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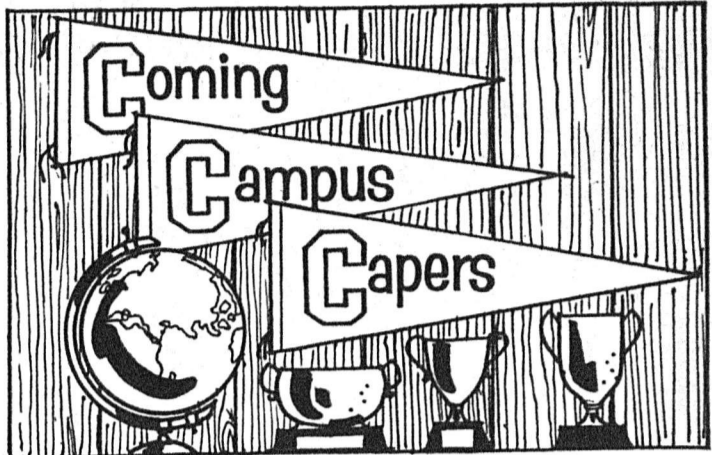
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- NOVEMBER**
- 18—Bromo Ball
 - 19—Musical Club Concert
- DECEMBER**
- 1—Residence Dance, Athabasca Hall
 - 2—Nurses'-Engineers' Dance
 - 4—Panhellenic Banquet (Jubilee Auditorium)
 - 9—Education "Latin Quarter" Dance
 - 10—Musical Club Party
 - 11—Wauneita White Gift Party (Wauneita Lounge, 8:30 p.m.)

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featurette

A SPELEOLOGIST

By Kathy Showalter

Last Friday evening, the University of Alberta was unwittingly host to a very famous Frenchman.

N. Norbert Casteret, world-renowned explorer-speleologist, lectured on this campus at the invitation of the Alliance Francaise of Edmonton, the French department of the university, and the French Club. The Alliance was well represented, but the university was apparently unaware of their guest.

M. Casteret is a stocky, athletic man who looks much younger than his 70-odd years. He delivered his 45-minute lecture in French, and without notes.

CAVE CREEPER

M. Casteret began by comparing himself to an alpinist. The alpinist tries to see how high he can climb and the speleologist how deep he can descend into the earth.

Although M. Casteret has explored numerous caves in the Pyrenees and Atlas mountains, he confined his lecture to one particular series of expeditions to explore what he called the deepest cavern in the world, found in the Pyrenees on the French-Spanish border.

The first expedition was made in 1950 by a Franco-Belgian group.

DOWN THE CHIMNEY

The cavern itself began with a vertical chimney which he compared to the Eiffel Tower in depth. It continued into a series of seven rooms, the last much larger than the

cathedral of Notre Dame.

In a detailed account of the procedure of descent, M. Casteret was deceptively factual about dramatic events. A telephone, used for communication as the men were lowered one at a time, became useless from the cold and moisture.

The first expedition was curtailed when a cable broke and one member plunged to his death.

RECOVER BODY

Three years later, an expedition returned for a new descent to attempt to recover the body. The following year, 1954, they again returned and finally succeeded in bringing the body of their colleague to the surface.

Further exploration of the cavern disclosed an underground river. This discovery began a six-year dispute over the possession of the cavern. An expedition of eight French and eight Spanish divided the cavern for exploration and a precise topographical report was prepared.

The cavern, discovered originally by accident, has become an important hydro-electric asset.

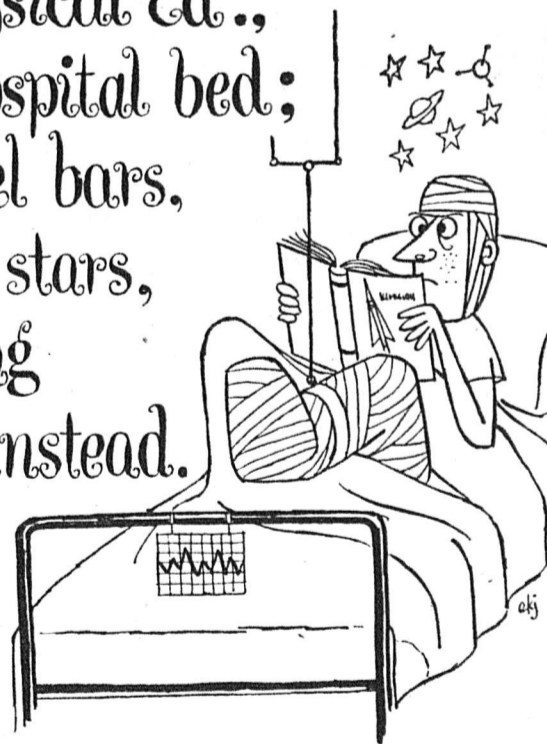
An excellent film of the 1953 and 1954 expeditions was shown after the lecture. Although somewhat marred by projection difficulties, it gave an impressive illustration of the little-known science of speleology.



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