

CMA Internationale

Camden Cadets Come From All Over The Globe

For many years CMA has had a foreign component that has added immeasurably to the quality of the Camden experience. Students from such diverse locales as Germany, Australia, and South Africa have brought different cultures, attitudes, and perspectives to Camden.

This year's International Club has three members from Egypt--Kamal, El Narsh, and Tawab. Mena and Moreno are from Mexico. Gonzales is from Panama and lives, as he says, "right on the Canal." Both Ho and Chu are from Hong Kong. Alrumaih is from Saudi Arabia.

Why do students from other countries come to CMA? International Club Sponsor and French Instructor, CPT Mohsen Ferjani, himself a recently naturalized American from Tunisia, states two main reasons: "They want to learn English and get into a good college."

Gene McCaskill, Director of Admissions, adds another--"Americanization." Mr. McCaskill also says that although he still gets calls on a ten-year-old **National Geographic** ad, most foreign students hear about CMA through word of mouth.

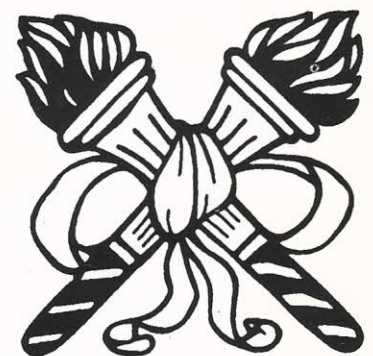
Yet another and more specific reason is given by Cadet Jason Gonzales, whose father teaches mechanics in Panama. "I had a bad attitude, bad grades, and was disrespectful."

Do foreign students get what they seek from CMA? According to CPT Brown, English Instructor, "I have been pleasantly surprised by the rapidity with which most foreign students acquire English language skills. One day you are trying with great difficulty to communicate with a student who can hardly speak English, and a few weeks later you suddenly realize that you are having a full-blown conversation with the same student."

Do foreign students have special problems? They may. As CPT Ferjani points out, Muslim students who observe the month of



International Club: CPT Ferjani, sponsor, PL Ho, D Chu. Row 2: LE Mena, FA Alrumaih, FJ Moreno, JE Gonzales. Row 3: HM Kamal, AM El Narsh, HA Tawab.



While Chu's family still lives in Hong Kong, Ho's has moved to Vancouver, BC. Both families are concerned about the impending takeover of Hong Kong by Communist China.