

Mexican fellows

Scholars visit UNC for 4-month study to learn about improving life back home

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Improving the quality of life in Mexico is the purpose of a four-month visit to UNC by 12 Mexican leaders in various fields of study.

The visiting scholars are a part of the Mexican Fellows Program, sponsored by Pepsi-Cola Mexicana with an \$80,000 grant presented to the University in January. The program is being administered by the UNC Institute of Latin American Studies under the direction of Federico Gil, institute director.

The 10 men and two women arrived at the Raleigh-Durham airport Sept. 1 and will return to Mexico Dec. 15.

Glen MacDonald, student assistant to Gil, said the 12 fellows will do research in their fields through seminars, lectures and by utilizing the facilities of the University as an area for their research.

Each fellow was chosen through a nationally announced competition by a committee composed of Gil, representatives of the Mexican government and two UNC alumni living in Mexico: Bernard Flatow and S. Huntington Hobbs. The 12 fellows were selected from 40 finalists by a small committee of University faculty.

Maria Luisa Girault, a doctor who works with handicapped children, said she read about the program in the newspaper and applied. "I thought it would be a good experience to get acquainted with treatments (for physically and mentally handicapped children)," she said.

"There are not so many resources in handling handicapped children in Mexico," Girault said. "It is not the same to read about methods as it is to observe."

Hector Ponce, an engineer specializing in air-pollution control, said he found out about the

program when someone came to the health and water department where he worked and told the employees about the program.

Ponce said he wanted to take advantage of the opportunity to work with the Environmental Research Center, which he called one of the most important, if not the most important, environmental centers in the United States.

MacDonald said orientation of the fellows was not a problem because most of the fellows had visited the United States before.

"The only problem has been housing," MacDonald said. "We'd have liked to have put them elsewhere (besides Craige Dorm, where most of the Mexicans are living.)"

Girault and Ponce said three of the fellows had their families with them and the three families have been living together in one house for a week.

MacDonald said besides the ultimate goal of improving the quality of life in Mexico, he hoped

the program would "foster good relations with the two countries through the cultural exchange that inevitably takes place."

Each fellow was placed in a department at the University related to his field of study and was given a faculty adviser. Parker Reist, faculty adviser to Ponce and a professor of air and industrial hygiene, said he sees his job as helping Ponce get settled in his department.

He has helped Ponce get settled in an office, contact faculty members and choose classes of interest. He said Ponce's interests have meshed well with the interests of the environmental engineering department.

The visiting scholars spend most of their time working and studying, but other activities also are ongoing. The Institute of Latin American Studies is planning a weekend trip to Spruce Pines for the group Oct. 21. Capt. Jose Herrera rented a car and visited Washington, D.C. Girault said she is hoping to go to Washington to

visit the Kennedy Foundation for Handicapped Children and to Baltimore to visit Johns Hopkins University.

However, Ponce and Girault agreed it is difficult to go anywhere that requires a car. Girault said it is difficult to find a parking place for the car and Ponce said it is easy to get lost.

The fellows probably will attend the UNC vs. Miami of Ohio football game Saturday. "They think we should see what a game is like here," Girault said.

Other scholars involved in the program and their field of study are: Luis Calderon, public health; Ernesto Chavez, biology; Francisco Escandon, geology; Jose Herrera, public administration; Marco Linares, RTVMP; Alejandro Montes, mathematics; Alfonso Neri, city and regional planning; Rafael Treviño, demographic problems and family planning; Alvaro Vasquez, library science and Norma Violante, dermatology, epidemiology and health affairs.

University Day to recognize 5 UNC alumni

Five UNC alumni will receive Distinguished Alumnus awards Thursday, Oct. 12 at UNC's 1978 observance of University Day.

Those being honored are: William McWhorter Cochrane, staff director of the U.S. Senate Committee on Rules and Administration; Andy Griffith, motion picture and television actor; David Coston Sabiston Jr., James B. Duke professor of surgery and chairperson of the department of surgery at Duke medical school; and two brothers, Eugene Pleasants Odum, director of the Institute of Ecology at the University of Georgia, and Howard Thomas Odum, director of the Center for Wetlands at the University of Florida.

University Day observes the Oct. 12, 1793 laying of the cornerstone of Old East. It will be celebrated with an 11 a.m. convocation in Memorial Hall with Chancellor N. Ferebee Taylor presiding. Andy Griffith will be the featured speaker, and classes will recess from 10:30 a.m. until 12:30 p.m.

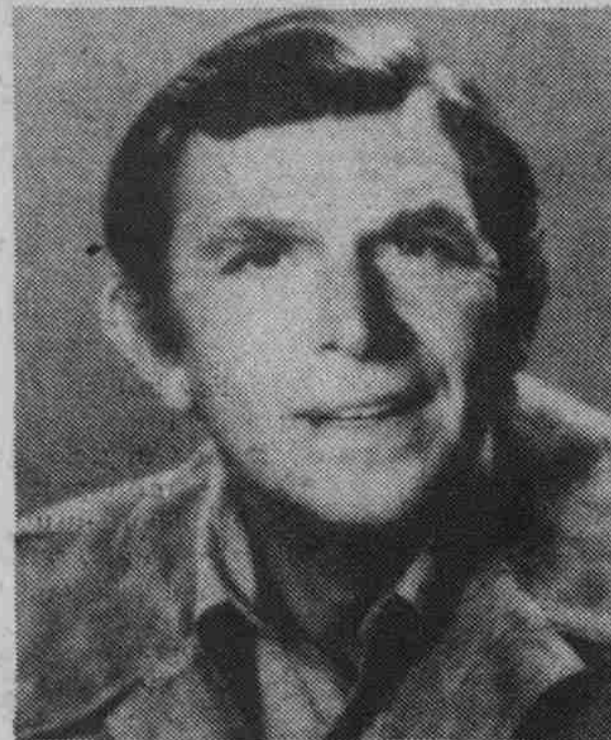
Cochrane, 60, a native of Newton, earned a B.A. and a law degree from UNC. He received his master's degree from Yale University.

Griffith, 51, earned a B.A. from UNC in 1949. The Mount Airy native began his acting career with the Carolina Playmakers and the Lost Colony in Manteo.

Sabiston, 54, was born in Onslow County. He received a B.S. from UNC in 1943 and his medical training from Johns Hopkins University.

Eugene Odum, 65, was born in New Hampshire and earned both his

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Andy Griffith

bachelor's and his master's degrees at UNC, in 1934 and 1936 respectively. He received his doctorate from the University of Illinois.

Howard Odum, 54, was born in Durham. He earned his bachelor's degree from UNC in 1947 and his doctorate from Yale in 1951.

Challenge '78: Fund-raising marathon for WUNC

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WUNC Radio will invite listeners across central North Carolina to volunteer money, time and unusual services this weekend as part of CHALLENGE '78, its third annual fund-raising marathon.

The marathon, which begins Friday and lasts through Monday, is to raise money for the public radio station which broadcasts with commercial advertising but depends on community support for money.

Lines will be open so listeners can phone in pledges (at 966-4561). Listeners also can volunteer to work at the phones.

In the past, people have called to offer services or belongings to be exchanged for contributions to the station. Such items include a performance by the mime trio Touch, homebaked bread and a Ming dynasty bowl.

"Our goal this year is to find 1,000 new friends and to renew our old friends," Barbara Schutz, WUNC business

manager, says. No monetary goal has been set.

WUNC has been on the air since 1976 broadcasting classical and jazz music at 91.5 on the FM dial. The station recently doubled its power to 100,000 watts.

The station is licensed to the University which provides about half its funding. Station offices are located in Swain Hall. The Corporation for Public Broadcasting and donations provide the rest of the funding.

Robert Gonnar, WUNC head of promotion, said fund-raising is a must

since many grants received by the station match funds raised locally.

Throughout the marathon WUNC will broadcast special programming that will focus on creativity and the creative process. These programs will begin at 7 a.m. Friday and will end at 1 a.m. Monday.

Highlights of the broadcast include a concert live from the White House by soprano Leontyne Price and also a performance by pianist Ervin Nyiregyhazi Oct. 8.

On Oct. 6 and Oct. 9, local persons will be featured in broadcasts that will concentrate on creative solutions to problems. WUNC Program Director Mark Klugman said the purpose of these programs is to show we are all creative

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