

College System Explained

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lotted by the business office. The amount not accounted for was \$17,000. The third reason was the result of inaccurate predictions. Four years ago the college attempted to project enrollment figures for this year based on the increasing enrollment they were then experiencing, 1100 students should have been attending this college this year according to its forecast. And so the college began preparation then by increasing the faculty and improving facilities and programs. But the projections were not fulfilled as enrollment stabilized, and therefore the college has over-extended itself. In addition inflation has taken its toll here as the price level over the last three years has increased 19%. To compensate for this, the college has raised the level of charges 16% over the last three year period. Since the college can change their cost basis only

on an annual sequence, it cannot be as flexible or as changeable as the society in regard to money value.

Thus for next year, there will be some cutbacks on faculty personnel so that the ratio between number of students per faculty member will become 13 to 1 instead of this year's 11.3 to 1. This will still be much better than the national average of 15 to 1. Another proposal to get out of debt involves dipping into the principle of St. Andrews's endowment.

In order to continue receiving support from all sectors of society, the college must remain a viable institution attraction, both funds and students. Therefore the college must continue to function according to its objectives in correlation with the members within the college system and without. The viability of the college depends on the interaction of people within the community.

After giving this prepared lecture, Dr. Hart received questions from the floor. Dr. Hart was asked to relate the concept of open forms with his systems approach. He discussed the problem of rumors which go beyond the walls of this community and discourage people who would finance this

institution. Also he mentioned that such rumors discourage whole groups of potential students in the society. Internally, the 24 hour open dorm situation affects those persons not taking advantage of it, namely the roommate of the person who does use open dorm. If one person cannot function within the operational system, whether it be an inconvenience in studying or an inability to live a normal life in the dorm, then this will hurt the whole operation of the system.

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ders of a rich past. Chichen Itza was a magnificent place with the castillo, the ball court, the palace of the warriors, and the observatory. Kabah and Ixmal will remain in the thoughts of many because of the "temple of the nuns". . . others will remember these places because of Henry (no one can forget Henry) carrying a 40-ton suitcase of camera attachments up and down the impossible pyramid known as "the Temple of the Magician."

Leaving the Yucatan Peninsula, and pressing onward to Villa Hermosa, the group began to look and act a little more Mexican and not as much "tourista". During the 3-day visit in Villa Hermosa Palenque intrigues one and all with its greenery, mountain streams, impressive architecture, spectacular tombs, and waterfalls. Some went swimming at Palenque, some talked with a Canadian tourist, and good ole "Bos" slept the afternoon away atop a pyramid.

The journey continued from Villa Hermosa and the singing lamp posts to Oaxaca, the last leg of the trip. In Oaxaca, bargaining was at an all-time high. Cigarette lighters, cameras, and quarters were employed to talk down merchants for their goods. Arch Baker, Pete Benson and Loretta Parks joined Richard Beach (that's me) in exhibiting a bargaining skill never needed in the grocery store, department store,

or shops in the U.S. Dr. McLean conversed with the merchants in Swahili while Mrs. Wetmore and her followers insulted the dealers by paying the set price and spoiling the fun of shopping. "Senior Mike" livened up tours of the museum in Oaxaca and the trips to Mitla, Yagul, and Monte Alban. Just about everyone wanted to help excavate the remaining 42 square miles of Monte Alban which is still untouched by the archaeologists. Even writing the paper for the course wasn't a chore when it finally came time to do so. Following the papers, a party. Whew! What a party it was -- it was a farewell to many experiences never-to-be-forgotten and a discovery that many on the trip could dance a hat dance better than the Mexicans! (Heh, Heh, isn't that right Terry, Loretta, and B.B.?)

A final farewell to Mexico came on January 28, 1970. McLean and mob fearlessly met customs inspection in Houston and experienced a sensation not felt in a month-drinking fountains that were safe! Tom Kip left a friend (as did the rest of the group) in Houston, and the rest proceeded homeward to Charlotte and then SA.

All in all one might think a trip such as this past winter term in Mexico is limited to those who were fortunate enough to travel there -- not so -- just ask any of the motley crew--they'll be glad to share Mexico with you.

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