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Hines Is Named Religious Emphasis Principal Speaker

The Rt. Rev. John E. Hines, Bishop-Coadjutor of the Episcopal Diocese of Texas, will be the principal speaker during Religious Emphasis week Feb. 20-25 in Guion hall.

Other speakers scheduled for RE week include Dr. Ellis Nelson and Dr. A. L. Porterfield. Nelson, professor in the Presbyterian Theological Seminary in Austin, will meet with the faculty each evening during the week in the biological sciences lecture room. His talks will be followed by group discussions and his topics will answer such questions as "what basic religious beliefs are appropriate for faculty members to present to students."

Reservations For Rooms Start Monday

Students who want to reserve their present rooms may begin doing so at 8 a.m. Monday in the housing office, Goodwin hall, according to Harry L. Boyer, chief of housing.

Students must first pay their fees at the fiscal office in the administration building, and then bring the receipt to the housing office, he said.

Total amount due for the spring semester, including meals, is \$226. Without meals, the amount for the entire semester is \$83.35. The first installment, due by Feb. 6, is \$61.75, and without meals it is \$38.40.

Students who want to reserve rooms other than the ones they now occupy, including students changing between civilian and military dormitories, must present a room change slip when they reserve their rooms, Boyer said.

Veterans may get fee waiver slips from the veteran's advisor office in Goodwin hall.

MSS Two Offers Writing Awards

The M.S.S. Two, a collection of student creative writing, is offering a prize of ten dollars for the best short story and the best poem submitted by Feb. 28, according to Bill Willis, editor.

Persons interested in entering the contest should leave their work with Robert Feragen of the English department in room 319 Academic building.

Character sketches, commentaries, and other types of writing will be welcomed, but no prizes will be awarded in these divisions.

The collection will be released in late spring.

For Ag Classes

Honor Code Now in Effect

The student Agriculture council honor code, which was adopted in November, is now in effect in 50 per cent of the agriculture classes, said Sam McAnally, council reporter.

The code will be in effect in all agriculture classes by the beginning of next semester, he said.

In order to explain the honor system to the various classes, representatives of each department of the School of Agriculture and council members have attended agriculture classes to instruct members how the code works. They will also visit dormitories and explain the system to freshmen and sophomore agriculture students.

McAnally pointed out that they have not been able to visit all classes yet, but that they intend to by the first of next semester.

The following statement will be posted in each agriculture classroom:

Porterfield, head of the department of sociology at Texas Christian university, will lead the married students forum and discussion groups which meet each evening in the YMCA chapel. The questionnaires containing suggested topics sent to married students recently have not been returned, J. Gordon Gay, YMCA general secretary said yesterday, but Porterfield's topics will be based on student preferences according to the questionnaire.

In addition to the faculty and married student discussion groups, each dormitory will have a discussion leader who will talk on topics selected as most interesting by the students of that dormitory, Gay said.

Hine's daily talks in Guion hall will cover topics selected by the students from questionnaires called interest locaters which contained 17 suggested topics and a write-in space for other topics. First choice of the students was the topic "what should one seek in marriage?"

The dormitory speakers will base their talks on the write-in topics submitted by the students in their assigned dormitories.

Potted Plant Mystery

Someone has been taking the potted plants out of the Center, and it looks like the stealing has been done in broad daylight.

It's been going on since October. Potted plants started disappearing from the Center then, and about 30 or 40 have been taken since then, according to J. Wayne Stark, MSC director.

The loss of the plants themselves is not too serious, but the plants are in decorative pots that are expensive, Stark said.

The MSC tries to get a variety of pots, and new types. They are used on the coffee tables in the promenade lounges, and in other parts of the Center.

The plants and pots are paid for by the MSC, and the floriculture department does the arranging and care of them. The floriculture department doesn't know what's happened to them either.

The stealing has been centered around three locations. The first location is the end promenade table, the one closest to the door by the post office. Ten or twelve plants have been stolen from there in the last four months, three of them in the last three days.

"Whoever he is, he's building up quite a collection," Stark said.

Stark figures the stealing is being done during the day, because the building is locked at night. After about 11 p.m., only the main door is left open. Anyone coming in through this door would have to leave the same way, past the night desk man, who has seen nothing irregular.

"He's just bold," Stark says. "He must just pick up a plant and walk out with it as if he

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Head Bumps Won't Help Examinations

Aggies who would like to find out how they will come out on their final examinations won't get any help from fortune tellers in College Station, mainly because the seers are not permitted in the city.

Ran Boswell, city manager, said a phrenologist (a person who professes to predict the future by studying the conformation of the skull) was denied a license last week. Boswell didn't say whether or not the man was here because of finals.

"I guess he thought Aggies have a lot of bumps on their heads that are worth studying," said Boswell.

Princess Margaret Escapes Injury

Royston, England —(AP)— Princess Margaret was involved in a slight automobile accident last night, but escaped injury.

The car in which she was riding collided with another while she was on her way from the royal country home in Sandringham to London. Neither was reported damaged.

Weather Today

The outlook for today is rain showers in the afternoon and tomorrow morning.

Yesterday's high was 55, low 39. The temperature at 10:15 this morning was 57.



SPONSORS AWARD—Dr. L. G. Jones, right, who retired from the agronomy department in 1952, presents a plaque to J. S. Mogford, professor of agronomy. The plaque recognizes the winners of the \$100 award, sponsored by Jones, which is given each year to the outstanding student in agronomy.

Someone's Stealing Flowers

Another place has been the wall that separates the fountain room from the corridor outside of it. The waist high wall is topped with a planter, and several single pots have been taken out of it. All of these plants are of the same type.

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Ramblers To Play

The Aggie Ramblers will play for a dance in Shiloh hall, their first professional appearance, tomorrow at 8:30 p.m., said Bill Barefield, leader of the band.

Sam McAnally and Ken Killon, members of the Saddle and Siroin club, are sponsoring the dance, and all profits will go to the club, McAnally said.

Committee Orders No Exam Changes

There will be no changing around of final examination periods, according to Dean of the College, J. P. Abbott.

In a notice to all department heads, Abbott said "the Executive committee of the Academic council has asked me to remind you that the schedule of final examinations should be strictly adhered to, and that it is the responsibility of the head of the department to see that no deviation from this schedule is permitted."

The notice also said that the present exam schedule, which has exams set through 4 p.m. Saturday, was designed to "avoid jamming" exams in the first part of the week, and "any departure from the schedule would jeopardize the overall plan."

Fellowship Awards Offered To Seniors

The Ralston Purina company is offering research fellowship awards to senior animal husbandry, dairy husbandry and poultry husbandry majors interested in graduate work in nutrition and physiology research.

"The awards pay \$1,560 a year and may be renewed for three years," said Dr. J. C. Miller, head of the animal husbandry department.

Students interested in the awards may see Dr. G. L. Robertson in the animal husbandry department by Saturday for further information.

FORMOSA ATTACK UNLIKELY--SCOTT

Communist Aggression Would Cause War, He Says

The Chinese Communists will probably not attack Formosa, since they know it would mean war, Sir Robert Scott, minister of the British Embassy in Washington, said yesterday during his Great Issues series lecture in the Memorial Student Center ballroom.

However, he indicated that there is a possibility of the Communists attacking the smaller islands off the Chinese mainland because they have long expressed their "intention to liberate these islands."

"They would be making a big mistake if they attacked Formosa," said Scott. The U.S. has pledged aid to Formosa in case of attack.

World News

By ASSOCIATED PRESS
MANAGUA, Nicaragua — President Anastasio Somoza said yesterday he still thinks a duel with President Jose Figueres of Costa Rica would be a good way to settle the differences between the two countries.

MOSCOW — The Soviet Union handed representatives of the Western European Union powers notes last night protesting their plan to rearm West Germany. The Russians contended the plan would violate the Geneva convention barring weapons of mass destruction.

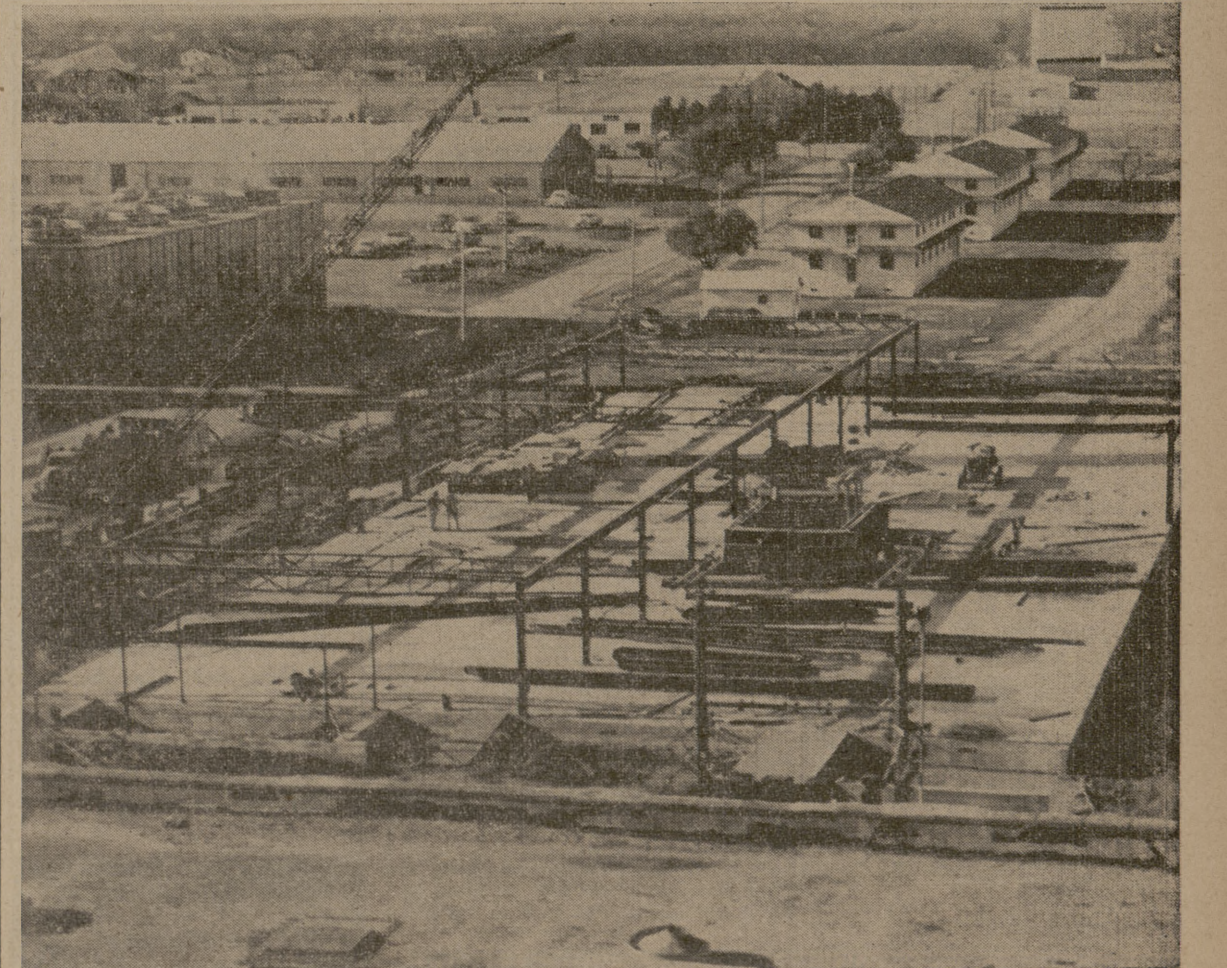
QUARRY HEIGHTS, C. Z. — Seven U. S. Navy patrol planes "armed for defensive purposes only in event of attack from the air" are standing by to make peaceful observation flights over troubled Costa Rica, Lt. Gen. William K. Harrison, U. S. commander in Caribbean area, said yesterday.

KINGSTON, Jamaica — Prime Minister William Alexander Bustamante, anti-Communist kingpin of Jamaica politics for a decade, lost his grip yesterday on the island government. But he said no successor could match his accomplishments "perhaps within 100 years."

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ABOVE GROUND—The walls of the new A&M Press building started to rise this week, as workmen point toward an early summer completion date. The building, which is located near the 'shacks' temporary classroom buildings, will house the A&M Press, now in the basement of Goodwin hall.

Indian Scenes, Portuguese Art In MSC Exhibit

The art exhibition now on display in the Memorial Student Center includes a Portuguese collection by Antonio Montano, graduate veterinary medicine student from Portugal, and an Indian exhibit sponsored by the A&M Camera club.

The Portuguese exhibit is typical of the native art. All of the work displayed is Montano's own handwork. The collection is unusual in that the work was done with common materials such as roots, twine and bits of clay.

The Indian exhibit is a collection of photographs showing native scenes typical of the life in India. The collection is currently on tour throughout the United States, and the Camera club was able to keep it long enough to put it on exhibit.

The next exhibition to be sponsored by the Art Gallery committee will be a group of paintings done by students at the student union of Southern Methodist University. A&M will send paintings to SMU as part of an exchange program, said Mrs. Ralph L. Terry, art gallery advisor.

A special request has been made by the Beaumont A&M club for paintings done by artists here at the MSC.

"The exhibit to be sent to Beaumont will consist of about 25 pieces," she said.

Election To Fill Senate Vacancies

Two vacancies on the student senate, a class of '50 senator and a Mitchell hall senator, will be filled by election Feb. 15.

Candidates may file in the office of student activities by 12 noon Feb. 12 according to Pete Hardesty, business manager of student activities.

Election for the junior class senator will be held from 1-5 p.m. Feb. 15 in the MSC. The Mitchell election is the same day from 5-6 p.m. with ballot boxes located by the telephones in Mitchell hall.

A vacancy on the election commission also will be filled soon by a student senate appointment, said Dave Lane, chairman of the election commission.