

Spanish Visitor Compares Two Toledos

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"I wear these clothes (red and green plaid skirt and green v-neck cardigan) at home, but bought the knee socks here," Maria answered when asked about Spanish co-ed fashions, noting that Spanish girls don't wear bermuda shorts. Her ears are pierced and her earrings were gold and coral.

Maria likes American food, but misses fresh fish—as common on the Spanish diet as meat here. Because of the Spanish custom of siesta and dining in the early evening, college afternoon classes usually run from 4 until 10 or 11 p.m. and morning classes finish at 2 p.m. Her 10-year-old sister finishes school

at 8 p.m., and her first-grader sister at 6 p.m., but both youngsters are home from 1 until 3:30 or 4 p.m.

She described her home Toledo, Spain, as a small and compact city with everything within walking distance. It takes her father just a few minutes to walk to his newspaper, *The Fortress*.

Maria has enjoyed meeting the Americans at TU, but finds it relaxing to converse in her native language with the Spanish-speaking foreign students. She often walks to the Gardner home from classes and is amazed at the size of the university parking

lot. In Madrid, where she studied for a year, students ride street cars.

Contrary to common belief, Maria and the Spanish girls she knows do not have to have chaperons on dates. She considers the Spanish dating system as more formal than here and not as conducive to meeting as many people quickly and easily.

Maria arrived on July 28 and visited several of the committee families before school started. She will live with the Gardners until the second semester, when the Richard Shoemakers become her hosts.

Not only will this be her first Christmas away from home, but also it will be an opportunity to be introduced to Santa Claus.