



NEW SAUA President Robert Haden and Vice-President Ed Dodson are looking forward to more active student representation on campus. Take your ideas, suggestions, and problems to these men.

## Students elect Haden

After a hasty campaign, Robert Haden of Merced, California, was elected president of the Student Association (SAUA) at recently held elections. Haden won his heavily contested position by a narrow margin of 10 over his nearest opponent, Roberto Ortega.

The vice-presidency went to Ed Dodson of Chicago, Illinois, who had a strong lead over his opponent, Joel J. Barranco.

Robert Haden, an English major, is now in his second year at UA after spending one year at Merced College.

The new vice-president, Ed Dodson, comes to UA by way of Delaware University where he spent two years. He is an International Relations major.

The plans announced by the winning faction encompass an attempt to solve many widespread and divergent problems that are now facing the University, and the new SAUA feels the students should have a voice.

"To accomplish this objective," said Haden, "I propose that students demand, through the SAUA, meaningful representation on all decision making organizations of the University. We must display solidarity and use every means available, at the same time remembering where we are, to become a powerful force for improvement of all aspects of University life."

The major points of the pre-election campaign promises were to improve student living conditions, develop a sense of community within the University and the Mexican population, and improve academic standards.

"But the only way to make the changes and improvements

that are necessary is through student representation that is truly meaningful," said Haden.

But he stressed that the power to make any lasting changes in the structure or operation of UA lies solely with the Administration, because students are ignored.

"The fault, however, is the students'. We have been content to be ignored. Students are going to be listened to, respected, and effective only when we convince the Administration that we won't tolerate being ignored," said Haden.

Vice-President Dodson said that present and future action will be a direct consequence of the Administration's reaction to the proposals we will attempt to institute.

"However, if the Administration persists in what past years has been the role of a seemingly Benevolent White Father, 'united' students will by necessity be forced to use alternative avenues of the decision making process," Dodson said.

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## RRR outlines University goals

The speaker for the annual UA fall convocation was Dr. R. Richard Rubottom, the new president of the University.

In his speech Dr. Rubottom outlined the goals of the University of the Americas.

They are:

Improving and refining the academic standards of the University, with emphasis both on faculty and students.

Maintaining the optimum level of performance, with the resources available, in the present schools of the University.

Following through with the plans for the Institute of Technology.

Take full advantage of the opportunity provided by the Self-Study Program to analyze our strengths and weaknesses, to call on trained outside experts in education for constructive observations and criticisms, and to lay down, in effect, a Master Plan for our future role as a University.

## Intramurals begin for 420

October 18 kicked off the UA intramurals program for the fall quarter. The program tries to provide a sport for every taste, from flag-football for the machos (no tanto) to ping-pong and pool that even the ladies can play.

Adrián Silva, Assistant Co-ordinator for the intramural games and Chargé d'Affaires of the game room, said that about 420 students signed up, of which 90 are girls and 330 are boys.

"The turn-out for the various sports has been good," he said.

In particular, the games offered for intramurals are: tennis, badminton, flag-football, swimming, bowling, volleyball, pool, billiards, and ping-pong. Swimming will be held at the Alpha-2 Club in Puebla, and bowling in the "Bol Puebla" bowling alley. All other events are taking place on campus.

Transportation for the Puebla events is free of charge and provided by the school.

"I am really optimistic about

flag-football," said the student co-ordinator for the intramurals, Daniel Georges. "There are 12 members of the Toluca Rockets, a local Football team, signed up." "We ought to have good quality teams this quarter. There are 60 guys signed up, enough for five teams, and all are ready to go."

All equipment for the different sports will be supplied by the school; students do not have to bring anything of their own — except appropriate clothing, Georges said.

"The hours of the events have been given to all who signed up; however, anticipating conflicts, we will try to change a person's time whenever possible in case he cannot make it," says Silva.

Information about the games and standings will appear each week on the bulletin board in the social center, he added.

"Finals will be played in the second half of November," said Georges. "The winners will receive trophies, and probably also beer."

Place in effect a governance structure which will serve the educational purpose of the University, drawing on faculty, students, staff, Board members and alumni for suggestions, and then for whole-hearted participation in it.

Recognize that students are no longer passive objects to absorb our scholarly effusions, rather are intelligent, surprisingly mature, and politically alert citizens; they are capable of providing useful input to scholarly dialogue as well as university governance if dealt with openly and fairly; they can also understand being "put down" if there is logical rationale to support that action; finally, "they just could be the greatest untapped resource this University possesses.

## UP FRONT / ADELANTE INICIA ACTIVIDADES

El pasado invierno, un grupo de jóvenes ambiciosos organizó Up Front / Adelante. Una de las características de este movimiento es su interés por los sucesos contemporáneos en todo el mundo, dando énfasis particular a los que se realizan en el Continente Americano.

Así pues, continuando con la tradición, Alain Raby, quien acaba de regresar de un viaje por Sudamérica en el que incluyó Bolivia, habló el miércoles 13 ante una treintena de personas entre alumnos y profesores, acerca del último golpe de estado en aquel país.

Alain hizo un resumen histórico desde la Revolución de 1952 (que en orden cronológico estimó que era la revolución Latino Americana de mayor éxito después de la Mexicana) hasta la toma del poder por J.J. Torres; hizo una crónica del golpe de estado y de las resultantes condiciones generales en que se encontraba Bolivia, hablando de sus experiencias personales con estas últimas, y terminó estimando que, el nuevo régimen tendrá que realizar un gran esfuerzo para sobrevivir, expuso las razones de tal estimación y enumeró los problemas que el nuevo régimen tendrá que solucionar inmediatamente.

## UA basketball star injured

Last year's basketball captain and leading scorer, Fred Hare, was involved in an industrial accident this summer.

According to reports received earlier this fall from the University of Colorado Medical Center by the Physical Education Department, Fred was accidentally pulled into rock crushing machinery and suffered broken ribs and rather severe chest and abdominal injuries. Surgery was required, but he has recently been released from the hospital with the prognosis of a full recovery.

According to Coach "Moe" Williams, Fred's

excellent physical condition has greatly speeded up his recovery.

Coach Williams said, "I spoke with Fred on the phone, and he is presently under observation and treatment for some kidney problems, but he plans to be ready to return in three or four weeks."

Williams added that it would probably take Hare a few additional weeks to recover and then get back into top physical condition.

"We hope Fred can help us later in the season, but the doctor's reports say it may be a few months before he'll be at full speed," said Williams.

## A ti

Te invitamos a escribir en The Collegian: expresar una opinión; hacer un reportaje sobre tal o cual acontecimiento; una entrevista interesante; algo que creas nos concierne a todos, o a colaborar en la sección literaria. Hay múltiples temas sobre los que tú puedes escribir; la base está en el interés que por lo que te rodea puedas tener, en tu inquietud como miembro de la comunidad universitaria.

Entra en contacto con nosotros.

Basilio Rojo. Rubén Ojeda.

## Hatha yoga underway now

Non-credit yoga classes are now available to students this fall. Primarily *hatha* and *raja* yoga will be offered.

"Actually once the group is established, its experience will encompass all related forms of physical and psychical development, as well as evolving the factors of group dynamics which will greatly enhance each individual's progress immeasurably," explained Kenneth (Ken) Atman Garrett, the guide for the courses.

Classes will meet twice a week on Tuesday and Thursday upstairs in the Student Center in the Moody Salon. In addition to the class meetings, Garrett will hold open house at his home in Cholula every Sunday.

"Primarily, the Sunday Gatherings will provide people with somewhat similar interests an excellent opportunity to exchange ideas and share

common experiences in such related fields as mantra yoga, hypnosis, mind control, alpha machine work, sensitivity training, personal hygiene, and diet," said Garrett. "The possibility of co-opting for hard to obtain supplies as brown rice, granola, soy bean sprouts, and incense."

He emphasized that these classes are basically for beginners and that consequently nobody should worry about their inexperience.

"All interested individuals must register as soon as possible because the group will make rapid progress. It will not be fair nor practical to accommodate late starters."

There will be a small fee, but Garrett stressed, "The money, under no circumstances, should deter anyone from taking part. It is the least of considerations."

Garrett has studied five years under SHRI Yoga Khanna, the head of the New England Yoga Association, and has extensive teaching experience already.

"The study of Oriental philosophy allows a westerner, lost in a world of increasing mechanization, isolation, and specialization to acquire peace of mind and self-knowledge. It is a natural process of self-unification physically, mentally, and emotionally. *Hare Om Tat Sat* (Praise to the universal vibration and its manifestor.)"

# We have to...

# Letters, we get letters . . . .

This year, unlike the last and those previous, the Student Government (SAUA) must be taken seriously, vastly improved, and supported to avoid a replay of last year's tragi-comedy and total collapse. The reason should be obvious not only to those who were here last year and are paying the consequences this year, but also to the new and transient students who are the unwilling victims of a situation that they did not directly share in creating. The situation is this— a subsisting student government skeleton, basing its inability to act on a meaningless, outmoded constitution, without any real authority, respect, or tradition to inspire co-operation from the student body and whose biggest achievements have been "beer blasts."

What happened, more exactly what *did not* happen, last year is history and there is no point continuing to dwell on it, except to learn. For this reason only, we are obliged to point out a few instances in hopes of preventing similar recurrences.

Throughout last year, the government was continually reacting to, rather than foreseeing, and preparing for imminently possible situations. To be sure, the government is not expected to be clairvoyant, acting before events arise, discharging their duties in a manner that would avoid the typical weighty situations that will inevitably arise. However, leaders are not expected to act only with hindsight either. At the beginning of last fall, anyone who had been a student in Mexico previously should have realized the necessity of having a lawyer on call for students whenever the need arose. Because this was not the case, the "great party bust" was by far a great deal more difficult to settle than it would have been had a lawyer been retained at its earliest stages.

Moreover, the government shirked its responsibilities to such an extent that for all practical purpose it was completely ineffectual by the winter quarter, not that it ever wielded any power in the fall, and by the spring quarter it actually ceased to function. The state of its affairs reached its zenith when it actually became a controversy worthy of notice when the Adelante-Upfront Organization actually petitioned, quite justifiably, for the Government's impeachment, disbanding, and the replacement of officers with newly elected individuals.

The only way that real progress can be accomplished is for everyone to realize and accept some of the blame and from now on, shoulder their share of the responsibility. This does not entail political activity "a la Washington 1969," but it certainly does mean, as a minimum, an awareness of one's situation, including its political and social aspects.

The Student Government machinery needs to be rebuilt if it is to be more than a semblance of a government, a troop of marionettes, and only the "overseer of the fees." Hopefully, when you read this article, competent and willing leaders and legislators will be working on completing past business and preparing for the future.

Perhaps this year we will make enough headway internally to begin looking outward, integrating ourselves to a greater degree in the local community and community of colleges. The time has arrived when we can and should assume our place among our sister Mexican universities in more ways than just being a respected basketball team.

We have to get it together.

Dear Editor,

It has been brought to the attention of several people after several unsuccessful tries to use sports equipment from the gym when they should have been available. I refer mainly to equipment for the games played in intramural sports this quarter. The students activities office has put a twenty-four-hour freeze on all equipment so there can be no practice before games. Nor can anyone get this equipment just for a friendly game. Why does this happen? Because the director of intramurals, Enrique Reyes, who is the only one who can obtain the equipment, wants to win every event he is signed up for. This is ridiculous and selfish. I tried to talk to the activities office myself and I was told that they were considering loaning the equipment out for about three hours on weekends. Interesting how they work it. They can retaliate any attack, with "but we do loan them out." I can't help it if we like to see some of Mexico on the weekends. The only bit of Mexico I see here is the ridiculous bureaucracy and some Mexican's selfishness. With the trouble I've had just getting some simple equipment from the gym, with my I.D. as collateral, I can see why many people check equipment out and keep it for several weeks. I guess I'll have to join them.

J.K.D.

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Editor:

On Sunday, October 17, I went, filled with eager anticipation, to see *Planet of the Apes*— finally a movie that was not shot before WWII. When,

after much hitchhiking and waiting for buses, I finally made it in time for the show, I was told by the checker that tonight's movie would be a re-run of *The Lion*— the same movie that was shown on Wednesday instead of *Return to Bataan*.

What I would like to know is who determines what movies are to be shown and which ones not? Sunday's show of the *Lion* was held, so I was told, because on Wednesday they could not show the movie with the appropriate lens.

Now, I cannot imagine how such a movie could possibly deserve a second run. As far as I'm concerned, the Wednesday showing was the better one—at least you could get some laughs out of the weird distortions, if nothing else.

So whoever decreed a second showing ought to be removed from any further decision-making regarding movies (in case he decrees a third showing if they should get a stronger light bulb).

Kim Harnack

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Editor:

I thought you might be interested in knowing the details of such information which I came upon "accidentally." Nelson Bank.

Dear Charl-Mont:

As a student in Business Economics majoring in Profit Orientation, I was, and am more every day, impressed with your professional manner in which your Cholula branch of Food Distribution handled the Spring 1971 student uprising in relation to your newly instituted Profit

Program. As we all know, the price of living has gone up appreciably in the last fiscal period (why, just last March, GM raised their finest Executive Automobile by a margin of 9%). This more than justified the 15% raise in food prices.

You are to be commended on your foresight in Profit Planning in the lowering of your prices in May 1971 by 20%, and subsequently instituting the 35% raise in June 1971. If it were up to me, furthermore, I would grant your Unnoticed Details engineers an honorary degree for their subtle, yet effective method of raising the price of a sandwich by 25% by means of initiating a service charge for lettuce, tomato, and french-fried potatoes, something that other so-called "restauranters" have near-sightedly overlooked (the saps!).

If I may be so presumptuous as to offer a few suggestions, I would like to recommend to your Profit Planning Department the practice, as is done in certain other catering services of good repute, or charging silverware, napkins, clean glasses, tray service, hot-dog buns, cashier service, table and chair premiums, and extra 10% for luxury tax.

Economically yours,

H. Morgan III  
Nelson Rockefeller U.

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Editor:

I have a grievance, my friends. There is no theatre available for the production of plays and other dramatic works. I have been told that we have an auditorium for such purposes, but have you ever tried rehearsing with a dance class swirling around you? Of course, it would also be wrong to expect other departments and activities to move out of the "echo chamber" for our sake.

I wonder if the Administration realizes the importance of the Drama Department in student retention. Students are retained through involvement, and theatre is certainly that. In addition, the registrar reports that one out of every five

inquiries about admission specifically asks about the Drama Department.

We ask for no fancy structure, (just give us a tent) but we do ask for the creative survival of the department.

Kip

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Editor:

Returning to school this fall was an event filled with surprises. Two of the biggest were finding Charl-Mont still here and doing worse than before (is that humanly possible?), and finding the theatre on campus is no longer.

For those who constructed the Teatro Bodega and participated in the productions there, the passing of this edifice to the Tecnológico Department represents the passing away of the drama institution on campus. Its history has been a sorry one indeed. In brief, it begins with being expelled from the auditorium by several factions (Dance Department, flick viewers, and lecturers - all of whom have top priority to that building). So the Drama Department was left out in the cold with only six weeks left until production time. So faced with that dilemma the Drama Department faced east toward the Administration for help. It came in the form of being awarded with the University warehouse. Unfortunately there seemed to be a dispute over priorities which ended this summer with revoking of the warehouse from the Drama Department and awarding it to the Tecnológico.

I think it is a shame that a "liberal arts" university can exist with such a blatant ignorance of the performing arts.

We are now lacking the vital elements that helped to solidify relations with the surrounding communities - which seems to be of some importance to the University heads.

The final cut of all for me is to know that my old high school in Marion, Iowa, has this school beat in every respect concerning the performing arts—and this is a university! It makes me wonder exactly where our heads are at.

Carolyn Horner

## Por una revolución de lo alto

Qué gran momento nos ha tocado vivir: la profundidad del valle o la escarpada cresta, en la sinuosa periodicidad del transcurrir histórico.

Pocos discuten que nuestra época es una época de cambio, una época en la que se están desplazando cuadros de vida aceptados hasta hace poco. Alguien habló de la decadencia de Occidente o del ocaso de la Edad Contemporánea; del abandono de la naturaleza como canon científico, de olvidar referirse a la medida humana o la individualidad. En este mar de opiniones una cosa está clara: hay que cambiar muchas cosas, simplemente porque "no funcionan". Y no funcionan porque así se le ocurre juzgarlas al hombre actual.

Realmente asombra esa posibilidad humana de discutirse a sí mismo, a su cultura, a lo que cree haber logrado, y en esta posibilidad de alternativas estriba tal vez lo distintivo del homo sapiens y a su vez su responsabilidad personal e histórica lejos de todo cómodo determinismo total, tantas veces proclamado.

De uno a otro extremo del mundo se habla de revolución: revolución cultural, revolución

de las masas, revolución de octubre, revolución verde... revolución, revolución, y se repite la palabra que tiene amplio auditorio por conllevar la idea de cambio de dirección de los acontecimientos hacia aquello que cada oyente desea.

A quienes una revolución pasada satisface, la vida les brinda tranquilidad hablando de los logros de esa "revolución-institucionalizada" cuyas metas "siguen en pie".

Otros más inquietos quieren nadar en el río de Heráclito y propugnan el cambio por el cambio; "ya vendrá algo mejor"... o se apegan a la idea de una progresiva concientización social cuya trama dialéctica desembocará infaliblemente en la hermandad universal.

En este ir y venir de opiniones se distingue una voz tenue como un hilo frágil que recorre la historia emitiendo ondas a determinada frecuencia para lograr sintonía con los espíritus discernientes de lo que pasa y de lo que queda. Tienen esta voz: los verdaderos pensadores; los verdaderos bondadosos; los verdaderos artistas; los verdaderos veraces. ¿De qué nos hablan

todos? Sí, también de una revolución, pero una revolución de lo alto. Todos sabemos a lo que me refiero al hablar de esta categoría, la hemos captado intuitivamente a partir de nuestra posición erecta; al hablar de tinieblas en lo bajo; al saber de la luz y claridad en lo alto.

Con Parménides, pensando en el ser como uno, como simple; con Platón, dando sólo realidad a lo que transita fuera de la cueva; con los filósofos medievales, hablando de los trascendentales: unidad, bondad, belleza, verdad; con el pintor creador de una obra fuera de él, falto de intenciones, sólo buscador de la belleza; con el poeta sereno, pene-

trante, inexpressable; con el hombre existente luchando por su esencia que le viene de arriba. A ellos quiero sumarme en el partido de lo alto, porque las otras revoluciones pasarán de nuevo, sólo la revolución de lo alto permanece viva, pues a la esencia de los valores mencionados pertenece la eternidad.

¿Realizaciones concretas, praxis de esta revolución? Múltiples. —Pero, hábleme de ellas... Las intuyes y son personales. Lo que sucede es que usted es un utopista. Ciertamente; y creo que valen la pena las utopías; vale la pena salir a desfacar entuertos, porque al final... Sancho se quiotizará.

### Some like it hot

## Mexcafe

- 4 teaspoons chocolate syrup
- 1/2 cup heavy cream
- 3/4 teaspoon ground cinnamon, divided
- 1/4 teaspoon ground nutmeg
- 1 tablespoon sugar
- 1 1/2 cups strong hot coffee

Put 1 teaspoon chocolate syrup in each of 4 small cups. Combine cream, 1/4 teaspoon cinnamon, nutmeg, and sugar; whip. Stir remaining 1/2 teaspoon cinnamon into hot coffee. Pour coffee into cups. Stir to blend with syrup. Top with dollops of spiced whipped cream. Yield: 4 servings.

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SHRINE OF THE VIRGIN DE LOS REMEDIOS offers not only archeological interest but awesome moods and picturesque views of the valley of Puebla conducive to contemplation and meditation



## A letter from camp

By DENNIS MCGEE

Dear Mom and Dad:

I want to say thanks for sending me down here to this place, it is really great! I met my cabin leader, Pat Swigart, the other day at the Reforma Bar, and he even bought me a couple of good ole Mexican beers. I have not seen him since, but rumor has it that he is still at the Reforma, and that he is still buying the beer.

I had a special orientation leader who was really helpful and told me where I could make connections, and what to do if I got busted. I think this place is making a sincere effort to make everyone feel right at home.

I have had only one bad experience so far and that was something they call registration. Everybody had to line up and wait for five hours to find out that the class they wanted was closed. It was really bad and next time I'm going to take a sack lunch. I even saw this cop carry off a girl who could not pass the endurance test. It was really terrible.

Everyone was running around trying to find someone on the staff who could make a decision. I guess they have not learned how to act when they play staff.

Hey! Remember the camp I went to last year? Well, this place must have hired the same cook because I still keep finding little black hair in my food.

I know that it must have cost an awful lot of money to buy off Kathy's father, but if you could spare a few dollars to me so I could buy a heater for my room and a lamp to read by my survival would be easier. I think I have frost-bite on the bottom of my feet from the cold floor. The reading lamp is not for my school work because we do not have much of that around here, but I do read the *Superman* comics that they sell in the bookstore.

I know this will be really hard to believe but I saw a honest-to-goodness Ronald Reagan movie the other night. Your can never guess the part he played in it. THE BAD GUY. It was just like being home and seeing the six o'clock news.

I almost forgot, would you please send me the old Disneyland tickets that are in my desk drawer? I hear that the tickets are good for anything a person needs here at the Camp.

I have to go now because the staff is giving another party and

this time it is in honor of the Spanish Fly. This place really enjoys having parties.

Your son,

Dennis

P.S. If your want to write, the address is:

Club Campestre de Disneyland, Sur

(alias) Aztec Tech.



# Spectacle seen by few

Upon their arrival at the UA, hopefully one of the first tourist sights that anxious young students take in is the Great Pyramid of Cholula, located less than a mile from the campus gate. The awesomeness of the excavations and the magnificent vista from the church at the top make this first visit worthwhile. However, a few weeks into the quarter a student will rarely be

seen in, on, or near the pyramid, except perhaps standing in front trying to thumb a ride to Tiffany's.

Most students seem to feel that once they have "seen" the Pyramid, they have enjoyed all that the site has to offer. The fact is that the area has a subtle character and charm that cannot be appreciated in just one visit.

On any weekday, when the

bustling tourism is not a distraction, an hour spent walking through and around the Shrine of the Virgin de los Remedios at the top can be a romantic and reflective experience. The baroque lushness of its interior is arresting at first, but it is typical of the carnival atmosphere which permeates religious ceremony in México.

Strolling the balcony that girdles the church, the effects of the sloped brick floor and the bright blue and yellow walls combine to create an almost surrealistic scene. This balcony is also the best perch in town for watching one of the finest shows in México, the Cholula sunrise. When the dawn moves up in the east from behind Orizaba, and splashes Popo's snowcap with gold as the first rays break over the horizon, it is easy to understand why Cholula has always been a sacred city.

A walk around the base of the pyramid is beautiful in late afternoon, especially during this time of year, when wildflowers of all hues are in abundance. As the sunlight is reflected from the colors or the wildflowers and the flat stone of the pyramid, the beauty and mystery of the place really begin to unfold. A visit made alone at this time of day can be a moving experience.

On any afternoon, there are guided tours offered through the network of tunnels that runs throughout the Pyramid. The wall paintings which can be seen on the tour date back 2,500 years, and are considered to be some of the finest in the world. For two pesos, the tour is worthwhile, and there are English-speaking guides available.

Across the street from the Pyramid is the Cholula Tourist Bureau, where various maps and guidebooks of Cholula and the surrounding area are available.

It is inevitable that the Cholula Pyramid will become a massive tourist attraction in a very short time. Those living in Cholula now have the opportunity to enjoy an atmosphere of intimacy and solitude that will disappear when the tourists begin swarming.

## Leta Rae's Tattle Babbles

Freak City World has it that the switch to the campus fountain is broken- that is the reason it has been on so much lately. . . . But, speaking of fountains, we are wondering if George and Trist, Connie and Jimmy, and Joel and Manny are still using the fountain at the Trailer Park as a swimming pool? . . . There is a rumor that the topes are being taken out of Gringo Alley, but that is a rumor. . . . An expedition was formed by Mark Christianson, The Charro, and Gary Severin to excavate the remains of the Animo Bar. Unfortunately the group was hopelessly lost in a sea of mud. . . . An old timers day will be held sometime this quarter in honor of Fall 1970. All water and electricity will be turned off for 24 hours. . . . By the way, how did THE portrait in the faculty lounge find itself de cabeza. . . . We want to console Dr. Hamilton on his recent loss-at badminton. . . . Uncle George Sielen got his racquet sports confused when he turned in his ping-pong class card to his Southeast Asian Art History prof. . . . Of course, all you sports fans will be interested in knowing that Coach Morris Williams Jr. is still "Moe". . . . we bid a quick good-bye to another man who thought he could beat the full house-Feds and Heads continues. . . . Peyton Place still goes on behind the market. . . . Did you know that the latest status symbol is having a couch in your apartment? . . . What ever happened to the free passes to the Bazar? . . . If anyone sees Eddie Jones please tell him that if he wants his name in the Paper he has to do something!!

If any one of you wonderful folks out there have my little items you would like to share just write to me, Leta Rae, in care of *The Collegian* room 55 of the Student Center Building.

Dear Leta:

I am very sick. I think I am dying. I came to UA three weeks ago. Since then I have contracted Montezuma's Revenge, the Aztec two-step, the zooms, turistas, amoebic dysentery, hepatitis, a tape worm, and last week my doctor told me I would have to have my small intestines removed and my stomach pumped. Before coming to UA I had never been sick a day in my life. I eat two meals a day in the school cafeteria. Do you think that this has anything to do with my problem?

Lester from Houston

Dear Les:

Our school cafeteria maintains the highest standards of operational cleanliness. No paper cups are ever used more than twice, the vegetables are soaked in H<sub>2</sub>O 603 S, the dog and cat meat is always fresh for that day, the silverware and dishes are washed in a caustic ammonia solution, and no animals are ever allowed in the Cafeteria. You must be a hypochondriac.

## Sidelines

By LEE JENKINS

# Experience is the best teacher - - live and learn

A student pulled in at the Pemex gasoline station south of Nuevo Laredo. "Fill her up," he instructed. It came to forty pesos on the pump, and he handed over a hundred peso note. The change received was two U.S. dollars (i.e. twenty-five pesos) and twenty-five pesos notes. Upon asking for the remaining ten pesos, the station attendant showed him the gas pump. It read fifty pesos. What happened? Well, while the student was waiting for change, a co-worker at the station "jimmied" the pump to read fifty pesos instead of forty. Thus the two enterprising young station attendants made ten pesos on the deal. So if yo want to participate in this game, all you have to do is to leave the pump unattended while your change is being worked out.

Another student gassed up at the Pemex station north of Matehuala on Route 57 and paid his bill with three five-peso notes, a ten and a twenty. The station attendant upon recounting the money came up five pesos short. What happened? A five peso note was skillfully "palmed" while the student carefully counted out the payment. This is a very popular carnival game which proves the hand is still faster than the eye.

In Cholula, a landlord rented one-half of an eight hundred peso per month apartment to one of our fair young lady students for four hundred pesos. Upon moving in, nothing worked like she thought. The hot water tank did not work, (I presume cold baths are the

order of the day), and the john had to be filled manually with a bucket. After one week the lights were turned on but still there was no gas for cooking. During rain showers the place got very damp and chilly. But do not get impatient dearie, it takes time for things to happen here in México. After all, you have a full quarter to get this thing worked out.

Upon surveying a construction project here in Cholula, a young man estimated about one week should be required for completion of the apartment. So he paid out eight hundred good old Mexican pesos for one month's rent and started camping out in one of the unfinished rooms. That was three weeks ago and still the windows have not been installed, bathroom fixtures are still not working, electricity is not connected, the interior is not painted, etc., etc., etc. I am quite sure this young student must feel he is literally in on the ground floor, especially since he is paying full rent for a place that is possibly one, two, three or more months away from completion. So do not be too hasty and judge the progress of things here by standards you may have been accustomed to back home. Expect nothing more to be done after you pay your money and take possession.

In México you will find a bargaining system in all open markets, in many stores and for services rendered. How can one determine the proper price? Well, this is not always easy. One way is to casually

stand around, observe, and listen to transactions. Start your bargaining only after hearing a determined price, and always insist upon that price. If this cannot be achieved, go to another vendor. Remember the act of bargaining for a price is considered to be a social encounter down here- so be sociable.

Stay happy and well by watching what you eat and drink. Always insist upon bottled water unless you are absolutely sure the tap water is ok. Do not wash your toothbrush in suspect water. Eat only foods that have been prepared under high temperature methods (i.e. boiling temperature) immediately prior to consumption. Remember, health standards may not be maintained in public eating places with the same rigidity that you may have enjoyed back home. You must establish and maintain your own standards or fall victim to the usual "turista" (i.e. diarrhea). For safety first, do not wait until you have stomach pains. Go to the UA dispensary or a Pharmacy now, and get a bottle of "Streptomagma," or similar preparation, to have available both day and night, just in case. It will cost you about eighteen pesos. Remember, the bug propagation rate is exponential. So if you wake up needing a shot of bug killer at midnight and have to wait until eight or ten in the morning to get it, I am quite sure you will find it necessary to spend at least one, two, or more days of painful and uncomfortable recuperation. Of course, if this sort of thing is one of your hang-ups and you enjoy it, do not concern yourself with what I have said.

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# Muertos



The Day of the Dead, in México, is not a day of mourning but rather one of remembrance and celebration. Graves, graveyards, and death sites are seen brightly decorated with orange marigolds, food offerings, and candles.

The burning of copal perfumes the air during night-long festivities throughout the graveyards while a carnival atmosphere prevails. Vendors sell special breads, candles, pulque, sugar skulls, and flowers of zempoalxochitl (orange marigolds).

As the activities reach their peak, some say, the music, dancing, and firecrackers draw back the spirits of the dead to join in the revelry at the graveyard.

