



PRETTIEST GIRL FOR ENTRANT IN SPRING FIESTA

An MCC Beauty Queen, as well as a runner-up, will be selected by student ballot this week to represent the local college in the Mexico City Spring Festival set for April when a Reina de los Estudiantes will be chosen.

Alda Zannoni, Toni Nigra, Lee Makinson, Shirley Crane, Rae Howells, Patsy Adam, and Pat Bielaski have been entered so far, but other contestants may still be accepted if their names are given to Cleo Terrazas, Student Senate member in charge of this event.

Finals Next Term

Contestants are limited to women who will be enrolled here next quarter, as the final contest will take place during the spring quarter.

MCC's invitation to send a Beauty Queen to the festival came from Sr. Guillermo Montano of the Escuela Franco Español. All universities in Mexico will be represented by contestants.

LOCAL ACTORS IN TWO PLAYS

MCC is well represented in the two English plays which are to be presented at the Bellas Artes during the International Drama Festival in March.

The American play, "The Little Foxes", will be directed by MCC drama instructor, Earl Sennett, who also plays the juvenile lead. Edward Torrance will take the role of Oscar Giddons, Abel Franco will appear as Ben and William Denny as Cal.

The English play is to be Emlyn Williams' ghost story, "Trespass". Dolly Deady will play Mrs. Hentine, mother of the dead man whom various mediums are trying to bring back to life. Leon Abbey is scheduled to play Bill, the juvenile lead who helps untangle the plot.

MOTHER'S ILLNESS TAKES DR. STAFFORD TO PASADENA

The faculty and student body of MCC express deep concern over the illness of the mother of Dr. Lorna L. Stafford, co-director of the Graduate school.

Dr. Stafford left for Pasadena, California, about two weeks ago and it is not known exactly when she will return.

SPRING REGISTRATION BEGINS MONDAY

Registration for the Spring Quarter begins next Monday, February 20 and continues for a week. Keep your eyes on the bulletin boards for details of place and procedure.

Also, exam week isn't too far away. Exams begin on March 13 and the quarter ends on March 17. Winter quarter transients will take off for points north, and other MCC'ers will take a ten-day break before the Spring Quarter begins on March 27.

STUDENTS LEARN ANCIENT SPEECH

Spoken Nahuatl, the language of the ancient Aztecs, and spoken Maya are being studied by anthropology students at MCC. They are the only such courses offered by an educational institution in the world.

Taught by Indian instructors who learned the languages as children and later studied linguistics in the United States, the courses utilize the intensive language teaching methods developed by the U. S. Army during World War II. The techniques stress talking and minimize grammar.

Professor Moisés Romero teaches the Maya class, and Nahuatl is taught by Miguel Barrios E.

Taught in Denmark

Although Nahuatl is taught from a grammarian's viewpoint at the University of Copenhagen, Denmark, Maya is not even taught at the University in the state of Yucatán, the home of the ancient and cultured Mayas.

Pointing out the importance of the unique courses, Robert Barlow, head of the MCC anthropology department, stated that one third of the Maya writings discovered have never been deciphered.

Two million people speak Nahuatl today, and half of them speak no other language. This makes the language an essential tool for gathering folklore data, Barlow explained.

Cultural Division

Maya and Nahuatl are the two principal languages of Mesoamerica, a cultural division which extends from central Mexico to Costa Rica. Barlow characterizes it as a region where the people "ate tortillas and built pyramids".

Before the days of Columbus these people had a systematic astronomy and a refined mathematics which included the concept of zero.



EARL SENNETT
Director

Sweethearts Dance To Son's Music At Bugambilia Club

The Bugambilia Club, adorned with hearts and flowers, was the romantic setting Friday for the MCC Sweetheart dance, one of the most successful student functions ever held.

The surprise appearance of the Lober Mariachi band during one of the intermissions of Larry Son's orchestra rounded out an evening of unexcelled dance music.

The Student Senate took care of the details and a receiving line composed of Dr. and Mrs. Henry Cain, Dean and Mrs. Paul V. Murray, Mr. and Mrs. Fernando Lopez, and Prof. and Mrs. Raymond Pelissier greeted all incoming students.

ADD CHIAPAS BUILDING TO MCC CAMPUS

Growing pains have caused the addition of another building to MCC's widespread campus. The attractive new edifice is a two floor modern structure located at Chiapas 138, almost directly back of the San Luis Potosí building.

The new building is being utilized for the offices of President Cain, Business Manager Camargo, the book store and the Press Room. Now in the process of being transferred to its new location, the book store will not re-open until February 20.

The vacated space is being converted into faculty offices and classrooms.

The Chiapas building is the fourth in MCC's series which already includes the San Luis Potosí building, the Coahuila building, and the Manzanillo building.

"MURDER IN CATHEDRAL" OPENS ON WEDNESDAY

Sennett Directs Verse Drama Based On Martyrdom Of Thomas a'Becket

By Leon Abbey

The age old question of church over state or vice versa has been fought and argued for centuries; however, in Twelfth Century England the struggle became of paramount importance and the brilliant poet and playwright, T. S. Elliot, has woven his play "Murder in the Cathedral" around this most provocative theme. On February 20 at 8:30 at the Anglo-Mexican Institute, Panuco 10, Studio Stages of the Dramatic Department of MCC will present this famous verse play about the martyrdom of the Archbishop Thomas a Becket.

A performance on February 20 will be for the press and other especially invited guests, and February 21 has been reserved for the faculty. The play will run through February 26 with a matinee on Saturday.

Thomas a Becket was born in London in 1118, the son of a wealthy Norman merchant. He received the usual education of the wealthy class of the time, but later decided to study theology in Paris. Shortly afterward his father's business failed and he was forced to work as a clerk in a lawyer's office. About 1142 he entered the household of Theobald, Archbishop of Canterbury, who sent him to study Canonical jurisprudence at Bologna and Auxere, heaped preferments on him, including the archdeaconry of Canterbury and employed him in several important missions.

Appointed Chancellor

At the papal court of 1152 he pleaded the case of Henry of Anjou with so much vigor and efficiency that he was appointed chancellor upon Henry's accession to the throne in 1155. He became a very popular chancellor, since he was the first Englishman, born since the conquest, to be appointed to any high office. His duties were burdensome and many, but he discharged them with vigor. So magnificently liberal was he in his hospitality that Henry himself did not live in a manner more sumptuous. He fought like any knight in the war with Toulouse and seemed to consider himself as a mere layman though he held deacon's orders.

The change then was all the more unexpected when in 1162 he was created Archbishop of Canterbury, an office which, as it then involved the abbacy of the cathedral monastery, has never but twice before been held by any but a monk or canon-regular. He resigned the chancellorship, threw aside all his old courtly and luxurious habits, turned a rigid ascetic, showed

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EXPECT "JANUS" THIS WEEK

Janus, a quarterly review of letters made up of writings of MCC students, will be ready for distribution this week.

This is the second issue of the "little magazine" size publication which is making a hit among a wide range of readers. It carries short stories, poetry, book reviews, translations, and various other literary studies; most of the articles appear in English; the others are in Spanish.

The review is compiled by members of MCC and financed by the college. Dean Murray, Professors Hildegard Buch and Fernando Horcasitas are its founders.

Latin Rhythms In Patio Class

MCC students sitting in the patio on Tuesday and Thursday afternoon have taken to staring and even the neighbors hang out of their windows to watch a class of students clicking their heels and swaying to Mexican Rhythms.

Led by Srta. Henriqueta Mayora, the MCC students try their best to ignore their admirers while the dancers struggle with the jarabe tapatia, the jarana, the bomba, the raspa and other exotic-sounding steps which require hips as well as feet.



EDWARD TORRANCE
Fourth Tempter



CHRISTOPHER HAMILTON
Third Tempter



LUIS UNZUETA
Thomas a'Becket



LOWELL HURST
First Tempter



ABEL FRANCO
Second Tempter

COLLEGE PERSONALITIES SNAPPED IN ACTION ON THE CAMPUS



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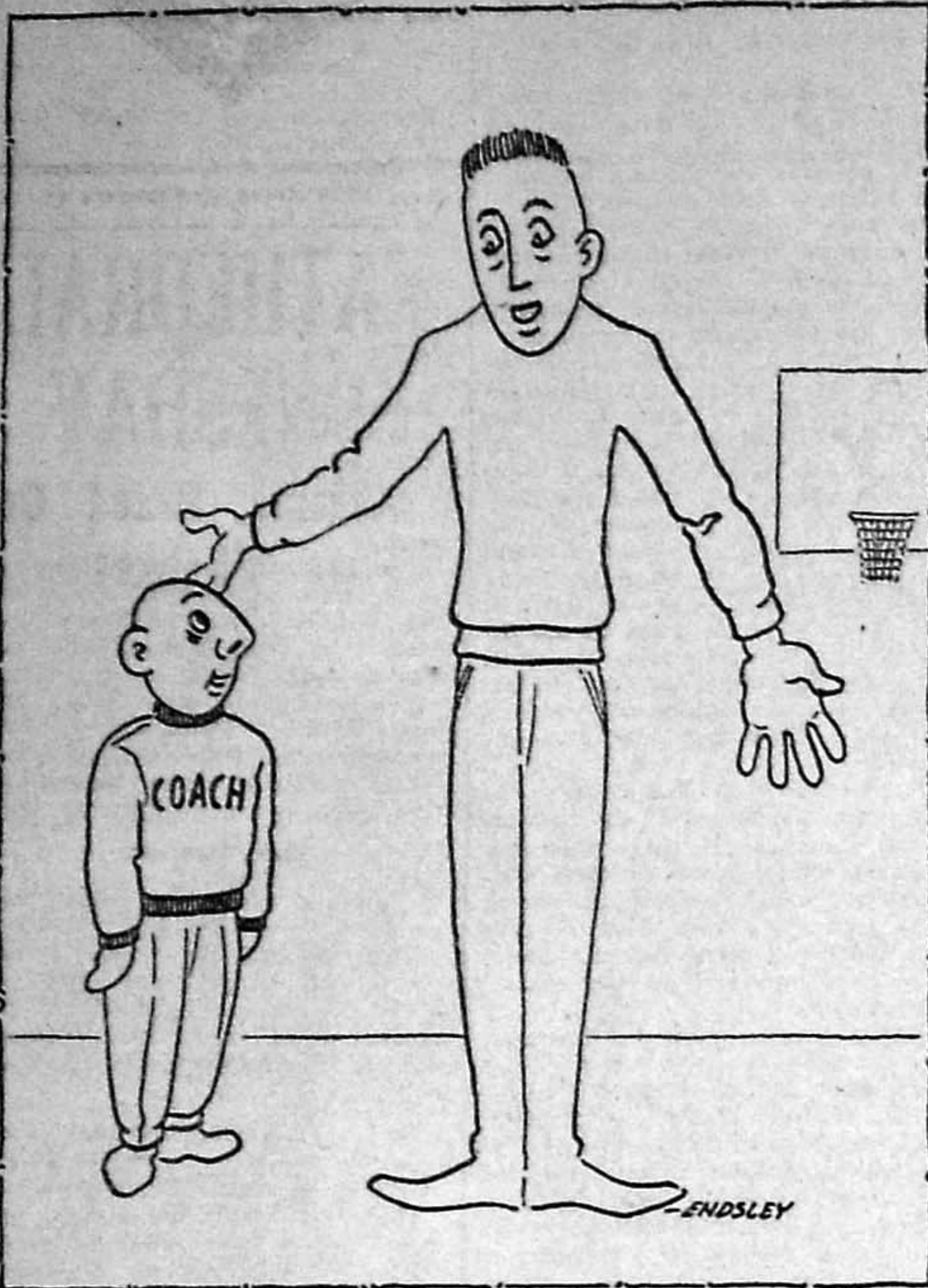
The growth and expansion of cosmopolitan Mexico City College during its ten-year existence have necessitated four buildings, additional personnel, and new activities to accommodate its continually increasing student body.

Viewing from left to right, at the top: (1) Vice President and Dean Paul V. Murray confers with his secretary, Mary Meyers (2) Mrs. Elizabeth T. de López who is now Dean of Undergraduate Studies (3) President Henry L. Cain is dictating a letter to Pat Olson (4) discussing an application for registration are Registrar Mildren Allen and Anamaria Gómez (5) in their Cain building offices are María Elena Quijada, Treasurer Mildred Rowland and Griselda Mejía (6) under the co-direction of Dr. Lorna L. Stafford (insert), and Dr. José Gao in the Graduate Office are Mary Price, Roy Packard and Chela Jones (7) the quartet sharing offices in the patio at the Murray building are Sra. Angela Gao, Housing Director; football Coach Dave Engman; Ana Elena Ogarrio, Placement Director; and Dr. Luis Weckmann, History Professor and assistant to the Dean (8) "business as

usual" finds Ana Elena Elias Villasante, Armando Haro Guzmán, College Business Manager Ricardo Camargo, and Roberto de la Peña discussing the budget (9) between classes finds the usual rush to the patio snack bar, now under the management of Roberto de la Peña, for coffee and a doughnut (10) the trio of beautiful brunettes who keep the records straight in the Undergraduate offices are María Sánchez Mejorada, Luz María Magallón and Anamaria Gómez (11) the general view of the "biblioteca", under the direction of Chief Librarian Alice M. Dugas (insert), does not show the Periodicals, Circulation and Reference sections (12) part of the "gang" that helps to put out the Mexico City Collegian (the others must be camera-shy) are Faculty Adviser Brita Bowen, Toni Nigra, Paul Malta, Gordon Metz, Kenneth Sorenson, John C. Williams, John Endsley, Alice N. Smith, James Goodwin, Sylvia Maltzman and Laura V. Smith (13) last but not far from least is Frank Hyde peering over the counter of the Bookstore he manages.

THE COLLEGIAN SPORTS PARADE

BY SPORTS ED.: "RED" METZ



"Gee, coach, what makes ya think I could play basketball".

SPINNING THE SPORTS SPHERE WITH THE COACH

By a sneak attack over the left shoulder of our Coach while he was gazing into his crystal ball, your thumper came out with some answers to the present, past, and future.

Is it true that MCC wishes to get in a league in the states and out of the Liga Mayor?

MCC will NOT play in the Liga Mayor next year. We are going to play an independent schedule. This is due to the unjust and unfounded criticism we've encountered the past year. I don't want my boys playing ball with hot-headed sportswriters breathing down their necks.

If MCC had not decided to get out of the Liga Mayor, what would's have been our chances of retaining the championship?

I don't think MCC would have had too much trouble. Poli is building for coming years and they and the Universidad are the only ones who have been a serious threat to our championship.

Stronger Teams

What do you think of the AZTECAS chances in a stateside league with teams of Southwestern and Trinity caliber?

Once the boys got seasoned to that brand of ball they could do all right. I'd say that in two or three years we would be able to hold our own with the best of them.

Do you consider last season's AZTECAS one of the best teams you've ever coached?

Well, this is the first four year college in which I have coached and that makes a difference. I'd say that last season's team was one of the best I've ever coached.

How many key men and positions will you lose through graduation this year?

Naturally, we'll feel the loss of first string players like "Moe" Williams and Roland Howe, tackles, and Sal Zavala

at guard, but I'm hoping that we won't be hurt too much by this loss.

Fill In Gaps

What replacements do you expect to receive from high school and college transfers?

Right now I'm in touch with about twenty players in the states who I hope can fill in some of the gaps. It's hard to know for sure until the whistle blows for the first practice and I count noses.

In what positions are we going to be the strongest and the weakest next year?

We'll have our first string backfield back with such reliables as Arriola, Lara, Esquivel, and Fluitt. We'll have the previously mentioned loss in the line which I'm hoping to fill. Really the biggest worry is the depth in the backfield and ends.

Was MCC past its peak due to the long season last year when you met Southwestern?

No. Contrary to what the final score was, my boys played their best ball of the year during the first half. It was the injuries which hurt us the most—especially when Alex went out.

Is there a chance for a better schedule arrangement next year?

Boy, I hope so. Some of it is definite and the rest is on the string. I'm doing my best to set it up the way I want it this year. The main thing in scheduling is getting the strong and weak teams evenly spaced and keeping them rolling so that it isn't such a tough job trying to get the boys "up" when they should be.

Tentative Schedule

What is the schedule?
Here's the way it lines up right now. We play Brownsville J. C. from Brownville, Texas, there on Sept. 21; Tyler J. C., here or there, no date; Lamar College, here on Oct. 14; Stephen F. Austin, here, no date; South-

High - Lights Of Intramurals

Basketball		
Team standings:	won	lost
Brothers Borrachos	2	0
Esquivel's Relampagos	1	1
Mullin's Maulers	1	1
Williams Wildeats	1	1
Lectka's Lemons	0	2

Individual honors:
Ray Kory has scored 40 points in 2 games.
Dick Friedman has scored 30 points in 2 games.
Pat D'Esposito has scored 22 points in 1 game for high score individual honors.

Basketball games are held every Tuesday and Thursday afternoons at 3:30 and 4:30 at the Hacienda Club.

Bowling

Teams Entered:

- Phys. Eds. — International Relations
- Art Department — Psychos
- Spanish Club — 309 Boys
- Social Studies — Spares
- B. B. A. — Foreign Trade

Spanish Club is leading the pack with two wins in a row. The Psychos also have won two.

"200" Club:

- Don Patch (Spares) is individual high with a 211.
- Ralph Walters (Span. Club) 205.
- Ron Wilson (Span. Club) 201.
- Mike Hendrick (Span. Club) 200.

On March 2 the team tournament will finish and then, with handicaps established from the league play, an individual tournament will get under way.

Other Sports

Prof. Ray Pelissier is anxious to get started with a tennis tournament. Those who sneer at Don Budge and Bill Tilden are cordially invited to see Prof. Pelissier at the Hacienda Club on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday afternoons at 3. This is for the slightly advanced. If you can jump the net two out of three times, you're in — if not, read on.

If not, Roy Grimsey is out there for just that purpose. He is giving tennis instruction to beginners. You'll find him at the Hacienda Club on Tuesdays from 3 to 5 giving dutiful attentive instruction to the gals. For the boys, well, he'll be there on Wednesday and Thursday afternoons from 3 to 5.

Coach Engman puts out the call to all who have any kind of sports desires to visit the Hacienda Club any afternoon and enter in some of the activities there.

In an effort to determine some of the greatest sports figures and feats of the first half of this century, the Associated Press has taken a poll. This is the result:

- UPSET — 1914 BOSTON BRAVES
- FOOTBALL — JIM THORPE
- TRACK — JESSE OWENS
- BOXING — JACK DEMPSEY
- BASKETBALL — GEORGE MIKAN
- GOLF — BOBBY JONES
- TENNIS — BILL TILDEN
- BASEBALL — BABE RUTH

western, here or there, no date. I'm also trying to line up games with Miami J. C. and Tempe Teachers of Arizona. Then from the teams in Mexico, we'll play Colegio Militar, Politecnico, Universidad, and Monterrey Technologico. We won't play the Liga Mayor's weak sisters, Normal and the "Y". I'm planning on a 9 or 10 game schedule this next year. The big problem is lining up the Mexican teams according to their strength.

MORE INTERVIEW NEXT ISSUE

THE PASSING REVIEW OF MCC'S '49 SPORTS FEATS

Glancing fearfully back over our shoulder at the sports scenes which have come and gone during their seasons this past year at MCC makes us realize how time flies. The sport fan doesn't look back over the months or years on a calendar, usually a sneaky thought will recall to mind the events that happened during this or that sport season.

Why, it seems like a week ago that Joe Roldan and Roger Brothers were swishing the ball through the net with eagle-eye sharpness, yet a closer look reveals that it was last spring in February, March, and April.

MCC's 1949 basketball team played in the "First Strength Intercollegiate Basketball League" which was composed of five other teams. While all of the games were close affairs, the AZTECAS came out on the short end of the score more often than not and finished the season in a three way tie for third place.

Softball

Then just a few days ago, actually in June, softball season got under way under the guidance of Coach Engman, who had just come down from Lamar College. The AZTECAS were in the Twilight League again, in which they had won the championship the two previous years.

Not too great a strain on the memory will recall John Endsley and Dean Murray chucking them in from the pitcher's mound. Scattered around the rest of the field were: Orozco, Mackey, Olmsted, Loza, Walker, Mertz, Wright, Roldan, Brothers, Lepper, Amador, Platt, Eubanks, Molt, Muesenfechter, Votaw, Ellis, and Coach Engman.

The AZTECAS were playing good ball up until the first part of July when they went into a batting slump, from which they never recovered. And it proved to be their downfall, as the team could never reach its peak after that and finished the season tied for third place.

The fact that the season had gotten under way rather late last year caused it to run over into the starting of the football season, which was a sour note in the late games, for most of the fellows playing softball also were going out for football.

Some of the final statistics: third in league standing; second in batting (.335); in fielding, tied with Colegio Williams (7); first in doubles, Votaw tied with Arroyo and Crespo of the American School (5 each). Coach Engman led all the batters in the league with his .550 average, while John Endsley was the best pitcher on the basis of earned runs, his average being 1.125.

Football Charges

And it seems like only yesterday that Coach Engman was putting his football charges through their paces when the first practice whistle blew in August. Answering the call were: Cruz, Brothers, Smith, Arriola, Esquivel, Lara, Anderson, Valdovinos, John and Charlie Lectka, Schilling, Mullin, Belmar, Muesenfechter, Rosales, Reich, Mertz, Sonnier, Fluitt, Sosa, Roldan, Marena, Pastor, Goza, Oliver, Mathey, Williams, Lepper, Galnores, Votaw, Lopez, Sroka, Zavala, and Stewart.

The AZTECAS first two opponents were a mixture of too weak and too strong. On Sept. 13, Coach Engman introduced his squad to the eyes of all doubtful Johnnies and promptly ran over Escuela Normal, 90 to 0. On Sept. 24 the AZTECAS flew up to Texas to play Stephen F. Austin, only to get battered 55 to 0 for their effort. What hurt the team most in this game was being without the services of Alex Esquivel and "Moe" Williams.

When the AZTECAS met Colegio Militar on Oct. 8, it was a true test of the AZTECAS' worth for MCC had never beaten them before. Colegio Militar was pointed as the team to beat for the championship, which the AZTECAS did to the tune of 31 to 6. The high-light of the game was Colegio's effort to wreck Alex Esquivel and get him out of the game, which they finally accomplished in the third quarter. But this only proved an inspiration to the rest of the team to fight harder. Outstanding players were: Esquivel, Mertz, Fluitt, Mathey, Lepper, Williams, Rosales, Lopez, and Ramirez.

Game Of The Year

The next game with Universidad on Oct. 18, is still talked about as the game of the year. The AZTECAS won this one too, 32 to 26, but only after trailing 19 to 0 at halftime. In the second half of the game the score took a complete reversal. Also MCC began getting its share of the breaks which the Pumas had received in the first half. With Alex Esquivel playing only a few minutes at a time in this game due to unhealed injuries, "Dumbo" Fluitt and Fernando Lara were the workhorses and shining stars. "Moe" Williams, Joe Rosales, and Don Mullin were brilliant on the line play.

Clinching the Liga Mayor championship, the AZTECAS ran wild over Politecnico 61 to 7. With Alex Esquivel in tip-top shape the AZTECAS were on fire and could never be stopped during any part of the game. The first play of the game was one of the lingering high-lights as Alex passed from deep in his own territory 40 yards to Victor Ramirez who outraced the defense to score. Poli couldn't recover from the shock. Esquivel, Eugene Arriola, Fluitt, and Lectka were the best backs; Gene Lepper, Ramirez, Williams, Rosales, and Sal Zavala the best linemen.

Silver Bowl Game

In the All-Star Silver Bowl game with Trinity College on Dec. 17, sixteen of the AZTECAS were participating. They were: Lopez, Lepper, Zavala, Rosales, Goza, Williams, Howe, Oliver, Mullin, Ramirez, Esquivel, Arriola, Mertz, Charles Lectka, Fluitt, Lara, and Mathey. Trinity fielded a big, strong team and smashed their way through the All-Stars for a 52 to 6 victory. It was the largest score that had ever been run up in a Silver Bowl game. Engman and Father Lambert of Politecnico were chosen as the coaches of the All-Stars.

