

From the Editor

Again, as in the past, this issue will offer you a wide variety of articles dealing with both practical techniques and research. We also are *estrenando* a Book Review Editor. Patrick Smith of the Universidad de las Américas-Puebla has sent us two very interesting book reviews for this issue and promises more for future issues.

Our first article is by Peter Hubbard. In this written version of his well-received presentation at the Twentieth National Convention in Puerto Vallarta last October. Dr. Hubbard looks into the polemic of the native versus the non-native teacher. He examines exactly what advantages and disadvantages both teachers have and then makes some realistic suggestions for the professionalization of our field.

The second article deals with a techniques for teaching reading, presenting ideas involving schematic theory and how to use it in the classroom. The authors, Wilma Clark and Lydia Giles from Indiana University of Pennsylvania, also offer an appendix including materials that can be used in the classroom with a reading about Christopher Columbus or that can be adapted to other similar readings.

Susan Zimmerman H. and Catherine Merel have written the third article which offers suggestions for the creation of content-based after-school workshops to augment traditional language classes. They also include an example of a curriculum that could cover six semesters of English study at the Preparatory level.

Our final article presents the results of a three-year study into the effects of matching teaching styles to students' learning styles. This monumental project was carried out at the Universidad de las Américas-Puebla by Coral Ibarra Y.

Just as in our last issue, Betty Phillips' column, *Tidbits and Teaching Techniques for Tired Teachers*, gives us useful hints that we can use to improve our teaching. This issue's topic is peer coaching.

As usual, I would like to encourage you to participate in MEXTESOL. Write an article, book review or letter for our Journal; present or just attend local, regional and national meetings. Remember our Twenty-First National Convention will be held at the Hotel Krystal-Ixtapa from October 13 to 16. Look for the registration information included in this issue.

Finally, I would like to thank Dean Hugo Loyola of Americom-Tlalpan (Universidad del Valle de México) for all his assistance to MEXTESOL and Francisco Lopez for help with proofreading.

We'll be waiting to hear from you!

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