

Mexico Felt Tragedy Of President's Death

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The death of President John Kennedy was followed by a universal sense of tragedy and loss in Mexico, according to Susie Rutter, a University junior who recently returned from one semester as an exchange student at El Colegio de Mexico in Mexico City.



Miss Rutter, who went to Mexico on a scholarship sponsored by the State Department in cooperation with the University and El Colegio, added that Mexican television audiences followed the proceedings of the President's death and funeral much the same as their North American neighbors.

Regular programming was postponed and the network news reports were translated into Spanish. A three day mourning period was held in honor of the President.

"Many Mexicans felt that President Kennedy's election would bring about the end of the problems between Mexico and the United States with the Alliance for Progress," said Miss Rutter. "Many Congressmen are in favor of a reduction in foreign aid and it is a wide feeling now in Mexico that there is no one to speak in favor of funds for the Alliance."

Miss Rutter said that El Colegio, which could be called the "exclusive educational group in Mexico," is actually a graduate school. The students are from all over Latin America and their educations are financed primarily by scholarships from their governments or from the Organization of American States (OAS).

"One thing that I'd like to emphasize," she told the DAILY NEBRASKAN, "is the students' attitude toward their studies. They seem much more interested and serious about them. There are no social activities there."

She explained that because most of the students are on scholarships, they have to earn good grades, making a great deal of competition among the students.

Student housing as known in the United States is unknown at El Colegio. Miss Rutter said that she lived with a Mexican family.

"Our host is a professor at the Mexico City Polytechnic Institute who does research work in seismology on a grant from the government. His wife is a mathematics teacher."

He had studied at the University of Pennsylvania and

had lived with an American family there, and wanted to do something for American students. The housing was arranged through the United States Embassy.

Elaborating further on the comments she has heard in Mexico concerning the Alliance for Progress, Miss Rutter said that many Mexicans now feel that the United States has failed, primarily because Latin Americans did not originally realize that the program was meant to be cooperative rather than an aid project.

She said that Latin American trade is suffering from Common Market patronization of African colonies and that the general feeling runs that the United States should open itself more to Latin American imports in order to aid economic and social development.

She added, "Some people have the attitude that if the United States doesn't offer foreign aid dollars, they can find support from the communists."

Asked about her curriculum at El Colegio, Miss Rutter said that it included mostly political science and history.

"One of the interesting classes we had," she said, "was on contemporary Latin America. We studied six countries and had a teacher from each country to lecture." Instructors were from all over the world, including a professor from Harvard and one from Oxford.

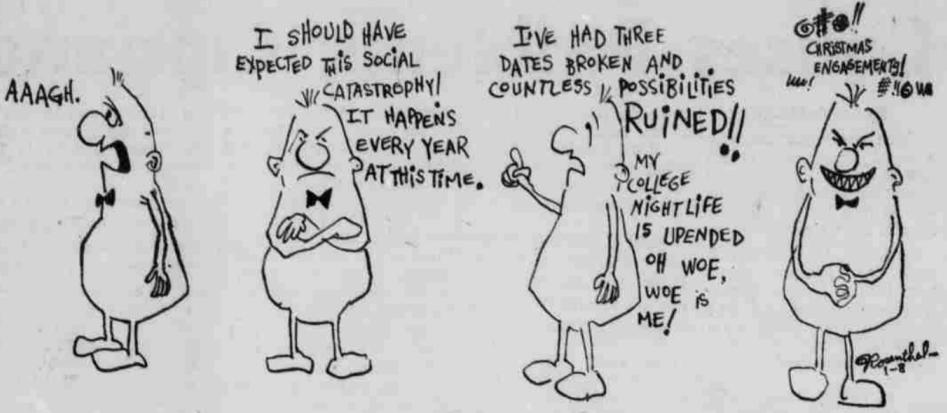
Because the school was on the graduate level, Miss Rutter said that she felt somewhat behind the other students. A great deal of outside reading and preparation is required and she said that often she would go to the school in the morning and not leave until around eight in the evening.

The Mexican student has a greater interest and is better informed about politics and national events. Miss Rutter noted that they discuss these issues before the classes started, in contrast to the usual banter of Nebraska classrooms.

Miss Rutter, a Spanish and French major at the University, said, "I applied for this scholarship because the opportunity to study a foreign language where it is spoken is much better experience than three hours per week in a classroom situation. You learn to understand the language and the people who speak it."

"It has given me a different perspective of the United States, a better understanding and realization that we have not always been right." More than foreign aid agreements and treaties between respective government officials, we need to develop a program of understanding on a people-to-people basis.

I can hear myself think . . .



Prepsters Win Grants—

Regents Team Chosen

Twelve Nebraska high school seniors, led by two scholars from Lincoln Southeast and Bellevue high schools, earned a place on the 1964 Regents All-State Scholastic Team, the University announced.

The First-Team members were selected solely on scores in the recent University Regents' examination taken by 5,737 seniors in 435 high schools.

Captain of the team is Stephen L. Coy of Lincoln Southeast. He ranked first in the state-wide competition which is given only to those seniors in the upper third of their class.

The second top scorer was Ken R. Middleton of Bellevue. Other members of the first team, listed alphabetically, are: John David Cummins of Falls City, Maurice K. Gately of Syracuse, Cheryl L. Marsh of Lincoln High, W. Orent of Omaha Creighton, Sarah Petersen of Lincoln High, Dianne R. Robb of Lincoln Southeast, Vincent F. Scarpello of Omaha Creighton, Katherine M. Schach of Lincoln High, Dean G. Wangsvick of Bellevue and Michael L. Williams, Bellevue.

In addition, 12 seniors were named to the Second All-State Scholastic Team. They are:

Nanette M. Furman, Alli-

ance; Gary L. Graul, Lincoln Northeast; Stephen A. Hickson, Omaha Central; Janet H. Judge, Bellevue; Patricia L.

Science Class In Education Set For TV

The department of elementary education will pioneer in a closed-circuit television course in science education next semester.

Dr. O. W. Kopp, chairman of the department, said plans call for a TV recording of a semester of lectures and demonstrations for a beginning college course on teaching science to elementary grade students.

Dr. Ward Sims, associate professor of elementary education, will teach the course in the studios of KUON-TV, the University's educational television station.

Special laboratory facilities will be installed in the studios for demonstrations. The first class will view the lectures live on a TV receiver located in another building.

Dr. Kopp said the procedure allows the University to make a concentrated effort to produce an outstanding program under ideal laboratory conditions. The tape can be used indefinitely.

Layman, Omaha North; Joe A. Limprecht, Omaha Westside; Charles G. Musselman, Omaha Central; David E. Rybin, Omaha Creighton; Randall B. Snell, Kearney; Jean Marie Sommermeier, Columbus; Terry R. Wahl, Omaha North; Roger D. Winiecki, Omaha South.

The top 100 scorers in the Regents' exam will be offered four-year tuition scholarships if they choose to attend the University next fall.

Eldon Teten, director of scholarships and financial aids at the University, cautioned that the quality of a high school cannot necessarily be determined by its representation on the All-State Scholastic Team. Many factors which have nothing to do with the quality of the school can influence its number or lack of All-Staters, such as size and goals of the school, native intelligence of the students, and nature and size of the community.

The top scorer, 17-year-old Coy, won first place in Nebraska in the National Merit Examination. He was awarded a National Science Foundation scholarship at Florida State University in the summer of 1962 where he ranked in the upper third in mathematics camp. Coy also attended the Summer Science Training program in Atmospheric Physics for High Ability Stu-

dents at the University of Nevada last summer. He is interested in mathematics and science.

Middleton, 17, is a member of the National Honor Society. He plans to study mathematics and zoology.

Campus Calendar

- TODAY**
- AWS Court will be held at 4:30 p.m. in 345 Student Union.
 - PI LAMBDA THETA will meet at 5 p.m. in 232 Student Union.
 - YWCA Cabinet will hold a meeting at 5 p.m. in 234 Student Union.
 - AWS Standards Week Orientation Dessert will be held at 6:30 p.m. in the Pan American room of the Student Union.
 - UNIVERSITY WILD LIFE CLUB will meet at 7 p.m. in the auditorium of the Student Union.
 - STUDENT COUNCIL ROUND TABLE will be held at 7 p.m. in the conference rooms of the Student Union.
 - COED FOLLIES tryouts will begin at 7 p.m. in the ballroom of the Student Union.
 - VOICE OF FREEDOM will be held at 9 p.m. in the music room of the Student Union.

K-State Educator Will Speak Here

Professor Charles Bracken, assistant director of the Kansas State University Cooperative program in teacher education, will be at the University Monday to talk to juniors and seniors interested in preparing for a master's degree in education leading to teacher certification.

Interested students should contact Assistant Dean Gene Hardy in 311 Burnett on University extension 2443 to arrange a meeting with Professor Bracken.

The program is designed for superior college students who did not prepare professionally for teacher certification as undergraduates and provides professional courses, advanced study in the candidate's special field and carefully supervised teaching experience.

A folder describing the course says participation will be limited to 25 liberal arts graduates with a grade average of at least B. Preference will be given to those with a high degree of motivation and promise; strong graduates from as many different colleges and universities as possible; and those whose undergraduate education is in such critical areas as English, foreign languages, mathematics and science.

The curriculum provides an intensive program in professional education including one semester of full time teaching made possible by a large number of cooperating Kansas high schools.

The program is in its fourth year of operation.

Engineers' Group Initiates Ten Men

Ten students in the College of Engineering and Architecture have been initiated to Eta Kappa Nu, national honorary electrical engineering society.

They are: Ralph Beisner, Tom Cobb, Richard Hueschen, James Linn, Randell McConaughy, William Orton, Donald Schroeder, Clair Schrodt, Charles Uerling, and Larry Wade.

To be eligible for Eta Kappa Nu, students must be majoring in electrical engineering and must rank in the upper one-fourth of the junior class or the upper one-third of the senior class. Members are elected on the basis of scholarship, extra-curricular activities and outside work, personality and character, potentialities as a future electrical engineer, and ratings of the University faculty.



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