

Campus Beckons Former Staffer

Walter Lee Porter, whose 58 years as a teacher began in an Alabama school built of cedar logs, has returned to the classroom as a student.

Porter comes to the A&M campus—where he taught for 31 years—to attend Education 632, "Educational and Occupational Information." In 1963 he started taking courses to meet requirements for teaching in a high

school accredited by the Southern Association of Secondary Schools. "Also, I enjoy taking courses," Porter said. "I feel that when people stop studying on something, they begin to dry up."

The Alabama native joined the staff of Allen Academy in Bryan upon retiring from A&M in 1959 as professor emeritus of mathematics. For 21 years he served as department head.

"It's a pleasure and an honor to have Professor Porter in the class," associate professor S. A. Kerley said.

Learning and teaching as ways of life began for Porter while he was growing up near Scottsboro, Ala.

"I was third in a family of nine children, seven of whom taught school," the veteran professor said.

He completed studies at a one-room school in his home community and then enrolled in the Scottsboro Baptist Institute, a high school. Later he went to Birmingham to attend Howard College.

Even while a college student he gained his first teaching experience by teaching summers in a one-room, cedar log school on a mountainside in Northern Alabama. School met only during the summers, Porter explained, because roads were impassable at other times.

That was back before they had compulsory attendance laws, and some 12 and 13-year olds in my class never had been in school before," Porter recalled.

Conditions were primitive in that southern tip of Appalachia. "At recess the children played marbles, using marbles which they had made themselves from pieces of limestone."

Porter earned \$31.44 a month those summers.

Upon graduating from Howard College in 1911 he became superintendent of schools at Tuskegee. Booker T. Washington was president of Tuskegee Institute and scientist George Carver was a faculty member. Porter recalls Washington's love of fine horses and the scientist's "friendly, humble personality."

In 1917-18 Porter was principal of the Munroe County, Ala., High School. Secretary of the school board was A. C. Lee whose daughter, Harper, won a Pulitzer Prize with the novel, "To Kill A Mockingbird."



STUDENT LIFE RETURNS FOR PROF ... at Aggeland again after long absence.

New Bengali Text Book Authored By Dr. Dabbs

Dr. Jack A. Dabbs is the author of a newly-published book, another in a series of materials he has prepared on Bengali. The language of East Pakistan and Eastern India, Bengali is spoken by as many people as speak French around the world.

The new book is "Spoken Bengali: Dialects of East Bengal." Concerned with fundamentals of eight dialects spoken in varied regions of East Pakistan, the book is designed to accompany a textbook of the standard language.

Dabbs assembled most of the materials for his newest book while on a field trip to East Pakistan in 1960 but he has used materials gained through interviews with East Pakistanis here as students.

"Texas A&M has a continuing interest in Bengali because of the number of faculty and staff members sent to East Pakistan under the U. S. aid program," Dabbs said. Also, 60 students from the Asian nation attend A&M.

Dabbs has taught here since 1950 and became head of the Department of Modern Languages

this year. He visited East Pakistan under a grant from the A&M System Office of International Programs and its orientation program sponsored by the Ford Foundation.

The new book presents the same expressions and ideas but

CS United Chest Elects Officers

Five new members were elected Monday night to serve three-year terms on the board of directors at the annual College Station United Chest, Inc., membership meeting in the A&M Consolidated Schools cafeteria.

Elected to terms which will begin June 1, 1965 and run until May 31, 1968 were, Clark Munroe, director of personnel at A&M; Dr. Daniel C. Pfannstiel, assistant director of the Agriculture Extension Services; Walter H. Parsons, Jr., superintendent of Buildings and Utilities; Jack Bradshaw, ASCS; and John E. Oliver, assistant professor, School of Business Administration.

CAMPUS BRIEFS

Mrs. Texas A&M Contest To Be Climaxed By Dance

The winner of the Mrs. Texas A&M Contest will be presented at a semi-formal dance March 20 in the Memorial Student Center.

The dance is sponsored by the Aggie wives' clubs and is set for 8 p.m. Music will be furnished by Dr. Richard J. Baldauf's Aggeland Orchestra.

A limited number of tickets will be sold at \$2.50 per couple. They can be purchased from any Aggie Wives Council member or by calling 846-5232 or 846-5326.

A \$25 gift certificate is one of several door prizes to be given away at the dance.

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Debaters In Tourney A&M University entries participated with debaters from 35 other schools in four states in

the Southeastern State College Debate Tournament recently in Durant, Okla.

Two of the Aggies reached the semifinals in individual events in the Friday-Saturday competition. Simeon T. Lake reached the semifinals in men's extemporaneous speaking and James W. Seabolt competed at that level in men's poetry reading.

The team composed of Lake and Tom O. Batson Jr., won one and lost four debates. The other A&M team formed by Seabolt and David Gay won two and lost three.

Carl Kell, an instructor in speech and English, is debate coach.

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Poetry Reading Scheduled A poetry-lecture reading featuring Dr. Robert Lewis Weeks, a professor of English at Stephen F. Austin State College, is set for 8 p.m. Wednesday in the assembly room of the Memorial Student Center.

Sponsored by the Contemporary Arts Committee of the MSC, the presentation is open to the public, announces Jack Slimp, chairman of the committee.

Weeks is a widely published poet, critic, short story writer, and reviewer. His book, "To the Maker of Globes and Other Poems," was published last year.

More than 150 of his poems have been published in journals. He is a regular reviewer for the "Prairie Schooner" and "Bitterroot."

Weeks, with degrees from Indiana University and West Virginia University, has 16 years' experience as a college teacher and lecturer.

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JETS Announce Winners Winners in contests held during the annual state conference of the Junior Engineering Technical Society have been announced by J. G. McGuire, state coordinator for JETS.

Prizes of slide rules, drawing sets, etc., were presented in chemistry and physics, engineering graphics, mathematics, slide rule, and technical writing.

Mathematics drew the most at-

tention from the estimated 550 who participated in the conference. McGuire said 218 students took the one hour math test. Only seven entered the technical writing category.

Forty-two high schools, mostly from Central, East, South and North Texas, attended the conference which ended Saturday.

Needville High School won an award as the outstanding JETS Chapter for 1964-65. Mrs. Katherine Mays is the chapter sponsor.

Cushing Adds British Papers Of Researcher

A nearly complete file of a British publication newly added to the A&M library has turned out to have its own human interest story.

The library's file of "The Mariners' Mirror" proved to be that of the late Sir Alan Moore, a founder of the Society for Nautical Research.

Associate professor Edwin Doran Jr., of the geography faculty had asked the library to acquire a file of the British journal for use in scholarly research.

"As I worked through the file," Doran said, "I began to find some marginal notes. After several weeks, I began to check Volume One and then I found a manuscript note in Moore's own handwriting."

Sir Alan, who was born in 1882 and died in 1959, wrote his account of the beginning of the society.

"The society was founded June 14, 1910 at the KVS in the afternoon about 40 present. See diary 1910," he wrote in conclusion.

Sir Alan was a British physician who had an apparently lifelong love for the sea. He attended Eton and Cambridge and then completed medical training. During World War I he served in the Royal Navy as a medical officer. In addition to his medical practice he served in varied civic organizations and also wrote extensively in the field of naval history.

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