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## RECENT DEVELOPMENTS IN ETHNOLOGY AT UNIVERSITY OF NEW MEXICO

The most important ethnographical work of the past year at the University has been the series by Dr. Castetter on "Ethnobiological Studies of the American Southwest." The first of these was "Uncultivated Native Plants Used as Sources of Food." Number II, "Ethnobiology of the Papago Indians," was written in collaboration with Dr. Ruth Underhill of Barnard College. Working with Dr. M. E. Opler, Assistant Anthropologist with the Office of Indian Affairs, Number III, "The Ethnobiology of the Chiricahua and Mescalero Apache," was finished. Dr. Castetter is now completing the fourth monograph of the series on "The Ethnobiology of the Mohave"; and a study of the ethnobiology of the Jicarilla Apache is being planned.

A study of the ethnobotany of the Navajo was completed this summer by Francis Elmore, graduate student in botany at U.S.C. and student at several U.N.M. Chaco field sessions, and will probably go to press soon. This study covers only the Chaco portion of the Navajo Indian Reservation.

Just recently off the press is "The Laguna Calendar" by Bertha Dutton and Miriam Marmon, a study of the time divisions and dated activities of the Laguna Indians.

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### HONORS RESEARCH

During the fall semester of this year, three students of this department--Mary Scanlan, Don Lehmer, and Jane Olson--did ethnographical work among the Zia Indians in connection with the honors program carried on by the University for first semester sophomores. Three distinct subjects were investigated: agriculture (methods and kinds of produce) by Don Lehmer; ceramics (technique and material) by Mary Scanlan; and food (preparation and kinds) by Jane Olson. This project proved excellent training for future work in ethnology, as well as providing data on a comparatively unknown pueblo.

It was found that, whereas modern farm equipment is being slowly assimilated into the culture, traditional methods are still in use. Zia pottery, while not as spectacular as that of some of the other pueblos, is well made and has a peculiar type of design. Ceramics is Zia's most important art, and a large proportion of their income is derived from the selling and trading of their pottery. Although most of the food is raised by the Indians themselves, some foods are purchased to supplement their diet.

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