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James Greenacre and Bob Easterday will be with Roberts at the Lindenmier site this summer.

The University of Utah and the Peabody museum are sending an expedition into the Marysville to Ephrian district this summer. Bob Lister might accompany the group.

Pan American Institute is putting out a "Boletin Bibliografico de Antropologia Americana". This publication endeavors to be a complete bibliography of American Anthropology.

Bob Lister, Julian Olmstead, Martha Mc Nary, J. Charles Kelley, Joe Toulouse, Ann Espe, Ed Ferdon have all taken and passed their orals for the Bachelors degree in anthropology.

Dorothy Luhrs, Bertha Dutton, Nan Glenn have all passed their orals for the Masters degree and have turned in their theses. Bertha's thesis was "The excavation of an small house site in Chaco". Dotty's on the reconnaissance of the Rio Puerco valley. Nan's was a comparison of Plains and southwestern ethnology.

Neither Margaret Lane Young, Mary Arthur Bixby or Robert Young have come up for their examinations.

Bertha Dutton, who has been very sick for some time, is slowly improving.

The Kappa Sigma cook, Mrs. Shantlin will cook for Chaco Field Session this summer.

Donald Lehmer will be an assistant at Bandelier National Monument the first part of the summer.

The National Park service is building up a site file by canvassing institutions that are carrying on archaeological work.

Sinaloa will be visited this summer by an expedition from the American Museum under the leadership of Bennet, if present plans are carried through.

Bill Witkind will be working for the Taylor Art Museum in Colorado Springs, Colorado, this summer. He will be photographing missions and Spanish churches in New Mexico and Northern Mexico.

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ANTHROPOLOGY IN MEXICO

Anthropology students at the National University of Mexico receive their degrees in "specialistas de historia". The Mexican students have had very little interest in anthropology, but recently there has been more attention paid to the science. The majority of the American students at the University are interested in receiving degrees in Modern Languages with the view to teaching Spanish in the States. A number of students, however, are drawn from the United States because of the remarkable opportunities in studying ancient American culture.

Because of the government's great interest in its vast Indian population and its extensive programs of field research in the primitive communities, ethnology is beginning to attract the attention of the students of the social sciences. Classes in Nahuatl and Maya languages are popular and field work is required of every student in ethnology courses.

About half a block from the school of "Filosofia Y Letras" (equivalent to our College of Arts and Sciences) is the National Museum. Here is a vast collection of archaeological specimens from all parts of Mexico, Sonora and Yucatan. A student's best opportunity to study is at the museum; there he may make use of large collections of maps, photographs, reconstructions, and material from Totonac, Tarascan, Aztec, Toltec, Zapotec, Mixtecan and other minor cultures. One of the several small libraries in the museum is devoted to archaeological literature, and of special interest in this room is the collection of old documents and manuscripts. With a group of trained museum technicians at work remodeling, rearranging, and re-lighting the building this great wealth of material will be far more effective.

The opportunities of the archaeologists will be doubled in a few months by the opening of an institute for the archaeological research under the leadership of Alfonso Caso, one of the leading archaeologists in the Mexican field. This new feature in addition to the opportunities offered by the University and Museum and the comparatively low cost of education in Mexico will probably attract more foreign students in the future.

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