



PROUD OF THEIR collection of Mexican handcraft, the Coutus show some of it to the Collegian reporter, Lianne Cordero.

## 'People Are the Cutest Things' Says Coutu in Home Interview

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"Aren't people the cutest things?"

Dr. Walter Coutu, professor of sociology, leaned forward in his armchair and spoke with a characteristic grin that has charmed students for years.

"All my career," Coutu added, "one of my greatest satisfactions has been my contact with students."

Coutu and his wife were seated before a blazing fireplace in their semi-colonial home. The comfortable interior and the glow of the fireplace provided a congenial atmosphere for conversation.

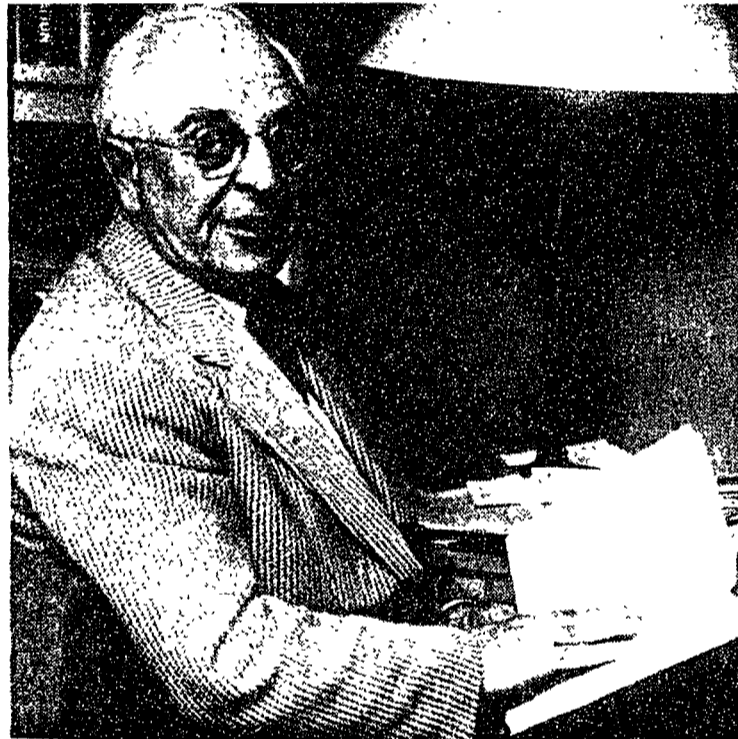
"A long time ago," Coutu continued, "we used to have students visit us." But research and writing take up too much of my time now."

Coutu is the author of a book on social psychology, "Emergent Human Nature," which is the backbone of his Sociology 403 course.

Now engaged in writing another book on social psychology with a special emphasis on the "behavioral specifications of meaning," Coutu admitted that at one time he used his wife for experiments. "But she became too smart for me," he explained.

Mrs. Coutu was employed as a clinical psychologist for the high schools of Madison, Wis., before she married him in 1931.

Coutu said he now restricts his observations to neighborhood children and the wildlife found



OUTWITTING THE squirrels is more fun than feeding the birds.

in the 5-acre woods area that surrounds their home. They have no children of their own.

The Coutus, who like to entertain friends at parties and dinners, find some of their greatest enjoyment in working in their extensive gardens during the summer.

Both Dr. and Mrs. Coutu have taken an unusual interest in the wildlife of the area, and are particularly adept at identifying varieties of birds.

A large bird-feeding station is suspended on wire outside the kitchen window. But Coutu reported

that he "has more fun trying to outwit the squirrels that steal the food, than in watching for birds."

Dr. and Mrs. Coutu visited Mexico last year with the idea of vacationing and working on the manuscript for his new book. But they returned five months later with very little writing done. Fascinated with Mexico, they spent the time studying the culture and becoming friends with the people there.

Coutu placed a lively Mexican dance tune on the record player and said, "Sometimes when we have guests we roll up the rugs."

## Can't Hava da Pizza, No Gotta da Heat

By LOLLI NEUBARTH

You say you wanna da nice-a-hot-a-pizza? Ah ha! You're outa luck. We gotta da pizza crust, we gotta da sauce, we gotta da cheese, we even gotta da paper boxes to take it out in. But--we donta gotta da oven.

That's the unhappy situation at the Hetzel Union Lion's

Den, according to Richard C. Proffitt, director of food service. Plans have been under way since last spring semester to serve pizza in the Lion's Den and everyone is ready to start—as soon as an oven arrives.

The all-important piece of equipment was due to arrive last week after a delay of two months, he said, but a strike has held things up. The company that makes the heating equipment has not been producing heating elements needed to complete the special pizza ovens.

Proffitt said another source of supply is being checked, and the ovens should be installed Feb. 21 or sooner. Electrical connections have been put in so all Food Service has to do is plug the ovens in, he said.

Food Service has been working out recipes for the popular snack since original plans were approved last May. Experiments were then carried on to determine the best recipe for pizza dough, tomato sauce and seasonings.

Only plain pizza will be served at first, until students' reaction can be observed. If the new snack is well received, Proffitt said, food service will experiment with common toppings such as pepperoni and anchovies.

"We may even try out some more unusual combinations such as pizza-burgers," Proffitt said.

Right now impatient pizza lovers can get the pie on campus in Waring snack bar. Rectangular slices of pizza are being dispensed in the hot-sandwich vendor there.

Food Service is trying to plan a variety of different snacks for the Lion's Den to make the new policy of late closing on weekend nights more profitable.

### Correction on Conflicts

An erroneous report in last Friday's Collegian stated that students may file for a conflict examination if they have three final examinations scheduled within 48 hours. However, students may file for a conflict examination only if they have three final examinations scheduled between 8 a.m. and 7 p.m. on the same day.

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## Ag Committee Seeks Remedy For Mud Path

After a semester of wading through the mud between Boucke Building and the Health Center, members of the Agriculture Student Council have decided to do something about it.

The walk continues past Buckhout Lab and Forestry Building. At the present time, a muddy pathway exists.

A committee was appointed this week to investigate possible improvement of the sidewalk.

Other business discussed at the Wednesday meeting was:

A drop box may soon be placed in the agriculture library for students who want to keep books out very late on the day they are due. By putting his book in the box, a student would save the overdue fees for the following day.

After a cabinet report by Council President Robert LaBar, the members voted unanimously in favor of an open course system. This way a student would be permitted to attend any class.

The council feels that the College of Agriculture needs no honor system. However, an experiment will be tried on a small scale in the agricultural department.

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