

# Ecuadorian Student Likes U.S.-- Especially Those American Girls

"I like mini-skirts," declares the dark-haired boy seated on the Union sofa. "If it makes the girls happy--that's fine with me," he continues with a smile.

The speaker is Fernando Patricio Orti, exchange student from Quito, Ecuador. In his second year here, Fernando is an electrical engineering major.

He had his first taste of American life and school work in 1965 when he participated in Operation Amigo and visited Myers Park High School. The Mecklenburg Jaycees helped him to come back here to continue his education.

"I decided I would do better here," replies Fernando in answer to why he decided to come. "In Ecuador, engineering takes six years whereas here it only takes four."

His out-of-state tuition, books, fees, etc. are taken care of by a Mecklenburg Jaycees scholarship. This grant also includes living expenses. The University has granted him a \$150 scholarship this fall.

During his stay in the U.S.,

Fernando has come to "love Americans--especially girls!" But when asked his opinion of American girls, his reply was "No comment. Seriously, no comment!"

"I especially like pancakes," says Fernando of American foods he enjoys. "Also, all kinds of pies--especially strawberry and cherry. I would like to try some baking, but there is no time."

Fernando has moved since last year. He now lives with two

boys at 1421 Lyon Court. He has also held several jobs during the past year and a half. During Christmas he was employed at a department store, and then during semester break he worked for Marling Rockwell Company in the check room. His summer job was with Duke Power in the computer room.

Fernando is thoroughly enjoying his college career here. "No, I am not homesick," he assures,

and reiterates, "A simple no." Fernando thinks BWOC was great. "We want more of the same, but not like Anthony and the Imperials who arrived 15 mi-

minutes late and left one and one half hours early. The event was well-planned and it made me feel good to see so many people there," he explains.

To un-complicate matters like getting to school and dating, Fernando is working toward getting his drivers license and a car.

"The only thing that disturbs me about this institution," Fernando admits, "is the heating system. I get too many colds from the irregular heating system."

He continues, "There is one other thing. People should care more about this place. That's an old cliché but at least they could be more friendly."

His plans for the future include graduate school. He says he will return to Ecuador after graduation if these plans do not work out. "I would like to work for an American company in Ecuador," Fernando says. "I really don't like to settle down in one place--it's kind of boring," he comments. "Later I would like to try another city in the U. S."

## Holman-Moody

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The seat in this car is just a mat resting on a groove in the fiberglass body. The car was a five speed, but first gear is supposed to be able to wind up to about 40mph which leaves fifth gear the possibility of about 215 mph.

Before leaving Holman-Moody Inc. Rich and Gary got a preview of the car being built to race at

Le Mans next year. Richard described the car as "a new concept and design which will probably cost about \$1,200,000 to develop." The only pictures they were able to get were the car unassembled. This new car is being given the unusual name of "Honker", and in the 1968 race at Le Mans the reason for the unusual name will be seen.

## Reference Books For Tests Here

Students who plan to take the National Teacher Examination and/or Graduate Record Examination later this year or in 1968 may find it helpful to consult several reference books in the J. Murrey Atkins Library.

books suggested by A. W. Stewart, Reference Librarian, as worthy of examination are the following:

- (a) Gruber, Edward C., HOW TO SCORE HIGH ON THE NATIONAL TEACHER EXAMINATION.
- (b) Gruber, E.C., EDUCATION IN THE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL (Teaching Area Examination).
- (c) HOW TO PASS HIGH ON THE GRADUATE RECORD EXAMINATION APTITUDE TEST.

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