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MCC'S "KING OF THE KEYBOARD", Charles Sherell, pauses during a rehearsal of the coming college talent review to add a few lines to his score. With him are others who will appear in the show: Earl Austin, Mary Jo McKenna; Carol Coleman, director; Don Zirngable; and by the total number of credit hours to obtain the James Brotherton. Photo by Pat Murphy

Student Variety Show in Rehearsal

By Ward Sinclair

Some of Mexico City College's most talented performers have been lined up for the cast of the college talent review, which is to be presented February 23 and 24 at 2 p. m. in the Little Theater.

Carol Coleman, the Haddonfield, New Jersey sophomore who was probably the standout of Studio Stages' fall production of "Bad Seed", has been appointed director of this quarter's Studio Stages show.

Before transferring to MCC last year, Miss Coleman handled several student musical productions while attending Gettysburg College in Gettysburg, Pennsylvania.

There is still a demand for student helpers to work backstage and to handle lighting details. Admission will be one peso for each student and faculty member.

So far, Miss Coleman has scheduled 10 numbers, which include everything from Mexican dancing to a jazz combo to a magic act.

Ben Ware, who also starred in "Bad Seed", is to be a soloist, as is Eleanor Wilson. Paul Durege will display his talents in the magic field and Red Brotherton will give a dance routine.

Mirthful Pete Arnott, a campus favorite with his banjo and patter antics, will again be on stage; and there are to be three couples doing Mexican dances, a soft shoe and tap dance act, a vocal quartet and a five-piece combo. Acts in ventriloquism and monologue may be added to the program.

The show is being supervised by David Roberts, director of Studio Stages.

Laboratories To Be Constructed

Preliminary excavation for the new classroom building is expected to be under way by the time this issue of the *Collegian* comes off the press. Plans call for nine classrooms, two science laboratories, a psychology laboratory, three offices, a "bodega", and sanitary facilities. The structure will be "L" shaped and built in two stories.

Although it was originally planned to try to have the work completed by September, the Administrative Council will experiment with two shifts of workmen in an effort to get at least some of the rooms ready by the summer.

Completion of the new building will mean that classes now meeting in Building Four and Building One will be installed in bright and modern rooms similar to those in Building Seven. The land in front of the classrooms will be properly landscaped to add another attractive garden spot to the campus.

First Dean's List Issued

To give recognition to students with high scholastic averages, a new policy has been set by Mildred Allen, Dean of Undergraduate Studies. A Dean's List will be issued each quarter which will include undergraduate students in attendance for a minimum of three quarters who have a quality-point average of 2.2 or better for the last two quarters.

Each quarter hour of credit with a grade of A merits three points; a grade of B means two points; and a grade of C one. A D earns no points. The number of quality points achieved is divided by the total number of credit hours to obtain the scholastic standing of the student.

Following are the students who have been included in the first Dean's List: John Francis Backer, Robert Longshore Barnett, Benjamin Haggott Beckhart, Robert Harville Bishop, Stephen Alfred Brennen, Robert Cary Byerly, María Laura Castañeda, Philip Thomas Cox, Eloy John Eckman, Paul Ernest Egelhaaf, Tor Eigeland, Robert Livingston Hadley, Angelette Fisher Harris, Nancie Jean Harris, Donald Leo Hartenfield, Fred Gerald Hensey, James R. Jaquith, Vernon Johnson, Thomas Edgar Knutson, Henry David O'Malie, Max García Peña, Donn Elmer Pohren, James Ray Price, Beatriz Rosas, Russell Walter Schumacher, Helen May Shader, Michael Edward Sheil, Calvin Howard Smith, Cesar Humberto Torres, William Glen Valentine, Jolan Adele Vaughn, James Joseph Whiteford and Robert Lewis Wroe.

Annual Valentine Dance Set for Next Saturday

Always one of the most popular dances of the year, the annual Valentine's Dance, sponsored by the MCC *Clases de Inglés* in the Extension Division, will be held on Saturday, February 18, at the Club Riviera from 10 p. m. to 3 a. m.

Paco Moncado's two orchestras will furnish continuous music for the event. His bands are equally expert on North American dance tunes and Latin American rhythms, including the Cuban cha-cha-cha.

Sale of tickets is limited to 2,000 and may be purchased at the offices of the Extension Division at San Luis Potosí 154 or in the Spanish office in Building Seven. Tickets for a couple are 20 pesos, and singles are 15 pesos. Dress for the fiesta will be informal. Door prizes will be given.

Office Offers Job Service

William Rodgers, director of the Foreign Trade Center, wishes to inform students that the Placement Service is available for all who wish aid in obtaining interviews in connection with future employment. The Placement Service has been operating under the control of Mr. Rodgers since last September and in recent months has arranged interviews for Mexico City College students.

The service is not restricted to foreign trade majors; students interested in teaching assignments or graduate study may consult Mr. Rodgers for information.

College Discussed On Radio Program

"Mexico City College's Place in the Local Community", was the topic discussed by Dr. Paul V. Murray on Churchill Murray's Anglo-American Community Hour over station XEL last Tuesday.

In the informal, question-answer type of interview, Dr. Murray brought out the various ways in which Mexico City College contributes to the local community—culturally, economically and otherwise.

Dr. Murray explained that some of the contributions the College is making to the community include preparing future teachers, helping to educate the local people, and contributing to the Anglo-American colony's activities in art, music, literature and the theatre. Students with degrees from MCC are also making their presence strongly felt in local business enterprises.

He cited various figures to support MCC's economic contribution to the community, stating that the College's payroll for all

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DR. PAUL V. MURRAY, President of Mexico City College, is being introduced by the announcer during a recent Anglo-American Community Hour on station XEL when he was the featured guest speaker. The program is produced and directed by Mr. Churchill Murray (right). Photo by Pat Murphy

EVENTS

FEB. 10-13. WQIM trip to Puebla, Fortin de las Flores and Vera Cruz. Busses leave Diana Friday, 1 p. m.

FEB. 12. Explorers Club's Taxco Spelunking Expedition. Meet at the Diana, 8 a. m.

FEB. 18. Valentine Ball, Club Riviera, 10 p. m. to 3 a. m.

FEB. 23-24. Student Variety Show, 2 p. m. in the College Theatre.

FEB. 24. Sadie Hawkins Dance, Loma Linda 9 p. m. Tickets 10 pesos per couple.

MEETINGS

STUDENT COUNCIL meets every Monday, 2 p. m. in Room 83.

LAES meets every Monday, 8 p. m. at the American Club.

EXPLORERS CLUB meets every Wednesday, 3 p. m. in Room 1.

NEWMAN CLUB meets every Thursday, 7:45 p. m. at Lucerna 71.

Have You Heard . . .

"Have you heard the Student Council has a secret Morals Committee and that if they report you for anything you'll be kicked out of school?" Well, if you haven't heard that particular rumor, you can take your pick; there are plenty more around.

Rumors, it's interesting to note, usually have something "bad" to say; you hardly ever hear a "good" rumor. Certainly if we repeat the current "Morals Committee" rumor we're not only undermining the Student Council and making it more difficult for them to do their job, but we're saying harmful things about the school, administration and, indirectly, about ourselves. How this rumor started no one knows, for investigation proved there is no such committee.

The difficult thing about rumors is that their source is almost impossible to trace, and once started are hard to stop. It's so easy to say "I heard", or "They say", but it would be so much better if we asked, "Where have

you heard?", or "Who says?", whenever we come across one of these malignant rumors. The only defense we have against rumors is to stop them before they get started; and that much we owe each other, for a rumor almost always hurts somebody.

There's a story about a man who started a rumor and wanted to mend his ways. He went up to the local wise man and asked, "Master, I have started a rumor, how shall I repent?" And the wise man said, "Go thee to the highest hill and empty this bag of feathers." The rumor-monger did as he was told and returned to the wise man saying, "I have done as you ordered master, am I forgiven?" And the wise man slowly looked up from his meditation, and fixing the penitent in his steady gaze said, "Gather again into the bag each feather, for only then can you be forgiven."

D. B.

President's Desk

The opportunity we were given on January 24 to say something about the college's place in the community caused us to do some research that produced rather surprising statistics. We had known that a number of local people had received one or more degrees



but we had not realized that over a hundred local residents were in this group. Right here at the college 35 people connected with the administration or who are on the faculty either hold MCC degrees or did considerable study in our classrooms. There was not time enough to develop all the facets of the theme of local contribution, especially in its cultural aspects. I should like to have been able to say more about what our art department has done, both as a center of training and through expositions; what the chorus has meant in music; how Studio Stages shared—and shares—in the development of the English-speaking theater in Mexico; and how our Writing Center, over five years ago, was the pioneer in its field. Perhaps up to now our work in some of these fields has been seed planting rather than crop harvesting but the day is not far distant when all our hard work will bear good fruit.

On the economic side—the contribution the college makes to the commercial life of the community—we were again astounded to note that total payrolls exceeded three and a half million pesos annually. We had often figured what our students contributed—some additional million pesos quarterly or four million annually. Then it is reasonably easy to show that the college spends another million for goods and services each twelve months. Certainly any institution that moves ten million pesos into the commercial arteries of the community every year has reason to believe that its material contributions are as important as its spiritual, cultural, and moral help to local progress. There is an old saying that "A prophet is without honor in his own country", but I believe the day has come when MCC will receive the honor which is its due right here in its own backyard.

Pope Pius XII has already taken his place among the most illustrious of his predecessors. His ability to speak with authority on an extremely wide variety of topics has made his addresses outstanding guide posts for a world adrift in a sea of doubt. How strange it must seem to some to hear the Pope speak about the lawfulness of painless childbirth in an age that glorifies pain killers, that avoids suffering as the plague, that seriously entertains

the idea of euthanasia because it "puts people out of their misery" (like horses with a broken leg!) or relieves their relatives from the burden of caring for them. Over and above the social and scientific aspects of pain at childbirth, the Pope focussed attention on the moralistic aspect connected with the Biblical injunction that women should bring forth their children in pain and suffering. For many this approach to child-bearing will seem anachronistic indeed; but for those to whom the Bible is still the Word of God the Pope's address will be full of significance and profundity. Pain is as much a part of living as is pleasure but our age seems to have forgotten—or at least seems to want to forget—this realistic aspect of life. Pius XII has once more called upon us to face up to our responsibilities as human beings and heirs of Heaven.

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Recent Reading—A surprising number of my friends went on the wagon after reading Lillian Roth's alcoholic best seller, *I'll Cry Tomorrow*. It is nothing new to those who know what Demon Rum can do to a human being but it contains a great tribute to Alcoholics Anonymous and, indirectly, to a beautiful woman (I remember her in "The Vagabond King") who fought back from the depths of degradation... Why Vivian Connell's *The Golden Sleep* sold a million copies in England I do not quite understand. The story gets blurred more often than it makes sense and has little of the fine writing one generally associates with Irish writers... John Masters tells a revealing story of the India he loves in *Bhowani Junction*. The riots we are reading about today show that all India's problems were not solved when the British went home to Blighty... Taylor Caldwell's *Your Sins And Mine* is not a sex book, so don't be fooled. It is, however, worth reading if only to help you realize what could happen if nature rebelled against man... Charles Einstein's *Wiretap* will probably keep you from telling even your wife that you love her (on the phone, I mean)... Routine thrillers are Robert Martin's *The Widow And The Web*; Hillary Waugh's *A Rag And A Bone*; and Harold R. Daniels' *In His Blood* (reads more like a Freudian case history). All three are practically guaranteed to put you to sleep with ease and despatch.

A Girl for the Harrises

A daughter, who has been named Holly, was born to Mr. and Mrs. James Harris on January 24. The baby weighed three kilos 100 grams.

Both parents are students at MCC. Nan is a former editor of the *Collegian*, and Jim is studying in the Writing Center.

Presenting Mexico

By Marilú Pease



Carnival in Tepoztlan

The four days of Carnival, which take place just before Lent, can be enjoyed in various parts of Mexico. This year the dates are from February 11 to 14, Saturday to Tuesday. Monday and Tuesday are not school holidays, but this need not deprive anyone from seeing something truly different.

Tepoztlán, the small village a half hour's ride from Cuernavaca, is where the CHINELOS dance. Wearing colorful costumes, huge head-dresses and strange masks with beards, and carrying large standards, they approach the main square from various sections of the village in groups, each with its own musicians.

Once inside the square they dance, sometimes one group alone, sometimes various groups at the same time. The dancing and parading start around 4 o'clock, and go on until late at night. After dark fireworks add to the gaiety of the occasion. The dances are repeated on all four days of the Carnival, so it should be easy to watch them either Saturday or Sunday... and thus avoid cutting classes.

Nine Years Ago

By Anne Kempton
FROM THE MEXICO CITY COLLEGE CONQUISTADOR OF 1947

Twenty-five students, most of them from Ohio State University, arrived in Mexico City on Saturday evening for the winter quarter. After a six-day bus ride that had them somewhat groggy they still were quite pleased with all that they had seen on the way down.

Worms instead of goldfish were the college rage at MCC, gusanos, that is: "nice clean little worms that never leave their maguery habitat!"

MCC women generally didn't agree or approve of the "New Look" in longer dresses, despite a fashion show at Sanborn's which advocated "Throw out your last year's wardrobe. It simply won't do at all."

Great plans were ahead for enlarging MCC's new art center at

Insurgentes and Coahuila. "We're even planning flowers in the windows", said art director Merle Wachter.

The American Travel Association announced that they would cash subsistence checks for Mexico City College students at the bank rate of 4.85 pesos per dollar.

Kuku's Restaurant had "a roast duck dish that made homespun efforts look like pemmican". Briskin played the violin upstairs in the old Viennese style, while "most of the gang hung out downstairs because of the big fat jarras of beer for 60 centavos".

MCC had a new instructor, Fernando Horcasitas, who taught Spanish 101 A and B, 102 A, and 103 A and B. Besides teaching at the College, Horcasitas was studying at the Facultad de Filosofía y Letras of the Universidad de México.

ALUMNI NOTES

Ramón Batista, B. A. '55, is at Ohio State University's School of Social Administration. Batista is working toward his M. A. in social studies while serving as a cottage parent at the Columbus Juvenile Diagnostic Center.

Asa (Ace) Butterfield, who left MCC in June, '55, is now an advertising traffic manager for a San Francisco corporation. September 26, 1955 saw the arrival of Penelope Anne, a new addition to the Butterfield family.

An assistant professor of speech and journalism at the University of Kansas, Wilson Bryan Key, Jr., M. A. '51, is presently translating *Science and Sanity* by Alfred Korzybski into Spanish and teaching radio and television production.

Paz Berruecos, here from September '53 to March '55, is now studying Audiology at the Central Institute for the Deaf in St. Louis, Missouri. Señorita Berruecos is the first Mexican to pursue this field of study in the U. S.

Seymour Barkowitz, here June '47-June '48, is now teaching at the Balboa High School in the Canal Zone. Barkowitz spent part of 1953-54 traveling in Spain on a Ford Foundatin fellowship.

Harry Tiber, B. A. '52, is leaving soon to work as an industrial engineer in San Paulo, Brazil.

William Epstein (better known to his readers as Bill Dalzell) here for the W. Q. '49, has just recently returned from Australia. Free-lancing Bill was grinding out copy "Down Under" for the nationally syndicated *Sydney Morning Herald*.

Bruce Remick, M. A. '53, is a probation officer in Detroit, Michigan, and may be a campus visitor sometime this month.

Kurt Bachmann, B. A. '52, is in Columbia with CARE.

Editor of the *Collegian* some five years ago, Johnny Endsley recently made a trip to the orient returning home via a trip around the world.

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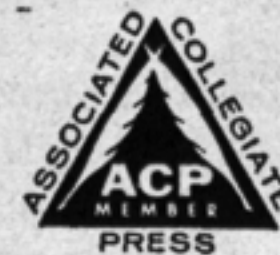
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New MCC Catalog, Handbook Due Soon

By Don Biggs

MCC's new catalog will be ready for distribution to present and prospective students by March 15. Dr. Frank Savage, who coordinated the new issue, stated that the 1956-1957 catalog is the result of close cooperation between the graduate and undergraduate schools, the business office and the public relations department.

"We've found that most of our inquiries come in during the spring when many forward-thinking high school graduates begin to plan their future educational programs", said Dr. Savage when explaining the catalog's early publication date. "Even though we've made every effort to keep the format much the same as in the past, the catalog has taken some two months to prepare. Though there will be a new series of campus photographs the only notable difference will be the date on the cover."

Another MCC publication, the Student Council's MCC Handbook, is due to be ready this spring. The handbook hasn't been published since MCC moved from its old location on Calle San Luis Potosí. Always popular with the MCC student body, the pocket size handbook has been a sort of unofficial bible on the whys and wherefores of life and study in Mexico.

In addition to standard information on school and government regulations, housing and student activities, the new handbook will have a completely up-

to-date section covering bus schedules, religious services and many of the cultural attractions in Mexico City.

Six Librarians Visit Campus

MCC's library was visited recently by the library director of the National University of Mexico. He was accompanied by five of the University's library department heads, two of whom are former MCC students and library employees.

Sr. Tobías Chávez, head of the 11 story building, announced during his visit that his library is expected to open sometime this month. He was very impressed with the MCC library and the campus in general, according to Mrs. Mary Parsons, MCC librarian.

Of special interest to the visitors was the circulation department. University officials are considering releasing books for use outside of the library, a practice previously prohibited in Mexico because a librarian is personally responsible for all books.

The assistants, all of whom have had library schooling in the U. S. were: Srtas. Guadalupe Monroy and Alicia Perales and Sres. Surya Peniche de Mae Gregor, Pedro Zamora and Rafael Vélez. Zamora attended MCC in 1950 and Vélez received a B. A. degree in 1949.



PART OF THE RELIGIOUS procession of residents of the State of Mexico is shown in its trek along the Toluca road on its way to the shrine of the Virgin of Guadalupe. The break in the ranks is a separation between the women and the men. Photo by Bob Brooks

Students See Procession of Pilgrims

A processional of religious pilgrims from the State of Mexico, estimated to be 45,000 strong, filed past the College recently on its way to the Basilica of the Virgin of Guadalupe in Mexico City.

The group left Toluca in a body after natives from various smaller towns around the state capital met there. During each year, every state in Mexico is represented at the Basilica by such a procession.

Motorists throughout the city were slowed to a crawl by the line, which stretched almost four miles, on its way to pay tribute to the Virgin, the Patron Saint of Mexico.

It was believed that this year's caravan was the largest in recent years from the State of Mexico. The largest processional to the shrine is in December, however. Citizens come to Mexico City by almost every means of transportation from all over the Republic to honor Guadalupe.

Graduate Record Exams March 1,2

Mrs. J. Price, Director of Educational Services, announces that the Graduate Record Examination for March candidates for the B. A. degree will be held on March 1 and 2 in room 82. Students are requested not to bring books or note paper; they should bring only fountain pens.

Attendance at both examinations is obligatory.

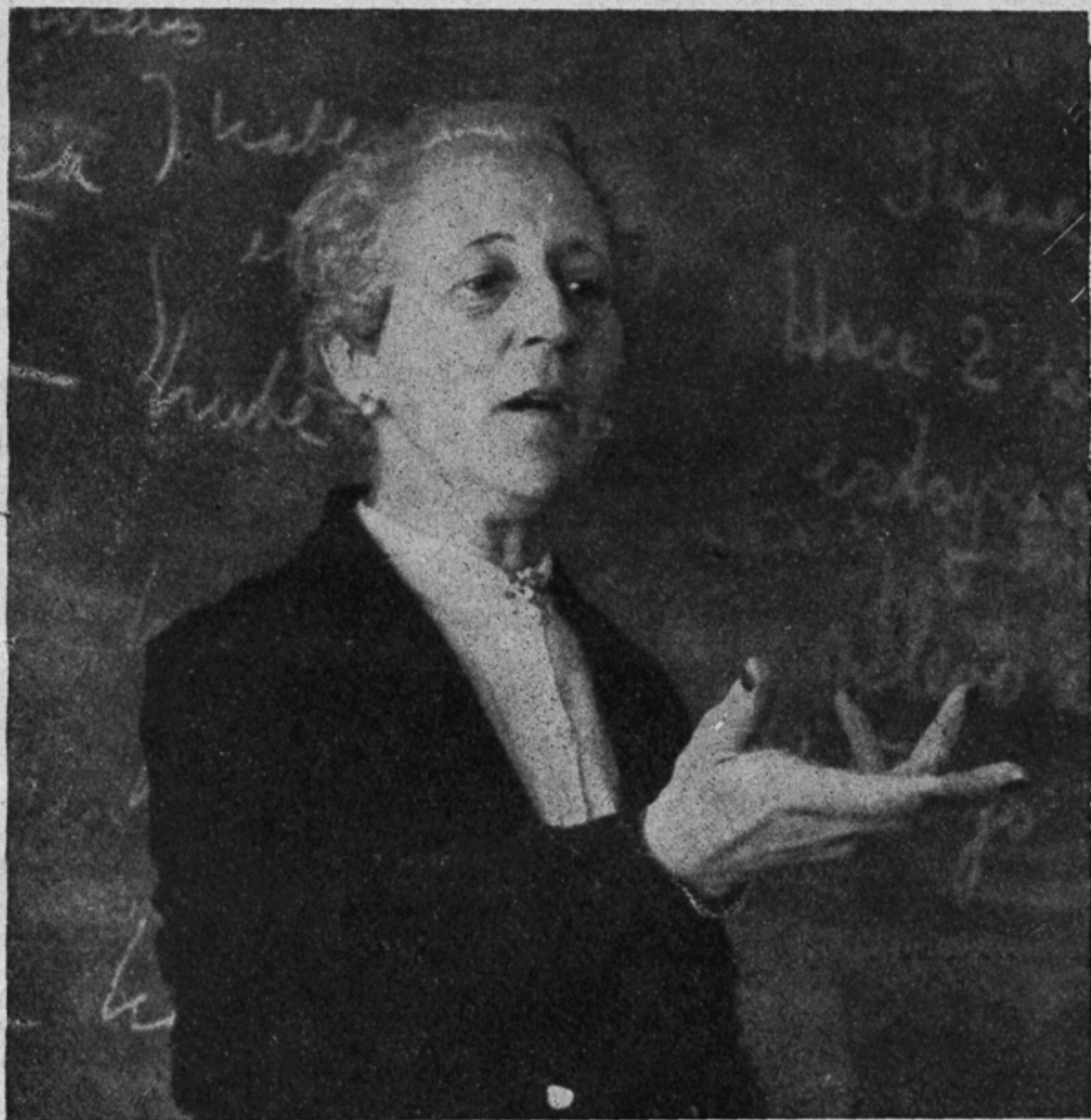
Results of the graduate examination of December 7 and 8 are now available. Any student interested in his score may see Mrs. Price in her office daily from 11 to 12.

Former Staffer Safran, Fiancee Guests at Fete

Suzie Corren, who attended MCC last term, and Don Safran, former staff member of the Collegian, recently engaged, were honored last week by members of the Press Club at the home of Paulette Eddy.

A spaghetti dinner and cocktails were served. Slides from Yucatan were shown by Dean Warren.

Teacher Begins Her Eleventh Year Here



Mrs. Carmen Rivas

Photo by Pat Murphy

By Wilma Barlow

Mrs. Carmen Rivas, associate professor of Hispanic languages and literature, is this term beginning her eleventh year of teaching Spanish at MCC. Many changes have taken place since she conducted her first class of seven students in the library of the old American High School.

Mrs. Rivas was born in Spain and attended the German School in Madrid, Instituto de San Isidro, and Normal School there. She then went, as an exchange student, to Vassar. Following this, she remained in the United States teaching at Wellesley College.

After six years she returned to Spain and married the brother-in-law of the then future President Azaña. With the rise of Franco's government in 1936, she and her husband went to Geneva, Switzerland where Mr. Rivas was apprehended as a political prisoner and condemned to death. In 1941 Mrs. Rivas came to Mexico via the United States, and in 1947 Mr. Rivas was liberated and joined his wife in Mexico.

At present the Rivas live in Colonia San Rafael and have four grown children, one of whom will soon receive his Ph.D. in Romance languages at the University of California at Berkeley. Mr. Rivas is a writer and theatrical director. Mrs. Rivas

enjoys cooking French dishes and, in her spare time, she's attempting to reassemble her rare stamp collection which was taken by the Germans.

Mrs. Rivas feels that her goal as a teacher is to develop the interest of the students in Spanish as well as to teach them grammar and the intricate Spanish subjunctive!

DISTINGUISHED EDUCATOR DIES

Srta. Ida. Appendini, one of Mexico's most distinguished teachers of literature, was buried on January 21 in the Panteón Civil. She was a leading authority in Italian literature and had taught several courses in the Latin American field here at the College.

The faculty, administration, and students join her father and family in mourning her loss.

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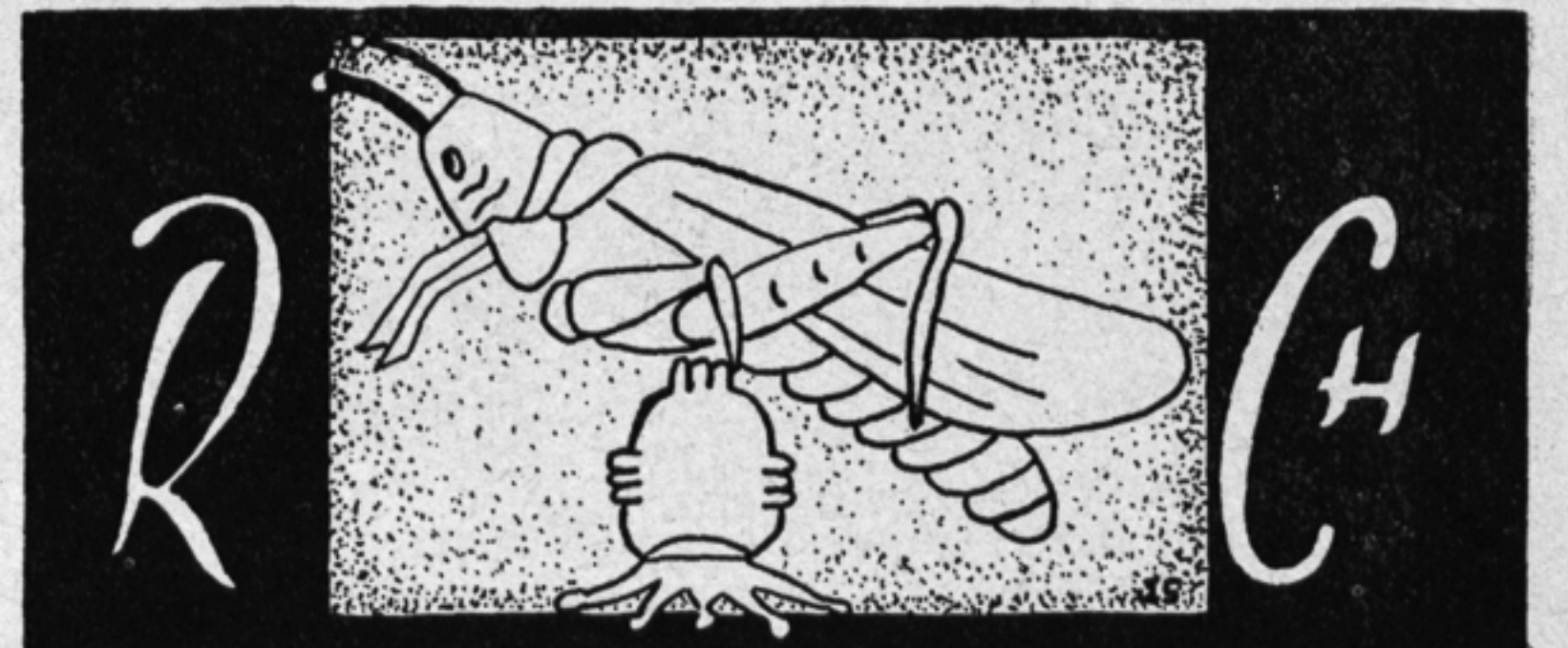
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MEXICO THIS MONTH

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BEING SERVED FREE coffee and doughnuts by Joan Vaughn (right) are Margaret Setterlin and Jody Gard (left to right) at the recent student center "Open House". Hal Hiser, president, and Jack Farris, vice-president of the student council were in charge. Later in the day a mixer dance was given on the terrace. Photo by Pat Murphy



During the period of the Aztec dominance in Mexico the hill on which Chapultepec castle now stands was inhabited by Chapulines, and the mound thus became known as Chapultepec. Tepec being the Nahuatl word for hill.

Restaurant Chapultepec

New modern restaurant and rotisserie.

Table and fountain service from breakfast to that after-theatre snack.

Paseo de la Reforma 509

At the Diana Statue

Dodging forest fires, wading in neck deep water and climbing mountains in loafers have dotted the colorful history of Mexico City College's Explorers Club. What is this dangerous business?

A fellow named Bill Stewart started it all. Two years ago he had never climbed a mountain, much less did he consider himself an explorer. But after ascending "Popo" several times with MCCer Don Kollmar, Stewart decided that MCC should have an excursionist organization. And thus was founded the Explorers Club.

At first the club restricted its activities to Mexico's three highest peaks: "Popo", Ixtaccihuatl and Citlaltepctl (Orizaba). But after two quarters and a membership rise to 30 members, the club began to operate trips every other weekend—from spelunking expeditions (cave exploring) to sightseeing tours—with a strenuous volcanic climb once a month. In addition to climbing the three volcanoes, club members visited such sites as the cave at Acuitlalpan, the cascades and the underwater river of San Gerónimo, as well as Ajusco and Toluca peaks, Xochimilco and Desert of the Lions.

Some individuals have contributed much to the club's lore. Eber Glendenning, for instance, was a 1954-55 selection as outstanding athlete of the year for his alpinist record. He climbed both "Popo" and "Ixta" in less than 24 hours. During his reign as club president he piloted the group up one of the "Three Highest" every weekend.

During the past summer it was John Hobgood who led the group to such interesting sites as Malinche, and Tepozotlan in the state of Morelos.

Founder Stewart has led 10 trips to Popocatepetl. But the laurels probably go to one of the feminine members for the most remarkable achievement. Kathi Ingram is her name and her feat was making the 15 hour "Ixty" ascent—in loafers.

How about the most memorable experience? For the answer we asked Bill Stewart. His answer: "Take your pick".



EXPLORERS CLUB TOPS

BY
Fred Lauerman

It might be one of the "Popo" trips when the group fought winds estimated at 180 miles an hour at the crater. Or it might be the time the group was lost in the woods and hills amid small forest fires for over nine hours. "And this", says Stewart, "after wading for four hours through water up to our necks in the underground river near Taxco.

"Our three Orizaba expeditions are infamous for the long burro rides to reach base camp", Stewart recalls. "The last one took nine hours each way—mostly at night through very rugged terrain.

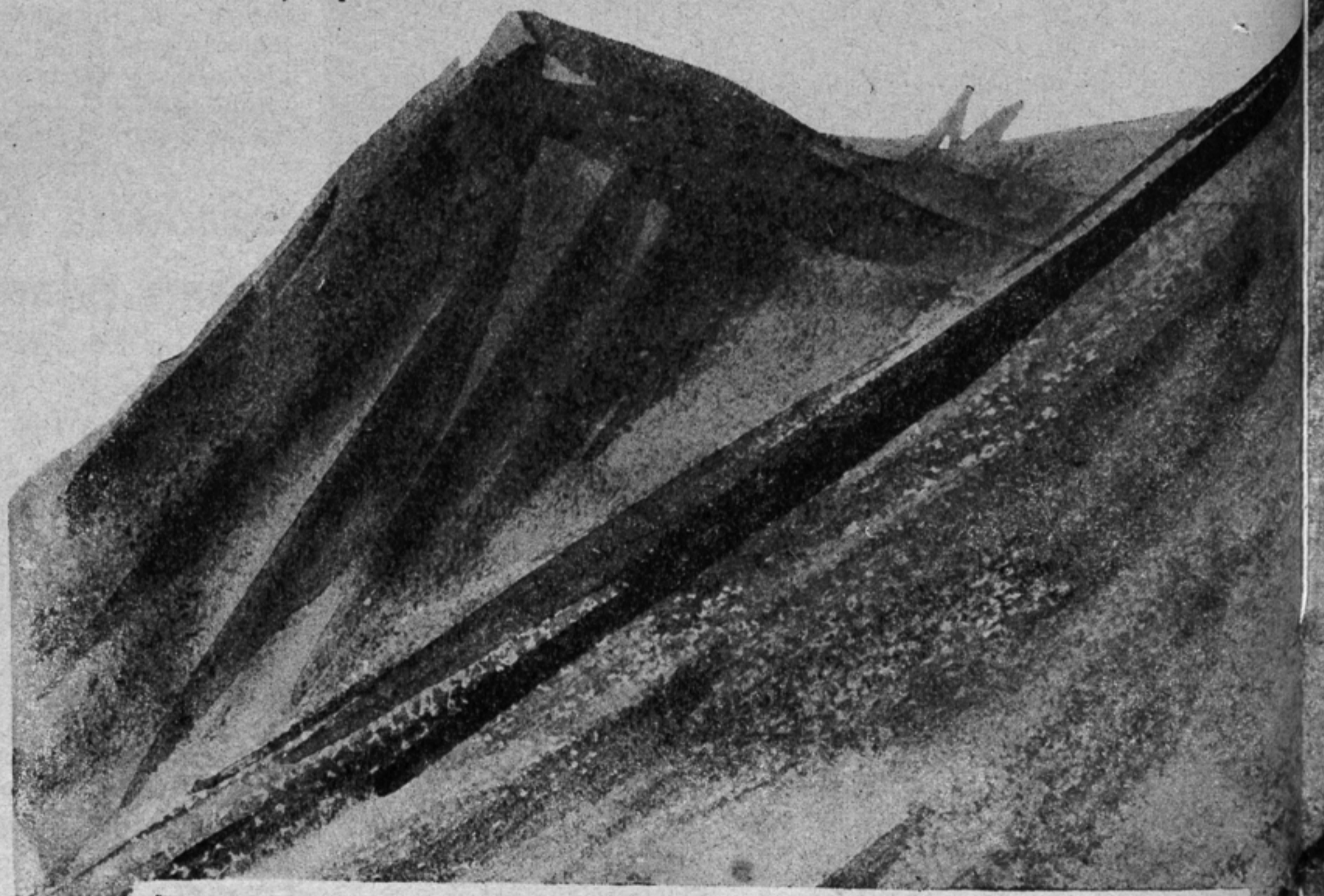
"But I'll always remember the first Orizaba trip as the most outstanding. There were only four of us and we went in Henry Dyches car, subsequently ruined by the bad roads. It was about the only car in a town of 5,000 population (Esperanza, Puebla). At night, the *presidente* of the town provided each of us with a bodyguard armed with a Springfield rifle for protection against the 'bandidos'!"

It is doubtful that there would be enough rifles to repeat the performance of this particular incident. But the club members, now numbering 250, can look forward to similar adventures, for in the understatement of Stewart: "The unusual and unexpected occur on every trip."



READYING HIS MOUNTAIN GEAR while Gail Corbett and Jim Enochs look on is Bill Stewart, founder of the Mexico City College Explorers Club. Stewart regularly leads student climbers over some of Mexico's highest and most exciting mountain slopes.

Photo by Pat Murphy



THIRTY-THREE MEMBERS recently piled aboard this chartered bus and headed out Popocatepetl way. Part of the group, led by vice-president Bob Brooks, made up a photo caravan and visited the picturesque Cañada de Nexpayantla. John Hobgood and Haddon Hertel were guides for those who climbed Popo. Five successfully reached the crater on this excursion.

Photo by Bob Brooks



EXPLORERS CLUB PRESIDENT Haddon Hertel and historian Jack Linton on top of Citlaltepēt (Orizaba), Mexico's highest peak. Citlaltepēt is also third highest in North America, exceeded only by Mt. McKinley in Alaska and Mt. Logan in Yukon Territory. Photo by Bob Brooks



TAKING A BREAK ABOVE THE CLOUDS on the snow covered slope of Popo is Tom Gibson, Explorers' Club treasurer. Photo by Tom Lenz

MEXICAN PEAKS



REACHING THE SNOWLINE, Tom Lenz contemplates Popocatepetl's lofty heights while other members of the party continue on up the trail. On this particular trip, the climbers encountered snow well below Las Cruces, a rest point about one-third of the way up the volcano. Photo by Bill Stewart



INSIDE THE CRATER at the top of Popocatepetl stands this MCC explorer. Smoke issues from the smaller crater in the center of the large one, to the left, proving that Popo is still very much alive. Photo by Tom Lenz



SEVEN CARLOADS OF EXPLORERS made up the first excursion of the winter quarter. Taken just before the group started the practice hike up Ajusco, this photo shows all but those from one car, whose occupants took another route. Photo by Bob Brooks

Know Your Faculty

Librarian Parsons Joins MCC Staff

Vivacious and attractive Mrs. Mary Dudley Parsons, MCC's new librarian, comes to the College with a wealth of experience in her field and a modern approach to library problems.

A native daughter of California ("one of the few"), Mrs. Parsons graduated from the University of California at Berkeley with a B. A. degree in library science. Her goal was teaching but she was married shortly after graduation and married teachers were frowned upon.

"Apparently no one cared whether a librarian was married", she recalled with a smile, "so to the library I went".

She was first employed at the Oakland California public library for six months, then moved to the library of her alma mater as junior assistant. She was there in various departments while her husband was in Alaska with the army.

Upon his return the Parsons spent three years traveling while he was assigned to army posts throughout the U. S., and during this period she worked a short time in the San Antonio, Texas library.

When the war ended they returned to Berkeley and Mrs. Parsons returned to the UC library, this time as head of the education library.

Leaving Berkeley, the Parsons moved to Mexico, where Mr. Parsons is engaged in the food dehydration business.

The keeper of the books is proud of MCC's library. Says

she: "In some fields it is really exceptionally good." Examples given: anthropology, Spanish history, bibliography section in the reference department. And of course she is pleased with the recently completed addition which seats 40 students.

What about the common library problems such as silence, smoking and fines?

"I remember the day", Mrs. Parsons said, "when the UC students complained about the librarians making noise". But apart from that, she stated that modern librarians feel that whispers are more distracting than low murmurs and that students can't work in absolute silence.

"A normal amount of noise is all right", she admitted, "but please don't construe this to mean we want everyone talking".

Why can't people smoke in a library? "Ask the insurance companies", she answered.

"Now about those fines. They are not to make money, just to get the books back so someone else can use them." MCC's library is unique in that it has a U-Can-Charge system for fines.

As for the future of the library, Mrs. Parsons hopes to "continue to maintain its excellence in its outstanding fields, build up what's lacking and secure more back sets of periodicals". The library presently has over 18,000 volumes, with 250 periodical subscriptions. There are four professionally trained librarians in the building, with nine student assistants.



Mary Dudley Parsons
Photo by Don Biggs

MURRAY ON RADIO...

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divisions was about 3 1/2 million pesos annually and that each student spends a minimum of \$100 (U. S. currency) each quarter, besides the amount of money the College itself spends on goods and services bought in the community. He also mentioned the commercial classes in the MCC Extension Division which furnish stenographers and secretaries for the local business community. President Murray felt that MCC's influence would make itself felt hemispherically and internationally as its graduates and former students go into business, industry, banking, government, politics, teaching, social work, the arts and the various other fields for which they have been prepared at the College.

In answer to what would happen to MCC when the Korean GI bill ends, Dr. Murray replied that he felt confident that at least 1,000 of the 2,750,000 college students from the States would welcome the chance to study south of the border. Publicity through the *Collegian*, press releases, catalogs and recommendations by former students have brought increasing interest in the school throughout the 48 states. He stated that MCC sends a field secretary to the States to take care of the increasing interest in the College and that the admissions office receives an average of from 20 to 25 inquiries per day, which it tries to answer in 24 hours.

The background of MCC's faculty was also brought out, showing that it was predominately Mexican and Spanish, with a good number from the U. S. as well; that they tended to be a young group, probably not averaging over 35 years of age.

Mexican Government Thanks College

Appreciation for relief assistance was conveyed to MCC recently by the Mexican government.

College administration, faculty and students contributed financial aid to a fund for the thousands of victims made homeless last fall by the floods.

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By Fred Lauerman

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With this ad in the Nippon (Japan) Times and \$200 in his pocket, MCC senior Tom O'Donnell began a new chapter in his book of study of foreign peoples.

O'Donnell, economics major from Baldwin, N. Y., has traveled a good part of the world in his 25 years, following what might be described as "calculated impulses". And he didn't always have \$200 in his pocket.

It was a high school diploma in 1948, a little knowledge of Spanish and the desire to travel that moved him to a job on a banana boat run from Miami to Havana, Cuba. Saving enough money for travel, he spent the rest of a year touring South America.

When the money ran out he returned to New York where he attended the Latin American Institute in New York City, specializing in commerce. Summers he attended the National University in Mexico City, brushing up on his Spanish and delving more into economics.



Tom O'Donnell
Photo by Pat Murphy

After a stint in a New York bank he received his greetings from the President of the U. S., in English, and the army being accommodating sent him to Korea. "Cheapest travel yet", he recalls.

While in Korea, O'Donnell conducted his own school—teaching English to Koreans and incidentally learning Korean from the students. With an Irishman's inherent ability to become a native in any land, he became a regular in tea shops and restaurants, constantly studying the country and its people. His observations: "Filthy and dirty, but I liked it."

But it apparently didn't like him, for he contacted yellow jaundice and was evacuated to Japan. When cured he was discharged at Camp Drake, Japan, in July 1954 with a pair of pants, a shirt, a jacket and those 200 dollars.

"I was interested in Japan", he recalls, "and so decided to spend some time there. But I'll

be frank in admitting", he added, "that avoiding a troopship ride home was of no small consequence in my decision to stay".

The want ad in the *Times*, an English language publication, brought two replies: one from a German artist who wanted O'Donnell's assistance in selling wood carvings and etchings in army camps. The second was from the Argentine embassy.

"For some reason army camps didn't interest me", says O'Donnell, "so I took the Argentine position".

And a position it was, for he became assistant to the economic advisor. He was in charge of economic reports, translating English language commerce publications into Spanish. Living the life of a diplomat worked no hardship on him.

"I thoroughly enjoyed Japan", O'Donnell recalls, "and did what I could to cheer up a gloomy Argentine embassy". And needless to say the rest of the time was spent in the study of the Japanese people and their language.

So armed with English and Spanish and some Korean and Japanese, O'Donnell returned to the U. S. in July of 1954 after eight months in Japan and came to Mexico City College. He expects to graduate this quarter and hopes to find a place in commerce somewhere in Latin America.

What does he do between classes? He has seen practically all of Mexico and that teacher's training is utilized by his teaching Spanish at Queen Elizabeth School in Mexico City. And as if that weren't enough, he also gives private Spanish lessons.

Membership Drive Launched by LAES

The Latin American Economic Society (LAES), organized for the purpose of acquainting economic students with the economic aspects of Mexican life, is renewing its campaign for membership, according to Nick Fintzelberg, group publicity director.

One of the oldest organizations on campus, the group meets weekly with Mexican and American businessmen as speakers. Bi weekly field trips are made to points of interest in the city.

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Extension Division Boss Always Busy

By Ward Sinclair

When Donlon Havener entered the University of Toronto back in the 1930's, one of his greatest dislikes was the required English courses—which included studying Shakespeare for an hour every day for two years.

Then a cape-wearing, desk-top-orating professor who took the parts of Shakespeare's characters instilled such an interest in literature in the young Verona, New York, student that he decided to major in English and go into the teaching profession.

Havener since that time has taught at Mexico City College, Syracuse University and the Cultural-Relations Institute in Mexico City, and is now Director of the MCC Extension Division, an organization which presently is orienting 3,200 Spanish-speaking Mexicans in the rudiments of the English language.

Career Girl Studies Here

By Wilma Barlow

Although a Canadian citizen, Peggy Gedge, presently studying here, was born in Talara, Peru, and has lived all of her life in oil camps in South America, except while attending school. At present her home is Maracaibo, Venezuela.

For the past two years Peggy has been employed as executive and materials stenographer for the Mene Grande Oil Company in San Tomé in eastern Venezuela. San Tomé, in the middle of one of Venezuela's largest oil fields, is a camp of about 500 people including 150 bachelors and 25 bachelorettes.

The camp is complete with country club, swimming pool, golf course, and wide-screen movies. Week-ends are spent in Ciudad Bolívar or boating and water skiing in Puerto La Cruz. Holiday trips include nearby Trinidad for Carnival, Caracas, Margarita Island and Angel Falls (highest in the world) in Canaima.

Peggy's education has been an international one. She attended grammar school in Peru, Canada and Venezuela and is a graduate of Moulton College, Toronto, Canada, and Katharine Gibbs School (secretarial) in New York City. Her present plan is to spend two years at MCC. She hopes to return to South America as a bilingual secretary.



Peggy Gedge

The Extension Division is divided into two groups—*Clases de Inglés*, which gives 2,700 students (most of whom are professional people) an hour of English instruction every day, and the Extension itself, which specializes in teaching Mexican citizens English, art and commercial subjects.

Started in 1950, the Extension Division now occupies the former main building of MCC on San Luis Potosí. A five-story addition consisting of 24 classrooms, a cafeteria, recreation room and bookstore is in the final stages of construction behind the front offices on what formerly was known to MCCers as The Patio.

The building plans call for facilities to handle at least 5,000 students.

Havener entered Toronto on a scholarship, then transferred to Niagara University to pick up his degree. He took graduate work at the University of the State of New York and has had some advanced work since then at the National University here in Mexico City.



Donlon Havener
Photo by Pat Murphy

The soft spoken 37-year-old enlisted in the U. S. Army Corps of Engineers in 1941 and served in the Pacific area until his discharge in 1945. Following discharge, he was added to the Syracuse University English staff.

Havener came to Mexico on a vacation trip and liked it so well he decided not to return to the States—at least for awhile. That was in 1948 and he's been here ever since. He went to work for the Cultural Relations Institute and MCC shortly after arriving here. In 1950, he was made head of the Extension Division.

As Director of the Division, he finds little time left for himself after his professional chores are finished each day. He works from 7:30 every morning until

LIST POSTING PLACES FOR IMPORTANT MAIL

Names of all students receiving telegrams, long distance phone calls, money orders, registered letters, and messages from various College offices, will be posted on bulletin boards beneath the theater arches and in the patio of building 7. All students are under obligation to check these boards daily and to attend to all notices as soon as the information is posted.

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HOMER RUTTER (left), who attends MCC with his son Richard, poses with his family and Jim Budd, who rooms with the Rutters. From left to right: Mr. Rutter, Jim Budd, Mrs. Rutter, Janice, Ronald, Milton and Richard.
Photo by Marilú

Canada Leads 'Foreign' List

Eleven students from places other than the United States and Mexico are attending Mexico City College this quarter.

Canada leads numerically with three students, followed by Alaska and Puerto Rico with two respectively. Other places represented are France, Costa Rica, Venezuela and Sweden.

Students and their homes are: Tor Eigeland, Edith Hikkiker and Jean Jacques Sanche, Canada; Wayne Dillon and Geraldine Fagerstrom, Alaska; Armando Negrón and Eduardo Umpierre, Puerto Rico; Thomas Saint-Exupéry, France; James Tracy, Costa Rica; Margaret Gedge, Venezuela; and Norén Jacobson, Sweden.

the school closes at 9 in the evening. Havener sandwiches in time to fulfill his duties as president of the Lowell School, a finishing school for Mexican girls.

Despite this busy schedule, he found time to play one of the leads in a Player's, A. C. production of "Bus Stop" last fall. That was the young Irishman's first theatrical experience and his portrayal of the role of Dr. Lyman was one of the most popular ones in the show. Since his appearance with Player's, he has been doing some dubbing for Mexican movies being sent to the U. S.

Apparently Havener plans to spend a considerable amount of time in Mexico. He uses his weekends to supervise construction of his new home in Cuernavaca.

Here for WQIM, Family Comes Too

One day last October, Richard Rutter, a sophomore at Ohio State University, wrote home to his father in North Kingsville, Ohio, asking permission to join the Winter Quarter in Mexico City.

The father, Homer Rutter, relayed his approval to the boy, but attached the proviso that he be allowed to go along to Mexico City. Dr. James Tharp, who heads up the WQIM program, agreed to the proposal.

So in December, Mr. Rutter loaded the family car and headed south with his wife, three sons and daughter and an OSU schoolmate of Richard's, Jim Budd of Ashtabula.

Because he would have a four-month vacation from duty with the United States Customs Department in Ashtabula, Mr. Rutter decided this was as good a time as any to return to college and pick up on a few new subjects. He's enrolled in Spanish, Anthropology and Exporting and Importing.

Mr. Rutter is a 1931 graduate of Ohio Northern University, where he met his wife, and has attended law school at the University of Buffalo and graduate school at OSU. He was a principal and teacher in the Ohio school system for 10 years.

Mrs. Rutter, also a teacher, is tutoring eighth grader Milton and fifth grader Janice during their absence from stateside schools. Ronald, a high school junior, will enter the American

High School this month. The Rutters also have a married daughter, Marilyn, who is living in Columbus.

The Rutters are seeing to it that they miss as few of the side trips as possible that living in Mexico affords to the foreigner. They've been to Oaxaca and the pyramids of Teotihuacan, and Homer, Richard and Jim are members of the active MCC Explorer's Club. Included on this year's travel agenda for the whole family is an automobile trip to South America.

"I think more people should take advantage of what this WQIM program offers", says Mr. Rutter. "There are enough side trips, plus what one can learn by just being in the city that you can be busy everyday. Dr. Tharp is doing a more important job than most people realize."



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HOW ALL-STARS GET THAT WAY is demonstrated by Sonny Stribling, brilliant first baseman for the MCC Azteca softball nine as he evades a tag by an infielder of the Chapultepec Giants. The Giants won, 4 to 3.

Photo by Pat Murphy

The Scoreboard

By Jim Monica

As everybody expected, the Azteca basketball quintet has been giving its Mexican opposition a bad time during recent practice sessions at the University Gym. The locals, with a height advantage (team averages 6'2") and a natural zest for the game could prove to be the scourge of the Reserve League.

Offensively, the team will feature a fast, hell-for-leather game and, defensively, the zone system which should assure control of the boards. Player-coach Dick Nolan says that he still doesn't know exactly when the first game will take place for his team but that it will be around February 20.

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Several times a week, at Milo's Gym at Insurgentes and Coahuila, a hardy group of MCC weightlifters can be seen going through a painfully heavy list of exercises with such dynamic names as the deep knee bend, two-arm curl, supine press and the squat.

One of them, John Rossbach, is the best in Mexico and quite possibly one of the outstanding lifters in the sport. John says that he has been working out regularly enough, but that he's taking it easy about signing up for anything other than benefit performances. John added that a weight lifting exhibition will soon be held at Milo's under the direction of Bob Janus.

Talking to Dr. Lindley, athletic director, is like talking to an original conquistador. When he arrived here, sports were in a real doldrum. There was and is plenty of talent on the campus simply crying for an outlet. The energetic Dr. Lindley soon looked over the situation, then sat down and did something about it. The result, even at this early date, is a veritable renaissance of sports. A bowling team, a basketball team and a softball team now represent the proud colors of the school on the playing fields and there are more to come. He has plenty of ideas which he'd like to put into operation as quickly as possible, but he emphasizes that unless the student body begins responding with more enthusiasm, that this program will be delayed. He doesn't, however, have any doubt that sooner or later he'll put Mexico City College back on the map, sports-wise. Neither do I.

Farnam Readies Golf Program

According to plans, the first week of May will see the inauguration of a new golf course to be located across the barranca from the College.

A new paved road across the barranca will enable students to get to the course, the Prado de las Montañas Sports Club, in which Mexico City College a major shareholder.

Also on the golf agenda is the Mexico City College Winter Quarter Golf Tournament which is tentatively expected to be held March 5 and 7.

According to John Farnam, director of Golf, the tournament

Three Tied in Keg Loop

By Bob Byerly

BOWLING LEAGUE STANDINGS

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Los Chamaquitos ..	6	2
Snowbirds	6	2
Braceros	6	2
Viajeros	4.5	3.5
Pinbusters	4	4
Faculty	4	4
Chicagoans	3.5	4.5
Drifters	3	5
No-Names	1	3
Cucarachas	1	3
Aztecs	1	7

TOP FIVE AVERAGES

Mark Appel, A	176
Bill Childress, B	164
Merle Wachter, F	164
Red Page, B	159
J. Perrin, N	156

TOP FIVE SERIES

Bill Childress, B	510
Jack Dillon, S	500
Red Page, B	497
C. Stotlar, D	494
Merle Wachter, F	491

Those "Little Boys" are rolling! The Vern Johnson crew put the show on the road in earnest in round two at Boliches Casablanca. A smashing 4 point sweep of mighty Mark Appel and his Aztecs lifted the champs to the top of the heap and screamed "We're still the champs, the team to beat!"

Out to do just that are Mr. James Cooper's flashily renovated Snowbirds—not to mention league boss Brouillard and his ever-dangerous, if not too consistent, Braceros. Cooper and Co. set the Drifters adrift with a dazzling attack that ended with a 3-1 victory and a solid spot at the league

Aztecas Win In Madero

Mexico City College's softballers went north to Madero City recently, smothered a Tamaulipas All-Star aggregation, 16 to 2 in the first game, only to drop a pair to national champion Madero Refinery, 1 to 0 and 2 to 1.

Tireless Les Koenning, turning in what was probably the greatest pitching performance seen in local softball circles in many, many seasons led the way to a win in the initial encounter with a 2-hit, 12-strikeout exhibition.

In the second game, the first of a Sunday double-header, he gave up only two hits to the finest team in Mexico and even in defeat was the best man on the field. He toiled well in the final contest, fanning seven and yielding but three hits.

In the first game, everybody was hitting, but the big gun was Sonny Stribling, who connected safely in five times at the plate. The big rally came in the fifth inning, when the Green Wave tallied seven times.

The second game saw Koenning locked in a duel with José Borja. The game might still be going but for a weak grounder in the sixth inning by Enrique Villalobos, which sent Marcos Martínez home with the winning and only run of the encounter. Martínez had taken first on an error by the MCC shortstop.

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Sports Program Well Underway

In addition to the various varsity teams MCC is fielding this quarter, a program of intramural competition in basketball, volleyball, bowling, fencing and archery is underway, Dr. Charley A. Lindley, athletic director, announced last week.

The success of the intramural program depends directly on the amount of student response, Dr. Lindley added.

The school bowling league, so successful last quarter, will continue inter-team competition once a week, meeting every Thursday night at 6:30 in the Casablanca bowling alley.

Fencing and archery follow last quarter's schedule. Fencers meet Tuesday and Thursdays at 2:00 p. m.; archers at 3:00 p. m. Thursdays, in the Jardín de Recreo.

Other campus recreation to be offered will include horse shoes, ping pong, and croquet in the Jardín de Recreo and shuffleping pong and croquet in the board on the terrace.

will be run on a handicap basis and trophies will be awarded in each flight. All MCC golfers who wish to play should turn in their scorecards for handicaps as quickly as possible.

Students are also reminded that the Mexican Open at the Chapultepec Country Club will be held March 1-4. It is open to all professionals and amateurs with a handicap of 1 or over.

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