

# Ed Project Trains Latin Americans In U.S. School Supervision Philosophy

By **CORDIE LEWIS**

"Es una experiencia interesante (it's an interesting experience)," answered Teodoro Lopez Ardon when asked what he thought of the University's Latin American Education Project.

Lopez is one of the 24 Latin Americans who are participating in the College of Education project to train experienced Latin American school administrators, without the knowledge of English, in the United States' philosophy of elementary school supervision.

The project is now in its fourth year and is being conducted by the International Cooperation Administration in Washington, D.C., and the elementary division of the College of Education.

Nine countries are represented by the group. They are Ecuador, Peru, Costa Rica, Dominican Republic, Nicaragua, Honduras, Paraguay, Columbia and Guatemala.

Dr. Richard R. Rener, director of the Latin American Center, at 103 E. Beaver Ave., said that five members of the group knew no English at all before coming to the University, and that two-thirds of them knew some, but could not communicate with it at all.

To improve their English, the group takes special English courses given at the Center. They meet with education majors to talk to them (in English) about the differences in the education programs of their respective countries.

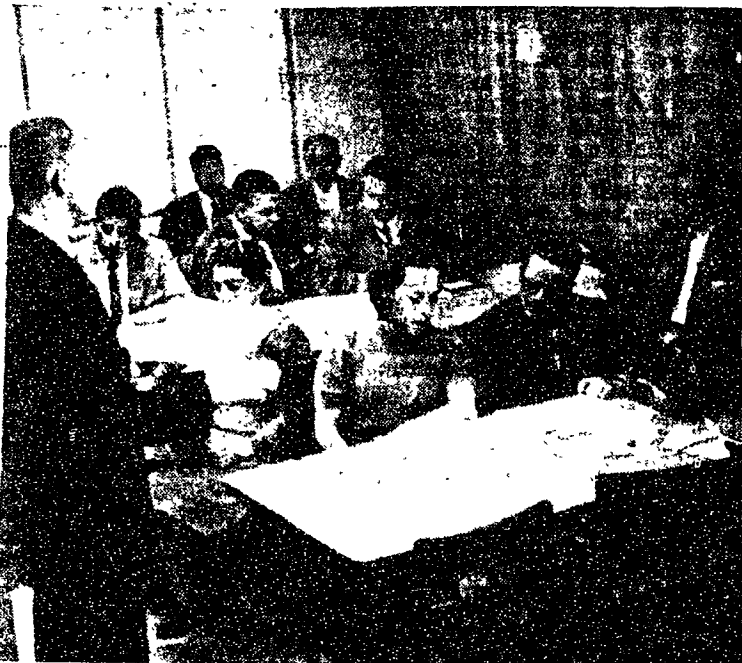
Spanish majors meet with members of the group one evening a week to help them improve their English, and the Latin Americans help the students to improve their Spanish.

Rener said that one of the Center's main policies is to integrate the members of the group into as many University activities as possible.

The group took a large part in the international program put on in the Hetzel Union ballroom during United Nations Week. They also presented an exhibition of different articles from their Latin American countries during this week.

Sarbelio Moran, from Guatemala, and Dr. Carlos Carrasco, from Peru, presented a program entitled "Why Do Latin Americans Go on Strike" to the Spanish Club two weeks ago. Other members of the group taught Spanish songs and verses to the club members.

Ramon Elpidio Concepcion from the Dominican Republic and Paulina Martinez from Columbia have spoken on several occasions to



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**CHRISTMAS CAROLS BEING TAUGHT**—William Noyes, instructor of music education, directs a class in the University's Latin American Education Program. The class, consisting of 24 special education students, is here to observe and learn about modern American educational methods.

advanced Spanish classes about their countries.

The project includes a 48-week study of elementary school supervision in State College and its surrounding areas. In the spring, each member of the group will be placed in an elementary school in these areas to observe and to do some teaching.

Rener said he is planning to use one of the Latin Americans in a research program of the College of Education, which will include the teaching of a foreign language to children of the elementary school level.

This program will take place in the Frazier Street Elementary School.

Dr. Abram W. VanderMeer, dean of the College of Education, said that faculty and students of the College of Educa-

tion have benefited from their association with people from the Latin American countries. These benefits have been reflected in many of their programs, he added. And there is evidence to support our hope that the advantages have been mutual.

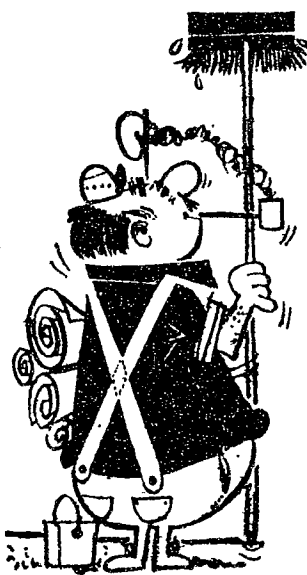
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### ME Honor Group To Hold Banquet

Pi Tau Sigma, national honorary mechanical engineering fraternity, will hold its fall semester initiation banquet at 7:30 p.m. at the Eutaw House.

Donald M. Cook, director of the University Placement Service, will be the principal speaker.

Barton L. Jenks Jr., associate professor of mechanical engineering, will be initiated as an honorary member. Other initiates will be: Edmund Bauer, Bruce Foulk, Murray Garbrick, William Grimm, Edward Knoepfle, Joseph Markiewicz, Harry Naumann, William Pauza, David Ruppert, Edward Schlessinger, Larry Strobel and William Weidner.

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