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SIDELINES

Don Schlegel, assistant professor in the Division of Architecture at the University of New Mexico, has been promoted to associate professor. Congratulations!

Jim Liberty reports that he is building a new home in the Four Hills area. As of this date, the walls are going up—so the Libertys should be calling the movers in the near future.

George Pearl and Robert Mallory have been named partners in the firm of Ferguson and Stevens, which now is known as Ferguson, Stevens, Mallory and Pearl.

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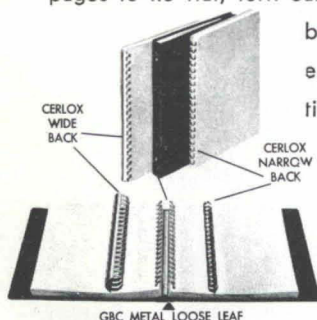
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Students Make Mexico Trip

The massive splendor of Toltec pyramids and fluid grace of Felix Candella's thin-shell concrete structures have rich new meanings to 30 UNM Architecture students because of their Easter vacation trip to Mexico City.

Professor John J. Heimerich, who accompanied the group and the wives of five of the students, said the students also were impressed by the beautiful modern campus of the University of Mexico, and historic Chapultepec Castle.

"I believe the greatest value of the trip to the students lay in the fact that they found how others live, and saw a lot of very nice architecture," Prof. Heimerich said. "They work in a different way down there, and their design is so free. Of course, the code would stop you from doing a lot of those things here."

The students left Juarez on Thursday, March 26, by train, and arrived in Mexico City on Saturday. Many students, Catholic and non-Catholic alike, attended midnight mass on Easter Sunday in the Cathedral at Mexico City, and many of them spent Saturday afternoon and Sunday visiting such spots as the Palace of Fine Arts and browsing through the city.

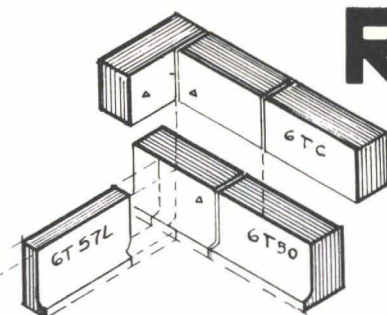
On Monday, the first day of the regular tours, the students first saw the modernistic, three-deck race track stand recently built, and went from there to the Lomas residential area.

Next, the students saw the water plant, with a striking mosaic fountain in front of—strangely enough—a box-shaped domed building. The students then visited Chapultepec Castle, built by the Aztecs before Cortez.

The last area visited Monday was the Pedregal residential area, with homes in the \$40,000 range. The area has a good piece of modern sculpture at its entrance, and many of the homes—which feature

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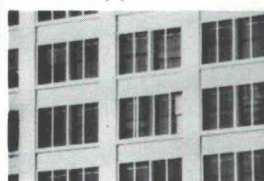
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split levels, cantilevers, some thin-shell concrete, and mosaics—show excellent design.

"The Pedregal was built on a lava bed, and many large lava boulders have been left where they lay," Heimerich said. "But every available square foot of soil has been put into flower gardens and lawns. It's really very attractive."

On Tuesday, the students first visited a 16th century monastery at Alcolman, and then went to the pyramids, which are several miles from the city. The largest pyramid, the Pyramid of the Sun, measures over 700 feet square at the base and rises to a height of 217 feet. The pyramids are one thousand years old, and show the influence of several cultures, with the Toltec influence predominating.

The students saw a magnificent Spanish Colonial Church and shrine on their way back to the city, and also saw several Aztec temples near the pyramids.

On Wednesday, the last day of regular tours, the students concentrated on modern architecture. First they saw a thin-shell concrete church and convent which contains a large, brilliant stained glass window and a triangular opening behind the altar.

Then the students went to the Xochomilco Floating Gardens, where the main attraction is a Felix Candella restaurant with a thin-shell concrete dome. The building is octagonal, and the dome rises and falls around each of the eight sides.

The students then visited the campus of the University of Mexico, with its modern design and striking mosaics.

"We weren't bothered much by the Mexican rail strike," Heimerich said.

He pointed out that the train the students rode was a different line than the one which was struck. The group arrived back in Juarez about two hours late, but that was the only inconvenience.

The group returned in time to attend classes on April 6.

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