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'Faith' Will Be Studied During Religious Emphasis



TED HOPGOOD, VAN VESELKA
... saw it through



TOM NELSON
... leatherneck without leather feet

ONE IN HOSPITAL

Aggies Recovering After Trek

Two Aggies who trudged 50 miles from Huntsville to College Station in 14 hours Saturday were back in class Monday, but one of the two students who dropped out of the informal trek at 34 miles was in the college hospital.

Van K. Veselka, '66 from Bellville, and Ted Hopgood, '65 from Billings, Mont., sprinted across the finish line at 10:15 p.m., complying with a 1908 presidential order that prescribed a 50-mile hike for Marines within 20 hours.

The order was recently exhumed by President Kennedy and Marines across the nation have taken to the trail to prove that they equal their counterparts of 50 years ago.

VESELKA AND Hopgood, members of Company I-3, composed of cadets enrolled in the Marine Platoon Leaders Class program, left Huntsville at 8:15 a.m. Saturday accompanied by Tom Nelson, '63 from Bryan, and Anson N. Holley, '64 from Corpus Christi. Nelson and Holley quit at 4:45

p.m. with about 16 miles to go—suffering from blisters and cramps.

Monday Nelson was hospitalized with swollen legs and blisters—and a sour disposition. Holley was able to attend class.

"I figured there was no use in going on and being a cripple all week," Nelson said Saturday. But he ended up bed ridden anyway. He blamed his failure on going too fast at first. Said Nelson:

"Hell, we covered six and a half miles the first hour by walking and running. We just couldn't keep up that pace."

BUT VESELKA and Hopgood with their 14 hours stood well in the front of the majority of marchers across the nation. The record is a quick 10½ hours by a California Marine lieutenant, with the average running about 15 or 16 hours. Attorney General Robert Kennedy tramped 50 miles in 18 hours to prove the ruling clan is fit. The president himself even joined in the fad to lead a tour of secret service men and reporters around several blocks in Washington, D. C.

The original order to carry out the grueling hike came from rough-rider Teddy Roosevelt in 1908. It specified that Marine officers should be able to march 50 miles in 20 hours, with softies being able to stretch the time over a three day period. The last half mile was to be run at double time and the last 200 yards at a dead run.

Dr. Gilruth Named Visiting Professor

Dr. Robert R. Gilruth, director of Houston's Manned Spacecraft Center, Friday was named a visiting professor of aerospace engineering. Gilruth, who was on campus to make an address at the Space Fiesta, will begin his duties in the fall of 1963.

The announcement of Gilruth's professorship came just before the MSC director disclosed in his address that an aerospace summer intern program for college students will begin this summer.

SPEAKING IN the MSC Ballroom, Gilruth told his audience, "The program is designed to tie in practical experience with academic training by giving assignments and classroom training in the center's space projects."

Science and engineering students will receive 20 of the internships and 10 will go to public and administration students.

Undergraduates must have completed their junior year of college work by June 17. Graduate students must have completed work on bachelor degrees by that date.

IN HIS ADDRESS, termed a progress report of the Manned Spacecraft Center, Gilruth gave a brief history of the MSC's development and then outlined the five following areas of activity accomplished at the center:

1. "We have planned and carried out a major move of our personnel and facilities from Hampton, Va., to Houston.
 2. "We have secured necessary interim space in Houston to meet our needs.
 3. "We have planned for the design and construction of our permanent facilities at Clear Lake.
 4. "We have vigorously pursued the Mercury Project and have our new projects of Gemini and Apollo well underway."
- GILRUTH TOLD his listeners, which included six U. S. Con-

Craft Shop Reopening Set On Trial Basis

The crafts shop in the lower level of the Memorial Student Center will be reopened on a trial basis in the next few weeks by the creative arts committee of the MSC.

Bill Adams, chairman of the creative arts group, made the announcement.

The shop will be open nine hours a week, with a student in charge of operations. Hours will be 7-10 p.m. on Tuesdays and Thursdays and 2-5 p.m. on Wednesdays. A \$2 fee per semester will be charged.

A meeting of interested students is planned next Monday night, Adams said.

The shop was closed two years ago when the permanent operator resigned. According to Adams, students will now operate the shop with the goal of having it open on a full-time basis next year. Shop work will be devoted to sculpture, ceramics, leatherwork and painting.

Adams added that his committee hoped to conduct a student art show in May. Serving as critics in connection with the art show and the resumption of shop activities will be Wendell G. Horsley, Joseph Donaldson and Alan L. Stacell, all professors in the Division of Architecture; Bill Hite, assistant student programs advisor; and Paul Guzzardo, a student who is a former instructor of ceramics at Pratt Institute in New York City.

Twentieth Century Is Background

"Faith and the Twentieth Century" will be the theme of Religious Emphasis Week scheduled Feb. 17-21.

A new system of presenting the program of religious emphasis will be used this year, according to J. Gordon Gay, coordinator of religious life. Rather than presenting one speaker throughout the week at one location, there will be six speakers each evening at six different locations.

Gay said the plan has been adopted in an effort to better familiarize the students with the churches of their choice. He said it is also felt the meetings will be more meaningful if broken down into smaller groups.

THERE WILL be 10 religious denominations participating in the program.

"Students and the public are invited to participate in the Religious Emphasis Week services of their choice," Gay said. Services are scheduled for 7:10 each evening during the program.

The call to quarters for members of the corps has been rescheduled to 8:30 p. m. Gay said.

Speakers and locations for meetings have been announced as follows:

THE BAPTIST Student Union will sponsor Dr. Robert A. Hingson, M. D. Western Reserve University School of Medicine of Cleveland, Ohio. The meetings will be held at the First Baptist Church.

Lutheran meetings will be held at the Lutheran Student Center. The speaker will be the Rev. Samuel I. Goltermann, president of Concordia College of Austin.

Joint meetings of the Methodist, Presbyterian, Episcopalian and Christian churches will be held at the A&M Methodist Church. Dr. Das Kelley Barnett, Vicar, St. John's Episcopal Church, of Palacios, Tex., will speak.

The Church of Christ Bible Chair will be the meeting place for Church of Christ members. The speaker for their meeting will be McCurrin Harrell, Minister, Central Church of Christ of Temple.

THE B'NAI B'Rith Hillel Foundation will have as its speaker Rabbi Louis Firestein from Congregation Beth Israel of Austin. The meetings will be held at the Hillel Foundation.

St. Mary's Chapel will sponsor three speakers. They are the Rev. Dr. McLeish, Theologian to the Bishop of Austin Vatican Council; the Rev. Donald Starkey, Assistant Pastor of St. Mary's Church of Orange; and the Rev. M. C. Deason, Pastor of Sacred Heart Church of Austin. The meetings will be held at St. Mary's Chapel and Student Center.

Brisk Cold Wave Brings Snow, Sleet

BY THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

An unheralded cold wave swiftly spread snow and sleet Monday over two thirds of Texas.

Roads in most areas were hazardous for hours. Scores of schools closed. A deep hard freeze was in store for the whole state, except the Lower Rio Grande Valley at the extreme southern tip.

Snow continued falling over much of the southern half of Texas late Monday. At El Paso, where 2.4 inches covered the ground and closed schools, more snow started falling Monday night and the weather bureau said another one or two inches could be expected.

There were snow flurries at San Antonio while small hailstones pelted Edinburg, Mission, McAllen and Raymondville in the Lower Rio Grande Valley.

Even the Brownsville Weather Bureau warned the Valley that temperatures would slide to 30 degrees during the night and that tender vegetation should be pro-

tected. Citrus and vegetable growers, with most of their crops harvested, feared an even colder night Tuesday.

Faculty Fellowships Begin Wednesday

The first presentation of the spring program of the Faculty Christian Fellowship is scheduled for 7 a.m. Wednesday in the All Faiths Chapel. The speaker will be Bryan businessman Henry Parkman, whose topic will be "Religion and Business — A Businessman's Appraisal."

The Faculty Christian Fellowship will meet each Wednesday morning through April 3 with "The Basis of Faith in the Era of Exploding Knowledge" as the general theme.

The public has been invited to attend the programs. Coffee and doughnuts will be served in the YMCA Building after the programs at 7:20.

Letters Against Song Change Sent To Austin

Letters opposing Texas House of Representatives' legislation which would change the Texas state song from "Texas, Our Texas" to "The Eyes of Texas" were mailed to members of the Texas legislature Tuesday morning by Doug Hotchkiss, chairman of the issue's committee of the Student Senate.

The piece of legislation, HCR-9 introduced by Rep. Bill Walker of Cleveland, is presently under study in a subcommittee of the state affairs committee.

The student governments' interest in the item of legislation was sparked by a question asked in a committee session last week by Rep. Sam Collins of Newton. He asked Walker whether the A&M band could ever learn to play "The Eyes of Texas."

BILL BARNHART, A&M band commander, has said, "We could play it. But we haven't had an occasion to play the other state song."

In an effort to avoid the possibility of playing "The Eyes of Texas," and especially as the state song, the Student Senate adopted a resolution opposing the idea and mailed the protest to Representatives John Allen, state affairs committee chairman; Dick Slack, subcommittee chairman; Howard Green and Gene Hewdry, committee members; and David Haines and Sen. W. T. Moore, legislators from the College Station area.

A copy of the resolution was also sent to Mrs. Charles A. Stephens, president of the Texas State Song Association.

THE RESOLUTION reads: "Whereas, there is a bill in the House of Representatives to change the state song from 'Texas, Our Texas' to 'The Eyes of Texas,'

"Whereas, this bill is presented by a minority voice with selfish and shallow motives.

"Whereas, the adopted song, 'Texas, Our Texas' is fittingly majestic to represent our great state.

"Whereas, the proposed 'The Eyes of Texas' is a college song originating as a minstrel's mimicking prank.

"Resolved, that we, the student body of the Agricultural and Mechanical College of Texas, urge the House of Representatives to defeat this proposed change and the retain 'Texas, Our Texas' which so ably represents the true character of our state."

Drawing Contest Attracts Entries

The state-wide high school drawing competition sponsored by the Department of Engineering Graphics has attracted a record number of entries this year.

Assistant professor Jim Earle, chairman of the 21st annual competition, said that 190 Texas high schools with 7,000 entries had already signed up for the contest.

Wire Review

By The Associated Press

WORLD NEWS

BEIRUT, Lebanon — Iraq's new rulers were reported waging a bloody campaign Monday to annihilate Communists throughout the nation. Moscow nevertheless joined Washington and London in recognizing the revolutionary regime. The machine-gunning of Iraqi Communists died down in Baghdad, the capital. But reliable reports to other Arab capitals said Communists were being wiped out elsewhere in the fiercest offensive in this part of the world since the blood bath in 1959 in Mosul.

Premier Abdel Karim Kassem, overthrown Friday and shot Saturday, crushed an uprising in the northern city that year. Then the Communists slaughtered hundreds who had led a revolt against Kassem.

GENEVA — The Soviet Union asserted Monday new U. S. underground nuclear blasts are a threat to hopes for a test ban treaty. Pessimism engulfed delegates on the eve of the resumed treaty talks.

An official statement by the Soviet news agency Tass, distributed from Moscow, said the Nevada testing "gives impetus to a new nuclear arms race" and "the government of the United States bears full responsibility for the possible consequences of this step."

U. S. NEWS

WASHINGTON — Asian flu, a deadly threat to the elderly, appears to be building up to a nationwide epidemic, belatedly fulfilling a grim forecast.

The Public Health Service reports that pneumonia-influenza deaths have been running over the epidemic threshold for four weeks, according to samplings from 108 cities.

TEXAS NEWS

AUSTIN — Most Texas National Guard units will not undergo major changes in a proposed reorganization, State Adjutant General Thomas Bishop said Monday.

Bishop said the plan, which would take effect March 1, still must be approved by the Department of the Army. No men will be discharged and no unit locations will be abandoned.

Under the plan, 36th Infantry Division units in Corsicana, Kerens, Athens, Mexia, Temple, Wellington, and Shamrock, will go to the 49th Armored Division. A 49th unit in Huntsville will go to the 36th.

AUSTIN — Gov. John Connally said today he will undergo major surgery for hernia next week. He will enter St. David's Hospital here Sunday.

Enrollment Up Five Per Cent, Heaton Says

An increase in student enrollment of more than five per cent over a comparable time a year ago was announced by Registrar H. L. Heaton Monday.

A total of 7,261 students registered for the spring semester, as compared with 6,902 students who registered at this time last year.

This enrollment hike parallels that of the fall semester. A total of 8,142 registered last fall, up more than five per cent over the preceding September.

Heaton warned students that no more course may be added, and that Wednesday is the deadline for dropping courses. After the deadline, all students who drop courses will receive a failing grade for the semester.

Courses may be dropped by a request at the department office for a drop slip. A notice is sent to professor teaching the course and the student must take one to his dean for approval.

Students who withdraw from school before Wednesday will receive a "withdrew passing" or a "withdrew failing" for the course.