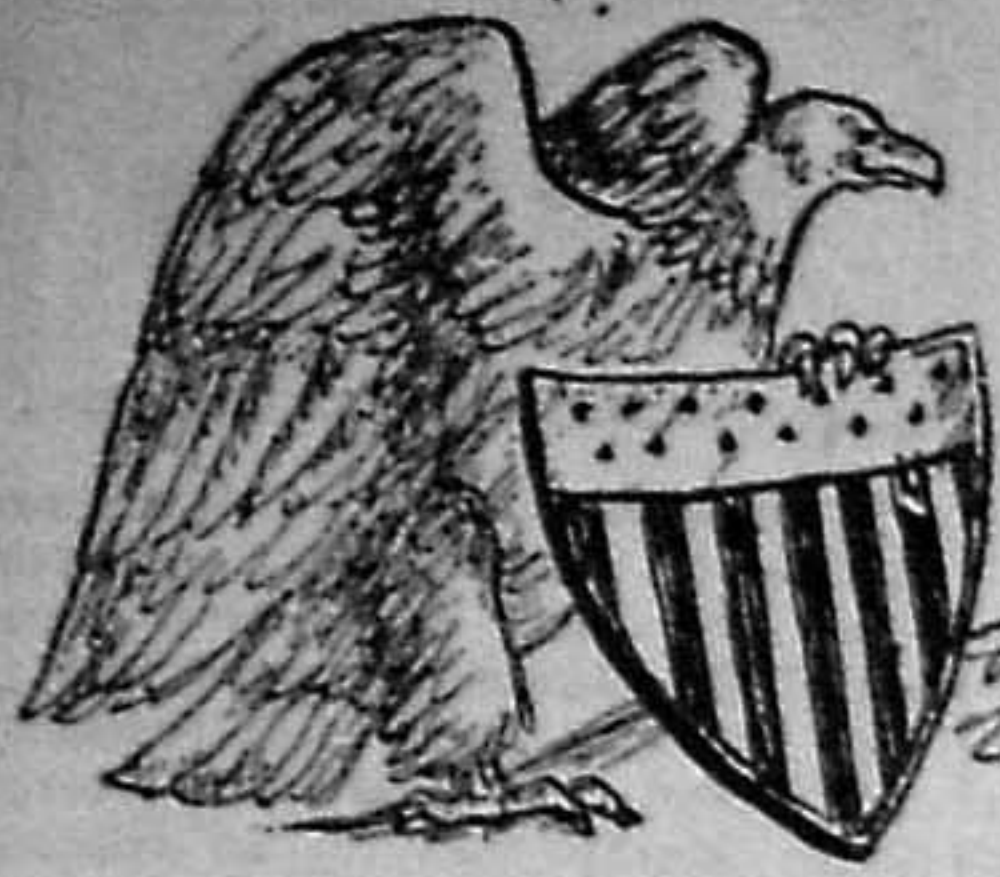


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MILLARD D. EVERINGHAM, 35-year-old MCC student veteran, is shown in the British American Cowdray hospital after being stabbed late last week. From left to right: nurse Alicia Martínez, Everingham, and María Martha Mendoza. Photo by Gene Bonfiglio.

MCC STUDENT VETERAN ROBBED AND BEATEN

By MARGUERITE BELTRAN

Millard D. Everingham, 35 year-old MCC student, was the victim of an assault, Friday, Jan. 23, in which he was knocked unconscious, stabbed and robbed of 20 pesos.

Everingham left his room to buy cigarets and was attacked while walking down Calle de Monterrey.

He recovered consciousness at 0130 Saturday at La Cruz Verde first aid station where he was treated for a six-inch cut in his abdomen. La Cruz Verde transferred Everingham to El Hospital Juárez where someone with a knowledge of English was found to help establish his identity.

Dr. G. N. Furbeck later transferred Everingham to the British-American Hospital where nurses Alicia Martínez and María Martha Mendoza have been attending him.

He is reported to be out of danger. Everingham can remember nothing except a blow on the head

AYH Enthusiast Plans New Hosteling Trips

By ROSEMARY KLEIN

Students interested in any kind of hosteling trip either in Mexico or other countries, should contact Lawrence Engelhart, MCC freshman and member of the American Youth Hostels. If you are not acquainted with Larry, leave a note for him in the "E" box.

Engelhart, whose home is in New York City, spent two months of last summer leading an AYH group through Mexico. He spent three years before that in the Army, being with the 1st Army in Europe for one and a half years.

Hosteling is Larry's favorite subject and he hopes to spend the summer traveling through South America. He specially likes

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Pyramid Bus Tour Teaches History To 35 In Visit To Ancient Sites

By ROSEMARY KLEIN

Thirty-five students took advantage of the school-planned tour Saturday, Jan. 24. The committee making arrangements for the tour and explaining the sights were: José Barreira, León Helguera, and Veit Gentry.

Leaving MCC about 9 a. m., the bus made its first stop at Villa Madero. A short time was spent in viewing the Church of the Virgin Guadalupe and a brief resume of its history was given. In 1531, an Indian lad named Juan D'ego encountered the Virgin on a barren hill near his home. She told him to tell the priest to build a church on that spot.

No one believed the boy. But (Continued on Page 6)

Dogs Would Get More Than Vets Under This Bill

WASHINGTON. — A bill was submitted to Congress this month directing the VA to pay an allowance of \$75 monthly to blind veterans for the purpose of buying food for their Seeing-Eye dogs.

The amount sought is \$10 more per month than single vets in school now receive under the GI Bill.

Introduced by Rep. Rogers (R., Mo.) the measure was referred to the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs for consideration. The bill is H. R. 4878.

Military Control of USA Seen In Recent Report

Prof. Albert Einstein and 20 other educators, clergymen and prominent public figures on January 18 issued a warning that "America cannot remain democratic if the present trend toward military control of our institutions continues."

Five days later Defense Secretary James V. Forrestal proposed peacetime censorship of the United States' press, radio and motion pictures.

The Einstein group asserted that military men have lately acquired a "dangerous" degree of influence over American foreign policy, public opinion, higher education, scientific research, and even the Boy Scouts.

Pointing to the militarized states which arose in Japan and Germany when civilian control of national policy was undermined the group said: "The same pattern already exists in large measure in our own land."

Forrestal, speaking through his press relations officer, Capt. Robert Berry, US Navy, said he will call a conference soon of the nation's leaders in those fields of possible censorship to discuss "unauthorized release" of military or security information, and to work

College Sport Objectives And Future Forecasted

Major League football Team Contemplated

"Athletics will play an important part in our plans here, present and future," stated Dean Paul V. Murray. "President Cain and I are rabid sports fans, and are vitally concerned with fitting a fine athletic program into the total school picture."

Spanish Club Outlines Goal and Elects Officers At Group's First Meeting

By T. LEONARD NORRIS

An enthusiastic group of students met in Room 11 of the art building on Wednesday, Jan. 28 to formulate plans for the Spanish Club.

The meeting was opened by Sr. Fernando Horesitas, Spanish instructor, who outlined the two-fold objectives of the club. First, to provide social meetings where the group can enjoy conversation with students from near-by colleges in an atmosphere of fun and relaxation. Second, meetings of a cultural value will be scheduled and speakers, dancers, and characteristically Spanish recreation will be featured.

Srita. Martínez del Río, Spanish instructor, introduced the speaker of the afternoon, Dr. Irma Lara, a member of the staff of Escuela Parque Lire and a specialist in the psychiatric problems

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It is now definitely known that, linked integrally to the ever-increasing expansion at MCC, will be a new, sound athletic program with an emphasis on football as the standard-bearer and nucleus around which all other sports and physical education will turn.

Dean Murray continued: "MCC is virtually a youth, and like one is suffering growing pains. We're moving from our present location to a site further away from the center of town, with buildings and land enough to provide for athletic fields, our own football stadium and an eventual field-house."

"But all of this takes time and capital," said the Dean. "We are gradually bringing MCC into prominence by securing the services of the best possible instructors, and giving our students and potential students the chance of receiving scholastic opportunities the equal of any university in the U. S. A., or elsewhere. The more students enrolled the greater amount of capital we'll have to work with."

At present, the Dean has feelers out for a full-time big name athletic director who can double in brass as football coach and organizer of other athletic activities.

Last year MCC fielded the football team "Los Aztecas", but due to repeated mixups in gate receipt handling, the situation was financially a near "flop". The Dean emphasized that with a fine (Continued on Page 6)

Student Body Reaches 500 As Enrollment Closes

Mrs. Elizabeth Thomas de López, director of admissions, announced today that registration is almost completed. The approximate enrollment is 500 students.

Of this amount nearly 300 enrollees are termed "permanent", while the other 150 are transients, composed mainly of one-quarter term students.

Registrations are still trickling in, as many would-be students were stranded in the States due to the severe weather. Others are having difficulty in obtaining student papers. All late requests are being discouraged because school is entering its fifth week.

The registrar further announces that her office will be open by appointment only, and that students who have not handed in a signed schedule card are considered as an incomplete registration.

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Art Department Plans Extensive Enlargement To House More Students

By E. S. CASTILLO

MCC's Art Dept. has grown so fast in the past three months that its growing pains haven't had time to catch up with it. It is now running a close second to the History Dept. which has been the largest in the school for the past several years.

This up-and-coming branch of MCC is located on the fifth floor of the modernistic National Bank Bldg. at 223 Coahuila. The advanced and basic art classes occupy a corner of this floor, and are practically surrounded by large windows through which a beautiful view of Mexico and its volcanoes can be seen.

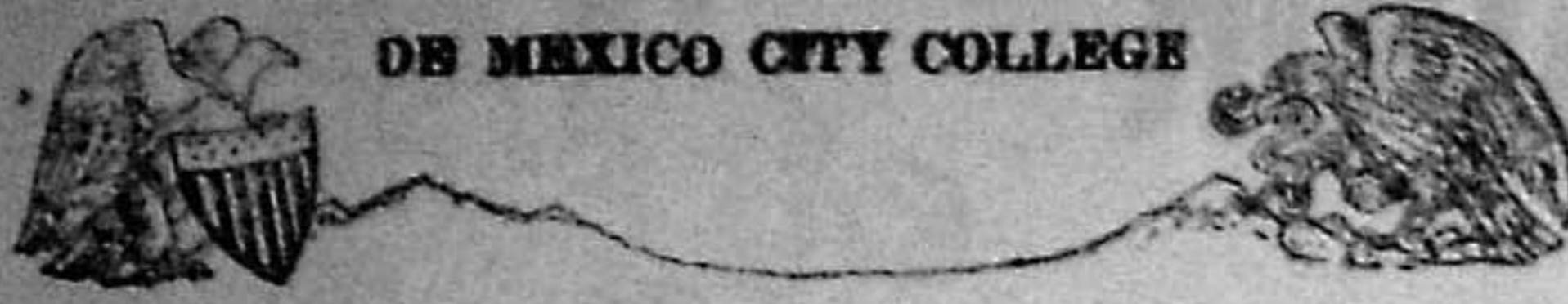
The Department is also equipped with a lecture room, a dark room for the showing of movies or slides and also with several class rooms. The studio itself is well fixed with all the paraphernalia of the artist, not to mention the real live models.

In charge of this large and newly streamlined Department of Fine Arts is Sr. Justino Fernández who directs this branch and also gives lectures during the course.

At the head of the advanced art section is instructor Merle Wachter who teaches painting and life and sculpture.

Fernando Belain leads the basic students through their ABC's of art. Included in his plans for the future are landscaping excursions to the many beautiful spots surrounding the campus.

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(The following editorial, written by Harlan Althen, first appeared in the July 30, 1947 edition of this newspaper. Its timeliness demands reprinting.—Ed.)

We got out our pencil last night and figured out just what the MCC student body can contribute in one year in dollars to the financial stability of the Mexican economy. The figures we reached were more than three quarters of a million dollars — \$ 875,000 to be exact.

And when the Secretary of the Treasury of the Mexican government calls attention to the fact that Mexico's dollar reserve is now extremely low, MCC's contribution cannot be taken too lightly.

Our figuring: The school has been averaging 500 students. The enrollment is higher than that this quarter. There seems to be every indication that the total will keep rising with each quarter, but to be on the safe side, let's keep it at 500.

Let's assume that 250 of them are single men or women. The expenses of the average veteran under the G. I. Bill could be taken as typical of all of them. In subsistence, the single veteran receives \$780 a year. This in most cases covers board and room, but it is conservative to estimate that he spends an extra \$220 a year for clothes, entertainment and incidentals. That makes \$1000 a year. Under the G. I. Bill he is allowed a total of \$500 a year for tuition, books and supplies. This means an over all expenditure of \$1,500. Multiply this by 250 and you have \$375,000.

Then we have married students. If a single student spends \$1,500 a year, we believe we are being extremely cautious in putting the expenses of a married couple at \$2,000 a year. Lets say there are 250 students who are supporting a family while attending school here. You have a figure of \$500,000. To this add the previous \$375,000 and you have the formidable total of \$875,000 (dollars, not pesos).

This figure does not include the money spent during the summer session of the National University, or the American students attending other schools in Mexico, or the amount that will be spent at the proposed school at Cuernavaca.

When the U. S. government paid cash for terminal leave bonds we expect every MCC veteran spent every dollar of it here in Mexico City.

The Mexican government has made a strenuous effort to attract tourists to Mexico, which is well and good, since they contribute much to the country's dollar reserve.

Whereas the bulk of the tourist money is spent in de luxe hotels and night clubs, the biggest amount of the student money is spent for board and room in quarters maintained by middle-class Mexican families. The student's money is distributed in such a way to contribute best to the country's economy.

Since our figures indicate that students not only contribute more in the long run to Mexico than tourists, and over and above the material aspect of the situation, are a part of the necessary cultural interchange between nations, we believe that the Mexican government would do well to examine in its entirety the potential contributions of visiting students.

Aiding students to attain legal status in this country would be giving impetus to capitalizing on a vast reservoir of dollar contributors heretofore overlooked.—H. A.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Lingi Estate,
Rantau,
1-1-1948

To the Principal,
Mexico City College,
Mexico, D. F.,
America.

Dear Sir:

Having seen your school's address in the magazine called "Week End" I am writing a few lines and I hope you will help me in my desire. I read in the "Week End" magazine about your school and some comments about the famous artist Lois Paterson.

As I am interested in corresponding, I hope you will kindly assist me in giving my address to all the pupils in your college who are interested in corresponding.

I am a boy twenty years old and I am studying in the Senior Cambridge class. I am very much interested in knowing about Mexico. I am interested in the collection of stamps, coins, photographs, and sceneries. I am prepared to send to any of my future pen-friends who are interested in the collection of these, and I am also interested in friendly correspondence.

I do not mind whether they are of any sex and whether they are within they teens or above it. If many are interested in corresponding with Malayan boys and girls, I would be too glad to forward their letters to my friends here.

At present I am spending my Christmas Holidays in the above mentioned place and I will go back to my original place only on Jan. 12th. I can only write in English and of course I know my mother-tongue which is Tamil. You see, my parents, came from Ceylon and settled down in Malaya. My father is a doctor in the above-mentioned rubber plantation.

Many boys and girls ranging from 18 yrs. to 25 yrs. are interested in corresponding and especially to Mexico, and I hope you will also help them through me. All letters which my future pen pals (whether girl or boy or man or lady) send can be addressed to

S. Aminthalingam
21 Bukit Tembok,
Seremban.
Malaya.

I hope you will do me this favour by showing this letter to the pupils of your school, and if by chance you are unable to help me in securing some pen pals, you please write a note to me so that I may not wait in suspense. Also kindly notify to them who are interested in writing to me to post their letters by air mail as it takes a long time by surface mail.

Hope you will do this favour,

Yours sincerely,
S. Aminthalingam.

The following letter is printed verbatim. We see no reason why Mr. Aminthalingam and his friends should not receive letters from at least half of the student body. As an aid to veterans with that "lean and hungry look," EL CONQUISTADOR will envelope and stamp the first five of their letters dropped in this newspaper's mail slot. That's the office next to the patio snack bar.—Ed.)

DOES ANYBODY HERE KNOW CHARLEY?

We have received a letter signed "Charles". "Charles" beats our ears off for about 600 words and we are mighty groggy. We will print your letter, "Charles", if you sign your full name to it; otherwise, we can't.

We will print all letters we receive as long as they do not violate good taste, and as long as they are fully signed. On request the name will be withheld. Remember, too, that before printing we will check with the name signed to the letter to see that it was actually authored by that person.

We will print "Charles" letter next time —if he gives us his name. —Ed.

At Least You Could say Hello

Giving the "cold shoulder" is a habit, a very contagious habit. What's the matter with the students? Is it the "Winter" Quarter that accounts for the reluctance to melt down and say "hello"?

We aren't all equally superstitious about indicating inferiority by speaking first, are we, as is the case in the Southwestern part of the United States? Nor are we all from New York City where "big-town" folks dare one another to be friendly.

Perhaps it's because we aren't all as neurotic as we will be presumed to be. In any event whatever it's cause, the cold shoulder should be abolished from the campus. In our opinion, we are sick of saying "hello" to that neurotic in my bathroom mirror. How about you?

Just say "hello". It won't hurt none!—C. E. S.

FROM THE Desk of the Dean PAUL V. MURRAY

I think that one of the most interesting lessons to be drawn from the local celebrations honoring Don Justo Sierra is this:

In our day there is a tendency to pretend that practically everything Mexico has in an educational way has sprung up since 1921.

Yet, if the speakers at the Sierra ceremonies are telling the truth—and in most cases I think they are—Don Justo was the leader of a group of educators of whom Mexico can well be proud. His contributions in the field of both education and general culture are such as to rate him the name "Maestro de las Américas."

If, in addition to praising Don Justo, we also take the time to look at the long roll of sincere men and women who entered school work from about 1890 until the thirties I think we shall find that their like is not flocking into Mexican normal schools today. Mexican education most definitely has its tradition concerning "ladies and gentlemen of the old school." We need more like them—and like Don Justo—in our time.

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The local press has gotten itself all worked up over John Ford's production of "The Fugitive," a picture based on Graham Greene's novel with the double title "Labyrinthine Ways" and "The Power" and the Glory.

I haven't any idea of what it is like except from reading American reviews. However, I can hardly agree with Mr. Reachi that the picture is "denigrante" because it tells the story of a merciless persecution.

Mr. Greene laid his story in Tabasco in the days of its dictator, Canabal. There is no question but what at that time priests were hunted down and killed. That's all the picture and the book are about. English excesses in Ireland may be forgotten but they cannot be erased from the pages of history. The same is true of Spanish treatment of many Dutchmen, of Russian treatment of the Poles, of American treatment of the Indians.

Mr. Reachi should be as adult in his judgments of pictures concerning the facts of Mexican history as he would want us to be about the facts concerned with any of the cases mentioned. Perhaps "The Fugitive" won't be shown in Mexico but that fact, in the long run, will not determine its poor-ness or its greatness. Let us see what happens when the time comes.

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Maybe I'm wrong but it seems to me that the publication of the German-Russian correspondence when the two nations were on their honeymoon is the most touching story since George Bernard Shaw's letters to Ellen Terry were put into print.

What tenderness! What devotion! What an inspiration to future generations of international bandits! (Of course, all of us must be prepared to acknowledge that all of them are forgeries, invented by Hitler, Von Ribbentrop, Marshall and other such fascists.)

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It is good to know that one of Mexico's finest scholars and gentlemen, Don Pablo Martinez del Rio is working on a short history of the Royal and Pontifical University. We have long needed such a study and shall await the book's publication with anticipation.

Que Pasó Con quien

Levesque lathes Mazes To Confound Rodents For Psych. Students

By MAURICE B. SEIBERT

Once again Bertrand Levesque, reporter, foreign correspondent, French translator, and MCC student, demonstrated his versatility by doing some neat tricks with a lathe last Saturday.

The work was done for MCC's Psychology Dept. in the American School's well-equipped machine shop.

Prof. Diaz Guerrero's psychologists are building mazes to perform experiments on rats, mice, etc. The American School provided the necessary equipment but no one was available to operate the machinery.

When Levesque stepped forward, it was learned that, in addition to his other talents, he is a master machinist.

He was assisted in the work by William Possidente, psychology student.

Gobernacion Still Silent On Student Status Puzzle

Two weeks of furious puzzling over MCC's favorite enigma — "What about Gobernación?" — has revealed no new information.

According to his own count, Dean Murray has made eight trips to the big house on Bucareli St. and has yet to be received in audience by anyone other than porteros. He thought he would get in to see Dr. Pérez Martínez the day he went armed with a calling card inscribed by another high government official but was turned back by news that the Secretary had been ordered to bed for two weeks. The Dean has now set his sights on Sr. Ojeda, Jefe de Migración, and may have something of importance to report next issue.

Meanwhile, urgent cases should see Mrs. Walters. Students with lost cards evidently won't be bothered. Those who have them and whose time is up will probably have to go to the border and re-enter as tourists or try to get student cards.

Economics Department Has Two Substitute Teachers

By CHARLES E. SEAMAN

Professors Marcelo Aramburu and Jorge Espinosa de los Reyes are teaching in the Department of Economics in the temporary absence of Professors Miguel Gleason and Manuel Bravo.

Professor Aramburu attended National University where he received the Licenciada en Economía. He was sent to Columbia University by the Bank of Mexico, Department of Industrial Promotion, where he received his MA and later his PhD in Industrial Economics. For the past five years he has been Professor of Industrial Economics at the National University, here in Mexico.

Professor Espinosa received his Licenciada en Economía at the National University. Later he was sent to the London School of Economics by the Bank of Mexico, Department of Economic Studies in Mexico, where he received his MA in Economics. He is now employed as the Director of the Library of the Central Bank of Mexico.

Traffic Laws Compliance Seems Strange To Trudi On First Visit Stateside

By JACK REED

"Its unconstitutional" was Trudi Ring's remark when a Washington, D. C. cop reprimanded her for crossing the street against a traffic light. After Larry and the policeman explained that it was "el costumbre" for pedestrians as well as cars to obey the lights, she still was not too highly impressed. Eight years in Mexico City had given her a different perspective, she said.

According to Larry that was one of the more vivid impressions that his wife received on her first visit to the United States last December—people actually obeying the traffic laws.

The Rings, in case there are newcomers who have not yet been refused credit at the Snack Bar, are the creators of said institution. Trudi is an ex-German refugee from Bavaria and her husband Larry is a former Ranger who spent some time in the local Stalags of Germany. To meet and court his fraulein he went the long way around. Came to Mexico City College and found her in the Patio.

Trudi's reply when asked what she thought of the scenery along the route was as typical as any other American bus passenger on a long trip. "I don't know, I slept all the way." For a break in the trip the pair chose Memphis, and what Trudi has to say about the Cotton Capital of the South isn't too complimentary. "It was the smokiest town I have ever seen."

Arriving in Washington a few days before Christmas, she saw the first snow she had seen since arriving in Mexico eight years ago. Not only the snow impressed her but the outside decorated and lighted trees for the Christmas holidays were a new sight. Larry, whose family lives in Chevy Chase, Md., promptly introduced her to a round of holiday parties. Trudi says that the gringos who came down here shouldn't talk about the Mexicans and their fiestas. "In Washington it was a party EVERY night." She liked her first encounter with egg-nogs, but, "I prefer that drink they call an Old Fashioned."

As to whether or not Trudi would have preferred a honeymoon in Acapulco to one in Washington in December we don't know. We assume however that in spite of the smoke in Memphis, and stubborn Irish cops in the nation's capital she still wants to go back.

Querido Diario

By ROSEMARY KLEIN

I came to MCC on the bus. I traveled alone but constantly met interesting people along the way. At Laredo I bumped into Dar on Montgomery and Janet Romano, both on their way to MCC. Since they are old-timers, they took very good care of me, telling me what to eat and drink and speaking all the Spanish. Finally, tired, dusty, and irritable, we came around one last mountain — and there below us was Mexico City — with all its lights sparkling in the dusk!

Today I went over to the school to register. Saw a few familiar faces. My kid sister, an art major back home, had told me to look for Dick Jones from her classes. I asked one blond boy if he knew said Jones lad. "Know him? I am him! he told me.

Well! Mexico City furnishes everything from enchiladas to earthquakes! I'm glad the enchiladas predominate. When my straight chair began to rock and the chandelier to swing, I was ready to head for home. My room-mate, Lucille Sutton, sat terrified beside me. But the girls across the hall, Jeanette Anderson and Kathy Sias, didn't feel a thing!

School started. Nuff said.

Flowers! Flowers! Flowers! What a wonderful Sunday we spent at Xochimilco. Such luxury to ride along in a little boat amidst a glamorous panorama of sunshine, flowers and music. We saw Mr. and Mrs. Ken Shawver, Barbara East, Mel Bloom, Jerry Holt, and Lewis ("Sno") Holding in another boat. I was amazed to learn that the islands were once Aztec rafts anchored in the lake. They were covered with soil and vegetation and when the trees sent down roots, the rafts became permanent little islands. We came home loaded down with flowers.

Last night we went to a fiesta in a lovely Mexican home. We wanted to practice lots of Spanish and learn some Latin-American dances. To our amazement and amusement, the favorite record was Phil Harris's "Smoke, Smoke, Smoke" — and the whole gang sang all the words in English! After some brilliant (?!?) comment I'd made about Mexico, one young man asked, "But how do you know so much about Mexico?" I laughed and turn-about, asked, "Well, how do you know anything about the U. S.?" "I don't", he assured me, "except that it is up North and very cold and all had something to do with George Washington!

We visited Chapultepec Castle today. I'd like to ride about town in that terrific state carriage which belonged to Maximilian. I learned Chapultepec means "Grass-hopper Hill" so that explains the rountain in the garden centered by a huge grass-hopper. After we left the museum, I had a wild ride on the merry-go-round and a big wad of cotton candy—but no one would ride the double ferris wheel with me.

What a time we had on the school-planned tour to the pyramids! Such musical arrangements on the bus with solo by Dick Black! Who's this guy Como, anyway? Leave it to Margie Rehrson to climb the Pyramid of the Sun the hard way—without using the stairs! Someone asked a tiny Indian lad if the relics he had to sell were genuine and he was

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Casual Comments

By SETH SPAULDING

I feel very sorry for all those unknowing souls who believe the Marshall Plan will turn the Socialistic European countries to Democracy instead of letting them turn towards complete Communism as the trend has been until now. Evidently these people don't realize that as the Marshall Plan stands now, the money or credit given to foreign countries would be spent as seen fit by the partisan officeholders.

This means that with the present situation in Europe, the money given under the Marshall Plan would be used in the service of Socialism and Communism just as effectively as if Joe Stalin himself were the recipient.

Many unthinking people oppose aid to China because of the way such aid would be used by the corrupt Nationalist government in that country and yet condone the Marshall plan which would give money to be used as seen fit by the corrupt and socialistic governments of Europe. I say "unthinking peo-

ple" because with a little thought they would see that both situations are exactly the same. In this category can be placed Juan Cobre who, in his last column for this paper, expressed the above conflicting opinions.

Perhaps if my fellow columnist, Cobre, who now writes for another "rag", were not so pro-New Dealish, in his criticisms, he would have a little more respect for fearless men like Senator Taft, Harold Knutson of Minnesota, and Charles Halleck of Indiana; and, above all, the fearless Thomas Un-American Activities Committee, which has been making an up-hill climb to uncover all the dirt and filth that has infiltrated into our government during the last ten years.

ORCHIDS, and more orchids to the UN-AMERICAN ACTIVITIES COMMITTEE, and I fail to see how any real American can honestly criticize this noble Committee, with all the New Deal appointees and Communists opposing them with all their cheap and powerful propaganda.

As for Knutson and Halleck, I think we should be thankful that we have some statesmen who are for America, as well as for other countries, and who are studying this Marshall multi-billion-dollar expenditure contemplated in this great gamble with American wealth and natural resources.

Veterans

By MARGUERITE BELTRAN

V. A. Trickle. All quiet down at Paseo de la Reforma 64, third floor.

Is there a "chow-hound" in the house? Well there was last Tuesday night covering the meeting of the American Legion, at the American Club, Bolivar 31 at 1900. Commander Fred Bielsak wasn't present to welcome the few MCC students that were there, but the secretary stated that we have a permanent invitation to meetings and functions.

The V. A. of the American Embassy was well represented by Attache Mr. Barlow, Mr. Sommer, Mr. Farrel and Mr. Conner. Mr. Barlow feels that not enough of us were at the meeting. Of the female section only Miss Grethren Comstock, Miss Beatrice Dixon and myself of MCC were there and about ten males.

At the meeting questions about the new law for students visas came up. Colonel Gaither, ex-commander of the Legion here, stated that tourist cards could only be changed with 2000 pesos, but that the entering of students from the states with student visas, has been changed, so that it can be done in less time than with the previous old entrance law.

Movies were shown of the news highlights of 47 and the American Legion Parade of 1947 at New York.

Perhaps if I write of the food angle of the meeting, I can presage slightly a better turnout of MCCies at the next meeting. To wit... Self service of potato salad, chicken salad, stuffed ham rolls, Boston baked beans, fat juicy german sausages, pickles, olives, apple turnovers, raspberry tarts, washed down with highballs, countless cases of cool cold beer and for teetotalers, coffee and think of it... Gratis...

Pepsi Scholar Burt Plans Life In Mexico

By MARGUERITE BELTRAN

Who's got a Pepsi-Cola Scholarship around here? Why, she's pretty, blue-eyed, 5 ft. 7, twenty-year-old, Miss Betty Star Burt, from Portland, Oregon.

In September of 1945 the Pepsi-Cola Company started their nationwide scholar ships which have been given out since that date every year to talented senior high school students. The test for this scholarship are given in all towns, cities and hamlets to students that are selected by the faculty of their respective schools. The two highest grades of these exams from each state of the union, have the good fortune to have Pepsi pay their college education.

Betty, who won her scholarship in 1945, has been attending Stanford University, of California for her B. A. degree. Just recently the ban has been lifted so that students under the scholarship may study abroad and Betty was the first to leave the states with this new amendment.

Besides the paying of the school tuition, Pepsi pays the students 25 dollars subsistence monthly, (G I's, let's not gripe about our mere 65) and their transportation to and from school when their selected college is stateside.

There sure is a star in Betty's eyes when she talks about Mexico. Here only a short time, her desire upon graduating college, is to live and work in this country and eventually marry her Mexican "novio".

P. S. Coke is her favorite drink.

Egyptian Student Scoffs At Pyramids: Compares To Own

By RAYLYN CRABBE

Mahmond Youssef M. El Bassiouny, special student in art at MCC, has decided that Mexico just can't turn out pyramids like those in Egypt, his home country.

"Our pyramid Khufu is much taller than the Pyramid of the Sun," he boasts, "and it is made out of slabs of rock ten times bigger than the height of one step at Teotihuacan."

When the Egyptian government suddenly became more aware of the United States after the war it sent students there for graduate study. Among the first of these was Bassiouny who enrolled in the School of Fine Arts at Ohio State University last year.

He joined the Winter quarter group from there to MCC because "Mexico is so much like Egypt that her problems are similar."

Bassiouny is a native of Damietta, Egypt and a graduate of the Institute of Higher Education in Cairo. He taught at the Model Experiment School there and was selected for foreign study on the basis of his scholastic record.

He is now hard at work on research in fine arts and education leading to a Ph. D. degree.

The tall scholar from the land of camels and Cleopatra is pleased with the art in Mexico. He thinks that this is the only country where art really carries a message and he also believes that all kinds of art are useful communications for world understanding.

A speaker of three languages, Bassiouny is making Spanish his fourth. One of his favorite topics expressed this time in English, is bull fighting. He recently added to his other education by going to the ring but he was somewhat disappointed. "I expected to see ferocious animals," he recalled. "Instead I see this huge bull which runs away when it's chased by a band of small boys."

Grandpa Fennel's Nature Corner

And now, gentle readers, we are going to talk about size. Don't look stupid. We mean the obvious differences between animals are differences of size, but for some reason zoologists and presidential candidates have paid singularly little attention to them.

To begin this series, we will first discuss the advantages of size.

One of the most obvious is that it enables one to keep warm. All warm-blooded animals at rest lose the same amount of heat from a unit area, of skin, for which purpose they need a food supply proportional to their surface and not to their weight. Is this interesting?

Five thousand mice weigh as much as a man. (This thought may give some of my gentle readers nausea.) Their combined surface and food or oxygen consumption are about seventeen times a man's. In fact a mouse eats about one quarter its own weight of food every day, which is mainly used in keeping it warm, even though it wears a fur coat. . . .

This is why small animals cannot live in cold countries. In the arctic regions there are no reptiles or amphibians, and no small mammals; also, very few humans.

The smallest mammal in Spitzbergen (where is this?) is the fox.

Similarly, the eye is a rather inefficient organ until it reaches a large size.

The back of the human eye on which an image of the outside world is thrown, is composed of a mosaic of "rods and cones" whose diameter is little more than a length of an average light wave. Each eye has about a half a million, and for two objects to be distinguishable their images must fall on separate rods or cones.

It is obvious that with fewer, but larger, rods and cones we should see less distinctly. If they were twice as broad two points would have to be twice as far apart before we could distinguish them at a given distance.

But if their size were diminished and their number increased we should see no better. For it is impossible to form a definite image smaller than a wave-length of light.

Hence, a mouse's eye is NOT a small-scale model of a human eye. Its rods and cones are not much smaller than ours, and therefore there are far fewer of them.

A mouse could not distinguish one human face from another six feet away. (For you of my gentle readers that think you may have been identified while trapping mice to make the girl friend a fur coat, just remember you can beat the rap if you keep more than six feet away when they put you in the lineup; for the immediate family of the defunct mice can never recognize you.)

Such are a very few of the considerations that show we got a better deal, physically, than mice. As to whether or not we intellectually surpass them, I consider that as not my field; and I refer you to my good friend Juanito Cobre.

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