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SIX YEARS LATER

Several weeks ago, Inge Lise Nielsen, the foreign exchange student in 1957-1958, returned to Guilderland and still found the atmosphere of the American school "so fascinating".

Inge Lise, the oldest of three girls, comes from a small fishing town in northern Denmark. "I thought about returning to America many times and was so very happy when I got a job as a camp counselor in New York for the summer." This coming year Inge will be a counselor at an international orphanage in Switzerland, and the following year will return to her native land to study psychology and teach elementary school.

While at Guilderland, Inge lived with both Joan Clark and Gail Strom. "The friends I have made here are my very best friends. It seems as if I left them only a few weeks ago."

Inge Lise said that after six years her attitude and impressions of America had changed a little. "I am still very fascinated by the atmosphere in the American school. I have now seen more of America. I like the way America does some things and I like the way Denmark does other things."

When asked about the A. F. S. program, she replied that she felt that it was very beneficial and

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Seven New Teachers

Our teachers know quite a bit about us, but when it comes to them, we are left pretty much in the dark. "He's great," you say, or "She's a grouch," but do you really know anything about them?

This year we have seven new teachers and six of them are graduates of the State University of New York at Albany. Mr. Rothstein taught at Columbia High School for three years before coming to Guilderland, and his wife is now a student teacher. Mr. Rothstein teaches world history and told us he has no time for hobbies.

Mr. Monroe teaches English in tenth and eleventh grades, and he first taught in the army. His hobbies are acting, baseball, swimming, softball, and chess. Mrs. Monroe teaches English in the junior high.

Mrs. Westcott, a French teacher in both the junior high and the senior high, first thought she would teach English. Her greatest interests are romantic painters, literature, and foreign cultures, and she enjoys sports as a spectator. Mrs. Westcott feels that high

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OUR FOREIGN EXCHANGE STUDENT — Ernesto Riquelme — clowns with one of the many small, but significant representations of American teenage life.

ERNESTO RIQUELME, OUR CHILEAN IMPORT

Guilderland students are learning a great deal about Chile, a country whose government is very much like our own. From the South American republic that extends north and south along the west coast of the continent, the AFS has sent to us Ernesto Riquelme.

Ernesto lives in Los Andes, a city with a population of about 50,000 which lies near Chile's capital and largest city, Santiago.

When in his native Chile, Ernesto bicycles to school from his home where he lives with his mother, an English teacher, and his 19-year-old sister, Elizabeth. In Los Andes he attends a public school and follows a busy schedule consisting of 13 subjects: Spanish, English, French, mathematics, physics (his favorite), chemistry, history, governmental civics, physiology, biology, music, gymnastics and drawing.

Soccer and basketball are two sports that Ernesto plays. He also plays chess and ping-pong. As many of us have already discovered, Ernesto is a champion at ping-pong and manages pool quite nicely. Although many of our well-

known singers are popular in Chile, folk singers such as Peter, Paul and Mary and Joan Baez are not yet heard of.

So far Ernesto has no favorite American dish. Although he enjoys pastel de manzanas y helado, which in English is apple pie with ice cream, he misses his favorite Chilean meal which consists of beef steak with two fried eggs on top and a side portion of fried potatoes and onions. Because Ernesto enjoys the Chilean custom of four meals a day, we will no doubt find him a very hearty eater.

Ernesto has a wonderful personality. He may seem very quiet but don't let that angelic look fool you. He's as clever as they come and has a humorous remark for almost any situation. A group of students were leaving the Niskayuna-Guilderland football game. The car in which our humorous friend was riding happened to be between two school buses. Ernesto turned around and in a subtle voice remarked, "A bus behind, a bus before — a very good sandwich."

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