

Student Strikes Disturb Latin Profs

By SARALEE ORTON

One of the biggest problems with which Latin-American educators must contend is student strikes in the colleges and universities, Cesar Picon, visiting professor from Ayacucho, Peru, said yesterday.

Picon, director of student Welfare Service at Huamanga University in Peru, has spent the last five months on a tour of 20 colleges and universities in the United States to obtain information on student counselling.

STUDENTS STRIKE and refuse to go to class sometimes as often as six times a year, Picon said, usually because of social and political problems on the national or international level.

One reason for the prevalence of these strikes is the cultural background of the South American countries, he said. A long history of dictatorships did not always allow people to express their opinions, he explained. When freedom came, many people were not prepared for it—since freedom requires a special education, Picon said.

In addition, the class structure of Latin-American countries is different than here because of the absence of a large middle class, Picon said. Only the extremes of a small, wealthy upper class and

a large, underprivileged lower class exist, he said.

LATIN-AMERICAN universities have become centers of social and political opinion, Picon said. The students, who are mostly from the lower classes, strongly liberal and allied with the workers, become very concerned with public affairs and may strike in protest, he explained.

As a final reason for student discontent, Picon explained that universities there have inherited the European philosophy which emphasizes the intellectual side of student life and neglects the social and other aspects.

"There are few provisions for housing, counselling or placement, so students become more aggressive," he said.

AMERICAN STUDENTS don't have reasons to revolt, Picon said,

because universities take a paternalistic attitude towards them. In addition, students wish to maintain their present standards of life so they become conservative, he said.

"There is no New Frontier for American students today," he added.

The University of Huamanga has taken steps to combat these problems by organizing student seminars on high levels of sociology, economics, anthropology and political science, Picon said. He said that the university is also planning to construct residence facilities on campus.

"A strong program of informal education, mainly on the social levels and contacts with parents and relatives are other methods of combatting the problems," he said.

Dancer to Give Lesson, Recital

Charles Weidman, professional modern dancer, will present a modern dance program at 1:30 p.m. Saturday in White Hall. The program is open to the public.

THE FIRST PART of the program will consist of a lesson in modern dance by Weidman. Any member of the audience may participate in the lesson.

The second portion of the program, beginning at 3:30 p.m., will consist of a lecture-demonstration on the nature of the dance and a solo performance by Weidman.

The lecture-demonstration will be conducted by Mikhail Santare, who will discuss the relationship between art and the dance.

WEIDMAN'S SOLO performance will be entitled "Saints, Sinners and Scriabin." This performance will consist of 22 numbers including "Themes of Destruction," "Sad Garden," "Mohammed's Mountain," "Thoughts Beneath a Tree" and "Rasputin."

AWS Forms Due at 5 Today

Today is the deadline for submitting applications for Association of Women Students offices. The forms, which must be submitted in duplicate, are due at 5 p.m. at the Hetzel Union desk.

Candidates must have a 2.5 All-University average. Nominees for president and first vice president must also have previous AWS experience, defined by the elections code as work on AWS Senate, community councils or judicial boards.

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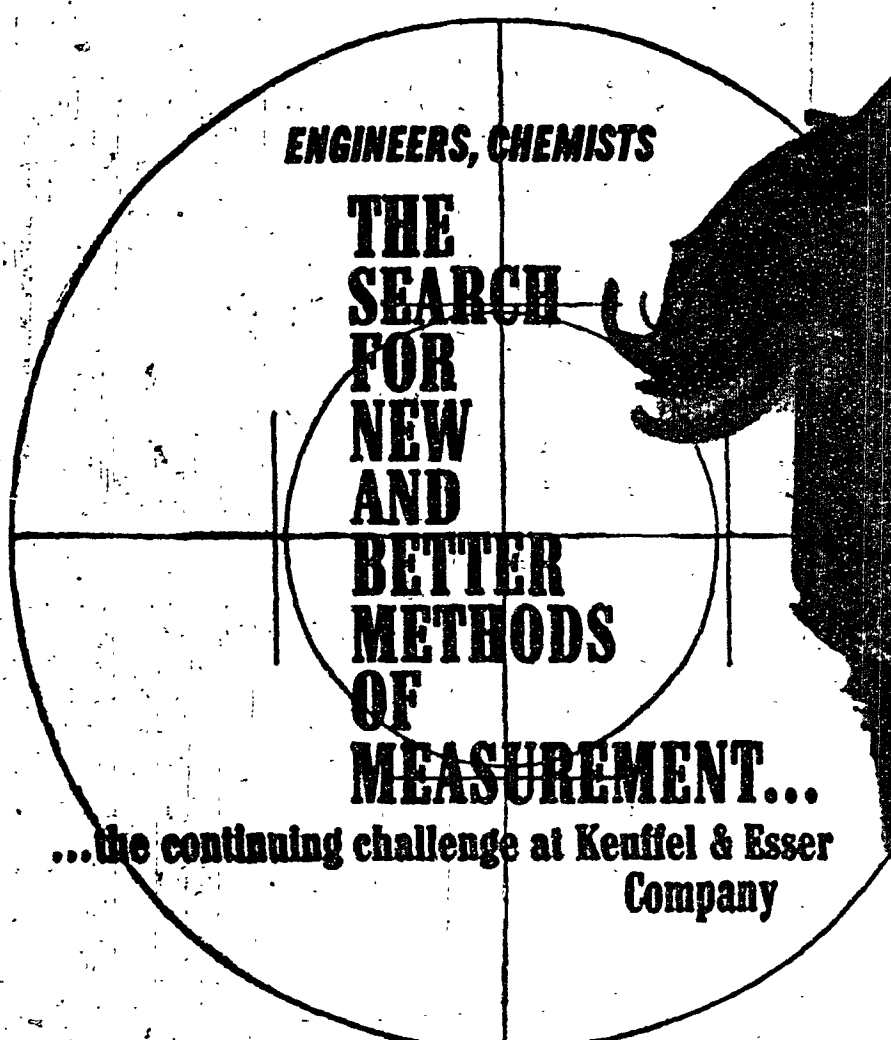
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