYING THE VIEW from the pyramids are some of the WQIM students. The group spent a recent Saturday touring the ruins at Teotihuacan. From left to right are: Dave Rogers, Judy Stansbury, Susan Murtha and Celia Jacquez.

'Wife Of Bath' Will Appear On MCC Stage Next Month

Highlight of Chaucer Club activities this quarter will be the production of the *Wife of Bath's Tale*, to be presented Monday, March 3, for a three-day run.

It is the club's first endeavor of this kind, according to Willis Austin, producer. He has adapted a play script from the middle English of Chaucer.

Book Champs . . .

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Garza-Quest, David George Goodman, Robert Gail Kreis, Victor Bernard Michel, Richard Thomas Owens, Joseph Murray Quinn, Vieno Louise Ross, Robert Earl Smith, Jr., Katharine Louise Vollmer, and Dixie Jean Young.

Co-directors will be Phil Hamilton and Stafford Whiteaker. Also participating will be Mrs. Jesse Smith, Will Riley, Colonel and Mrs. Leo Leonard, Otis Brake, Mrs. Phil Hamilton, and Barbara Bradley.

Austin states that if the production proves successful the club plans to present a Chaucer play each quarter.

He stresses, however, that the club's activities are not limited to Chaucer alone, but that in reality it is a literary club.

"There is a hard core of interest in this club," he continues, "but we are not often in touch with the body of students, all of whom are welcome to attend the Chaucer conferences."

"India," says Louis Ghosh, English major at MCC, "is a land of extreme contrast and has a culture unlike any other in the world. Living there awakened me to the fact that there is unlimited power in a land where spiritual exercise reigns."

Ghosh, who was born of Austrian-Hindu parents and has trekked over 20 foreign lands, felt the influence of this power early in life when his father, who was a Hindu, now deceased, required that he practice Yoga, even when the family was residing in the high and cold mountainous regions of Switzerland.

At four every brisk morning the pair, dressed in a yogi's version of a bikini, would go up to their roof top where they would murmur chants for perfect concentration which then led to Yoga exercises.

Ghosh met his father's family for the first time when he arrived in India at the age of nine. The event called for a reunion at which a dinner was held in a swank hotel. "At first my mother and I, who had been absorbed in British manners, were aghast when my father's parents strolled into the dining room bare-foot," exclaims Ghosh.

"Early in the meal we noticed that everyone was enjoying the exotic cuisine except my grandparents who sat passively staring at us. They could not partake of what had been served because the cooks did not belong to the same religious sect as they did."

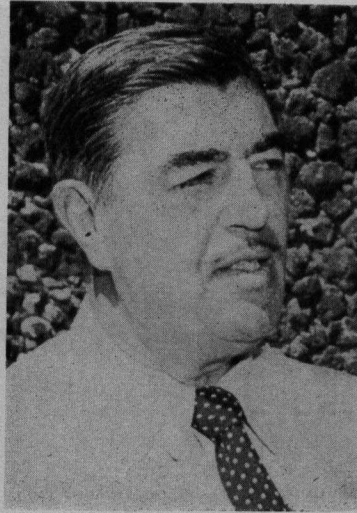
Another striking contrast between East and West was revealed when young Ghosh attended a Hindu wedding with his family in Calcutta. Hundreds of elegant people arrived to witness the marriage of a girl nine years old to a boy thirteen.

"One thing I shall never forget," says Ghosh, "is that the ladies were literally encased in jewelry consisting mainly of many rings and bracelets which reached from the wrist to the elbow. This was a spectacle in itself, but when the dinner was served and all of those gilded hands plunged into the food bowls up to and including the bracelets, I could hardly believe my eyes."

Ghosh says that his most vivid and lasting impression of India began on a relatively quiet evening in Bombay. Sitting over dinner and looking out across the bay, the city suddenly went black as all lights went out. A whisper went through the restaurant that Ghandi was dead.

On the other side of the harbor the fires of thousands of torches could be seen; "Then, says Ghosh, "great waves of white clothed citizens began rolling into the streets and shortly this sea of white let out a loud wail as, en masse, as they began the death chant in mourning the assassination of Ghandi.

"It was a fitting tribute to a great man who taught India a great lesson."



E. P. Southwick

Visiting Lecturer Voices Firm Belief In Blend Of Old, New

By Paul Moomaw

One of the new faces among the teachers at MCC this quarter is Dr. Vera MacKay, a specialist in education who came down from Ohio State University to spend the Winter session here.

Dr. MacKay was born near Toronto, Canada, and is a Canadian citizen, but she has taken out permanent residence papers in the United States.

After getting her B. A. at the University of Toronto, Dr. MacKay went to the University of Indiana. She got her M. A. there, and was able to continue and earn a Doctorate of Education when the school offered her a part-time teaching fellowship.

Since then she has taught in several schools, and is now teaching education at Ohio State. OSU had been offering teachers a chance to come to Mexico, but for several years there was little response. However, when they asked Dr. MacKay to go, she jumped at the chance.

Since Dr. MacKay is teaching on a sequence system at Ohio State, she will owe the school a quarter of teaching when she goes back, and will have to teach during the summer quarter at Ohio. But she says that the chance to come to Mexico is the best vacation, and that summer-time teaching is a small price to pay.

Most teachers have definite ideas about education, and Dr. MacKay is no exception.

Starting with the question of large school versus small school, Dr. MacKay definitely prefers the smaller school. She has taught in schools ranging in size from East Carolina College, where classes average about ten students, to Ohio State, where the average class will contain anywhere from 30 to 40 students.

In her opinion, the ideal class has about 20 students. This, to her, is a class large enough to impart learning to a reasonable number of students, yet small enough to allow a more personal relationship between teacher and student. Dr. MacKay considers the personal relationship in a classroom to be very important.

As for progressive education, Dr. MacKay is one of its backers. However, she believes that an unfortunately large number of teachers and parents have misunderstood Dewey's progressive theories.

The development of the indi-

Admiral Discovers Brotherhood Of Man

By Melbourne Lockey

"Fundamentally people differ not at all."

Retired Rear-Admiral E. P. Southwick now an MCC student, continues, "Observation of a dozen different cultures has merely confirmed the brotherhood of man." There is a different proportion of characteristics in a person from one society as compared to one from another, but the underlying sameness is all the more

apparent because of these slight and superficial variations.

With a massive, square cut frame that suggests the solidity of personality that he possesses, Rear-Admiral Southwick comes to MCC after a career of traveling from Alaska to Tierra del Fuego, from Paris to Hawaii. This career has taken him to the far and unique, but unlike that of the hero of Jules Verne did not take 80 days but 34 years.

This odyssey carried him through the bombing at Pearl Harbor, the war in the Pacific, the Embassy in Chile, and behind and in the scenes of a period that wrought great changes and configurations in the stream of modern history.

But of these far places and distant happenings Rear-Admiral Southwick prefers not to speak. In his words they were "prosaic" and "part of the job."

"The landscape is pretty much the same all over. Chile is not too different from either the plateau of Mexico or certain regions in California."

To a human being the closest and most interesting, most important thing is other people. The observation, thinks Southwick, of the many individual variations upon the central theme that is man, is a key to realization of self. To see ones self in others is perhaps the best way of all for self-evaluation.

Of Mexico, Rear-Admiral Southwick says, "It is a country which is in the process of an accelerated fulfilling of its potentialities. It is moving ahead in the realms of education, construction and transportation at a rate that would do more than credit to any country. The Latin people in general are, Southwick finds, of a very warm disposition, with a friendly and realistic approach to the problems of life.

At MCC, Southwick is a Spanish major with an active interest in anthropology, a study completely in line with his attitude and values. Anthropology in its broadest sense is the study of man, a study that has occupied the Rear-Admiral's interest for the greater portion of his life.

Six New Phones...

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who handled many of the negotiations in person.

Total outlay for the project, according to Juan Hernández, business manager, was \$114,800 pesos, \$111,600 of which is in the form of Series F bonds with Teléfonos de México. The remainder of the sum is interest accrued up to January 27 of this year and installation expenses.

It is hoped that the present switchboard can be used to handle the six new lines, although Teléfonos de México has expressed the desire to install a new switchboard, which would cost the College an additional \$26,000 pesos.



Dr. Vera MacKay

that a quarter course cannot cover enough material with sufficient thoroughness.

She also believes that the year system, with finals covering the full nine months work, eliminates the necessity for attendance regulations, since such finals could not be prepared for in a night or two of last-minute cramming.

Dr. MacKay is against attendance regulations as such. She believes that a college should be for those who wish to learn, and such rules and regulations are, for these people, unnecessary.

On the whole, Dr. MacKay feels that the United States has, in spite of its faults, one of the finest, if not the finest, school system in the world. Through the muddle of gloomophiles, her voice can be heard telling the world that the U. S. need not bow its head in shame.

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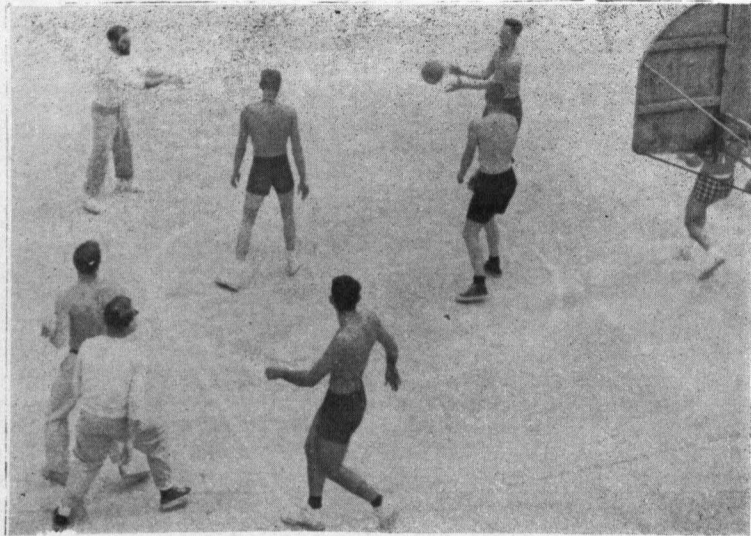
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LOOKING AS RELAXED as any basketball team that ever hit the "garden," the Borrachos' John Stassi passes the ball to teammate Randy Mills in a game against the Red Dogs. The Red Dogs came through, though, to beat the Borrachos and tighten their hold on first place.

Varsity Hoopsters On Stateside Tour

By Ralph Johnson

Spearheading the forthcoming cage campaign in the Reservas league, MCC's varsity basketball squad traveled to Brownsville, Texas to meet a duo of stateside quintets in preparation to league play.

MCC's Aztecas were to have met Southmost college at Brownsville in a two game series, followed by a single tilt against Pan American at Edinborough.

MCC's varsity roster boasts several performers of above average height. The squad could field a team of stalwarts, all of whom tower above the six feet level. Included among the Azteca "giants" are Lou Zalar, John Niemi, Bernard Kaminsky, Pete Schnabl, Lloyd Gaspar, and two new additions to the squad, Slover and Gunnell.

Supporting the backboard behemoths are many excellent floor-men sharpshooters, including Bob Young, Ron Stone, George Freeman, Jay Samaniego and Dick Torres. Stone, Young, Torres, Kaminsky and Schnabl are among letterwinners from MCC's varsity which closed the past season with a pair of wins in their last two outings.

Intramural basketball play, dogged by bad weather at the beginning of the season, is rounding into full swing.

New squad, Red Dogs, topped the list of six quintets with two wins, followed by Osos and Pi-

ratas. In close arrears are Borrachos, Cardinals and Buckeyes.

Leading the scoring parade to date are Slover, Young, Matt Sprague, Kaminsky and Gunnell.

MCC And Embassy Combined In Team

A shortage of teams has forced the curtailment of the Chapultepec Softball League. The nucleus of last quarter's varsity has combined forces with the American Embassy in the tightly-knit, 12-team YMCA league.

In their first outing, the MCCers did themselves proud. They helped beat the comercios seven to two. Leadoff man, "Young" Ben Travis started his season's batting average off right by slashing a tremendous triple plus a single. Fred Williams did stellar work afield and at the stick. Ken Postert, an attribute to any team, played his usual brilliant ball. Speedster Emil Polkabin, a former mainstay on the college Aztecas, returned to action and proceeded to tear up the base paths. Former MCCer Lee Chambol held down the shortstop position.

Games are played at two o'clock on Saturdays at the new YMCA field on Ejercito Nacional. If convenient, a schedule of opponents and times will be posted.

Mau Maus Head League

The Casablanca intra-mural bowling league rolls along at a merry clip with the Maus Maus, sparkplugged by Penn, moving into a first place position posting a 12-4 record. The Piratas being helped by Connor and Keown are close on their heels with 11-5.

The Limpiabotas and the Vagos are each tied at 9-7 for the third place post. Gustin and Rossbach are the "Clean Boots" top hands while the Vagos, in Walsh and Ridley have a couple of men who are continually in the top five.

The DLU and the Pagans are batting 50%, each having eight wins against eight losses. Furman is the fraternity's leader while the Pagans have in Dornberger and Miller, two more of the league leaders. Dornberger is still high average man in the league. Coming up hard in the

stretch are the Chicagoans and the Osos who are just below the middle mark with a posted 7-9. Weissler is the Chicagoans' top gun and the Osos have Perry's sharpshooting eye.

The Faculty, after long years of haunting the league's last position have moved up, due to the efforts of González, Lindley, and Wachter, to a point above the Jefecitos. They are running along at a 5-11 clip while the Jefecitos have a 4-12 post. Chappell of the Jefecitos is ranked seventh in the intramural league.

In the Polanco alleys, the Osos hold sway with a 6-2 record. Close behind are the Boozers at 5-3. In the middle position are the Viejos at 4-4 while the Gringos, Double X, and the Toluca Rockets go to the post at 3-5. Wingate is high series man (153) and high game scorer with a 180 game.

Pfeiffer Feels Foreign Service Should Suit Him

The ranks of the United States Foreign Service are filled with bright young men in the traditional uniform: A Brooks Brothers charcoal black suit. The job calls for men of above-average intelligence, personality, poise, and the ability to handle, diplomatically, all types of problems. The weeding out process starts in our universities and colleges. It guarantees to this exalted field, the cream of the nation. Well-qualified, twenty-year-old Bill Pfeiffer hopes, in about two years, to join this elite corps.

The good-looking six-footer along with taking twenty quarter hours plus active membership in various campus clubs, still has found time to play varsity basketball. He is, also, a major mainstay on the Piratas champions of the intra-mural basketball league. His skill and deadly eye made him last quarter's high scorer with a 27 point average per game.

Bill was born in Wallace, Idaho. At Wallace High School, he lettered in four sports; basketball, football, truck, and baseball. The big blond never had the impression that he would ever commercialize his athletic talents. "The years of a professional athlete are comparatively short and loaded with risks." Instead, upon his graduation from Wallace, he enrolled in the Foreign Service School of Georgetown University, Washington D. C. where he stayed nearly two years.

He came to Mexico City College last March with the intention of staying two quarters for a background in the Spanish language. The lure of Mexico was too much, though, and now the Foreign Trade major is looking forward to his graduation in December. Then he plans on re-entering Georgetown University where he will major in international and constitutional law. On his chances for the foreign service, the honor student says, "Seventy percent of the people who graduate from the Georgetown

foreign service review program, pass the state department written exam. I hope to be high on the list when the grades are averaged up."

Bill, long active in the LAES is a probable candidate for its presidency in March. He also belongs to the Collegian Press Club, and is a member of the new business fraternity, Delta Lambda Upsilon. The lad plans on joining one other organization in March. The ranks of the married



Bill Pfeiffer

men. His future bride is former MCCer Carol Wiley of Las Vegas, Nevada who recently graduated from Mills College.

The star center right now is returning from Texas. The varsity basketball team played the Southmost College hoopsters of Brownsville a double-header on February 11 and 12. He believes, "It is a good thing that MCC has started booking games with stateside colleges." This interviewer believes, "It is a good thing we have men like Bill Pfeiffer to play in them."



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CAROLE PARTRIDGE smashes the shuttlecock back across the net while her partner of serious intent, Jay Huey, watches its flight. Their opponents, Roger Long and Pat Burke, look hopelessly lost. Badminton, along with ping pong, is a popular patio sport.

In This Corner

And The Rains Came

By Pierce Travis

It was decided by the mayor of Mexico City in conjunction with the Chamber of Commerce that, as a stimulant to tourism, a unique event was to be held—a race run in four "heats," and composed of waiters from practically every major restaurant in town plus a few "ringers" from such places as Oaxaca, Cuernavaca, Acapulco, and Veracruz. The prize dangled before the 200-odd entrants; 1,000 pesos apiece for the four winners.

The rules required that waiters bearing trays of food and drinks would hie themselves as fast as possible down Ejido St. from the Monumento de la Revolución to the statue of the Caballito, facing the streets of Reforma, Juárez, and Bucareli on Ejido. The Caballito, a statue of Charles IV astride a mare, has since the days of Porfirio Díaz been affectionately termed by the city dwellers as the "little horse". Age has since dimmed memories and one does not know whether this endearment refers to the stately king or his trusty steed. Unkind time, in fact, has since coated the pair a sickly green. The monarch is no longer regal nor the horse, reliant.

The races, a 3/4 mile distance, were run in a cold, miserable downpour. The bookies hadn't bothered to handicap the mudders, though, because everybody knows that it doesn't rain in Mexico City in January. The course-area was blocked off unnecessarily. Nobody else was even out in that weather, much less driving.

The four carreras averaged about fifty, white-coated, tray-carrying sprinters. They went zooming through that rain and mush like a group of Yale sophomores trying to make the varsity. Many non-mudders slipped, but managed to keep their trays on an even keel.

The first and third races were won by speedsters from the 1 2 3 restaurant, the fourth, by a member of the Capri. The other prize money went to a twinkled-tooth hand-balancer from the La Parroquia in Veracruz.

The highlights of the day included: Two waiters disqualified for imbibing the liquid contents of their trays, another for placing a well-directed boot into the well-larded posterior of the man who jiggled about in front of him. One mud-bespattered runner was led off to jail for slugging another who toasted him with, "Here's mud in your eye."

As a result of the race, there were three cases of pneumonia, four of flu, and six-dozen once-white waiter's jackets found in the basura. There was reported one lost contestant whose wife claimed they'd been having marital trouble. She thinks he is still traveling on the road to Salina

Cruz. It is an everlasting tribute to the participants of the race that, in spite of the muddy conditions of the course, and the numerous spills taken throughout the entire four races by over two-hundred men, only three glasses were broken. Too bad no tourists were able to see it. They were all in their hotels freezing.

Now: "Boat races," to those who have been lucky enough to avoid the evils of a racetrack, are conveniently run affairs where a horse, who couldn't win a free ride to the glue factory, is cajoled, pushed by, and pleaded with by his jockey to surge across the finish line first. Other strong-wristed young individuals on more able mounts do their best to restrain their nags until the odds-on long shot is safely tucked into the winner's circle. In other words; a "fix," "tank job," or a "dive."

On past experience with the 1 2 3 restaurant, I believe that the two heats won by the waiters from there were boat races. I've been in that place. No "Mel Patton" came swooping down on me to take my order. No flashing feet dazzled me. "1 2 3!" I could have counted to a thousand before I even got a menu. I didn't even see a waiter for ten minutes. They must have all been in the kitchen practicing wind sprints for next year's race.

Aztecas Keg Men Sweep Four Tilts

A vastly improved MCC varsity bowling squad recently notched a complete sweep of four games and is currently resting in 11th place in the 24 team Inter-Comerciale bowling league.

The Azteca keggers to date posted a 9-7 mark and are rated one of the hottest groups in the loop. Manager Jim Walsh, himself a former green and white bowler, and his MCC quintet toppled Cinescopio De México to gain their near-front running position.

The squad promises to surpass any previous records set by MCC keggers with their steady alley work. Setting the pace for the Aztecas are letterwinners Dick Torres and Jack Ridley.

Ablly assisting the veteran performers are Ralph Yopp, Del Dornberger, Glenn Beaudry and Dick Penn.

Walsh, one of the league's top rollers last season, has retired from active kegging and is using his valuable alley knowledge to minister the current crop of varsity bowlers. At present, he is qualified to rejoin the squad, but may decide to continue in his coaching capacity.

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