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Man Needs Divine Help Visiting Lecturer Says

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Dr. James I. McCord, president of Princeton Theological Seminary, told an audience in the Memorial Student Center Ballroom Tuesday night that it is impossible for man to reach full "humanity" without divine help.

Presenting the first in a series of five University Lectures, McCord discussed the age-old question: "What is man?"

"Socrates dealt with man as the idea of abstraction and as one more ideal of mankind," he said. "However, as the question moves into the Christian era it begins to take on a new perspective. The early Christians thought of man as a singular.

"Today any look at man will be through three standpoints: new emphasis on human responsibilities, fresh view of the nature of evil and a fresh look at man's move to 'biblical humanism.'"

According to McCord, Biblical humanism is the "insistence that man's humanity is not intact at birth." It must be reached out for and acquired, and it is a quest in which he is involved as long as he lives.

McCord contended that the help is necessary before man can reach full humanity because "the only image we have of the complete man is the image of Jesus Christ. He is the mirror of mankind."

McCord, from Rusk, earned a Doctor of Divinity Degree at Austin College, plus an M.A. at the University of Texas and a B.A. at Austin College.

Earlier in the day McCord delivered a more informal address in the MSC Assembly Room on "The place of religion in state-supported schools."

He began his brief talk with a broad resume of the close relationship between Protestantism in history and universities. He cited Martin Luther's connection with the University of Wittenberg and John Calvin's link with the University of Geneva as early examples of a trend which has continued "for 400 years."

He also outlined four philosophical schools which either owe their origin or development to university thinkers. Idealism, existentialism, linguistic analysis, and what he termed the "Death of God" school are all indebted to universities, he noted.

McCord next examined two opposing viewpoints toward the question of religion in education. "Religion was once taught in

the schools for an evangelistic purpose. A particular faith was taught and the child was confirmed to this faith. I don't subscribe to this theory, it destroys the dignity of an institution of higher education.

"The other view says let's keep religion off the campus because it's controversial or even keep it out of the textbooks. But Western thought is built on three great pillars — Greece, Rome and Jerusalem, and the exclusion of any of the three

results in an unbalanced view of history."

The speaker labelled religion "one of the dimensions of human experience that is tremendously significant, one that every educated man should know."

As a conclusion to his address, McCord reflected that "whatever we do, we must fight against the indoctrination that denies existence or hurts freedom or inquiry. Anything that excludes human experience or human history is dishonest."

Rusk Claims U.S. Ready For Peace

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DALLAS — Secretary of State Dean Rusk said Tuesday night that "there could be peace tomorrow" in Viet Nam if Communist North Viet Nam would leave South Viet Nam alone.

Rusk, whose speech before 8,500 at Southern Methodist University's Moody Coliseum was picketed by five members of the American Nazi Party, also said the United States has made repeated efforts to effect a peaceful settlement in Viet Nam.

"We are ready to negotiate but Peking and Hanoi are not," he declared.

Rusk reaffirmed the American commitment in South Viet Nam and noted that every post-World War II president has felt the security of the people of Southeast Asia is vital to the security of the entire world.

"We know we have a commitment, the Communists know we have a commitment, and the rest of the world knows we have one," he said.

"If there were those who would begin to doubt that commitment we would be on the ugly road to catastrophe."

Rusk pointed out that the United States came out of World

War II with "incredible power which has multiplied to the point where its very usefulness and effectiveness is beyond man.

"But this unbelievable power has not corrupted the American people, and there in lies our greatest strength," he said.

"It is tragic that in 1965 it is necessary for young Americans to offer and give their lives in defense of peace, but it has to be done," he emphasized.

"It is tragic that such vast resources are required for defense, but we must have them for the defense of peace.

"We have a burden to bear, but has there not always been a burden to be borne for those who achieve freedom?" he asked.

The secretary said that the American aim of establishing peace through prudence has been the reason for exercising restraint in Southeast Asia.

During a question-and-answer session after his address Rusk defended American intervention in the Dominican Republic and also explained reasons for U. S. insistence that Red China not be allowed admission to the United Nations.

"We do not choose to give their militaristic policy a vote of confidence," he argued.



CONSTRUCTION ON SCHEDULE

The \$750,000 cloverleaf-type overpass at Farm-to-Market 60 and old Highway 6 is now about 20 per cent completed. Texas Highway Department officials said that construction is running on schedule. The interchange will provide overpasses at FM 60 for automobiles and trains when completed.

A&M Receives \$198,000 From National Science Group

Texas A&M has been awarded a \$198,000 National Science Foundation grant for operations of the Research Vessel Alaminos during the next year.

The grant was made to the Texas A&M Research Foundation for research directed by Dr.

Willis E. Pequegnat, acting head of the Department of Oceanography.

Dr. Leo Berner Jr., administrative scientist, said the grant will support 110 days of cruise time by the Alaminos.

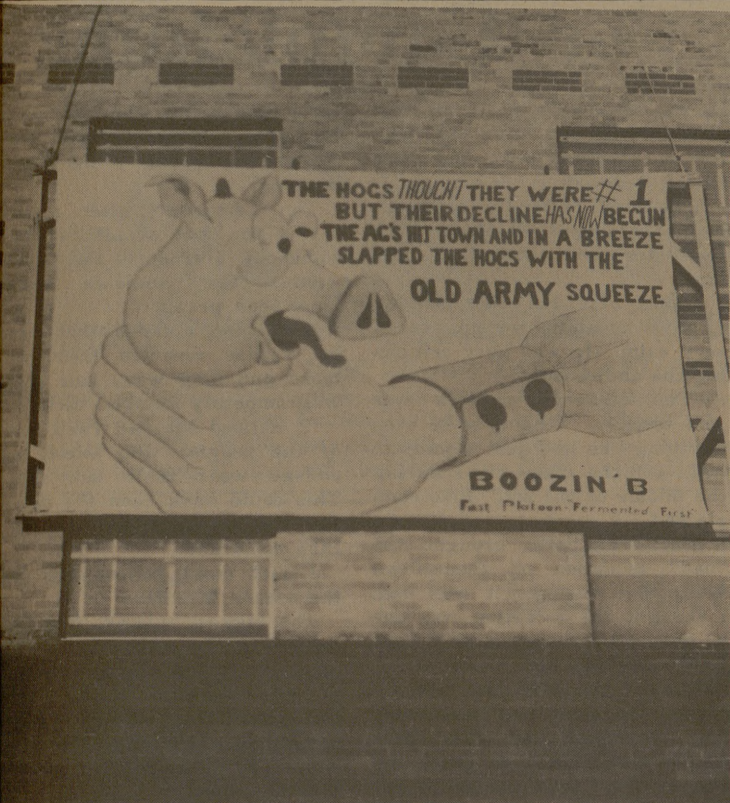
"We estimate 80 days for physical, chemical and geological studies," he noted, "and 30 days of biological studies."

In the past, additional cruise days have been supported by the Office of Naval Research and A&M.

A floating laboratory, the Alaminos' home port is Galveston. The \$3 million vessel is commanded by Capt. Homer Hadley. Port captain is Lewis Newton.

The 180-foot Alaminos has an 18-man crew and a technical complement of 13. It displaces 700 tons and has range of 6,000 miles.

Berner said 99 per cent of the studies aboard the Alaminos are done in the Gulf of Mexico. The Alaminos, outfitted for oceanographic and meteorological studies, is the major research vessel available to scientists in the Gulf of Mexico, he pointed out.



BEAT ARKANSAS

Company B-2, Dorm 1, gives the Aggies encouragement for Saturday's game with Arkansas by putting up their dorm sign. Arkansas, who was rated No. 1 in the nation, last week dropped to the No. 2 spot in this week's poll.

Singing Cadets Brush Up, Prepare For Teenage Show

Texas A&M's Singing Cadets have been brushing up on all the songs in their repertoire this week.

And for good reason. At 8 p.m. Friday in Dallas,

they will sing for a national television audience on CBS. Late Tuesday they had no indication of the songs desired by Miss Teenage America Pageant officials.

This is the fourth year for the Singing Cadets to serve as official glee club for the Miss America Pageant. The cadets also serve as escorts for the contestants during the Coronation Ball following the pageant.

"We can adjust to the situation," Jim Rupley, president of the Singing Cadets said. "Rehearsals begin at 6:30 p.m. Wednesday in the Dallas Memorial Auditorium. We will have plenty of time to get ready."

The 57-man group will perform later Wednesday night for the contestants and sponsors at the Dallas Club. Among their numbers will be "You'll Never Walk Alone," "If I Loved You," and "Maryland, My Maryland" for the governor of Maryland, one of the judges.

Beasley To Attend First Law Meeting

Wallace Beasley, coordinator of police training for Texas A&M Engineering Extension Service, will attend the first meeting of the Texas Commission on Law Enforcement Education and Standards Wednesday in Austin.

Gov. John Connally called a meeting of the nine-man board for 10 a.m. at the Texas Department of Public Safety.

Sellout Crowd Due For Teague Dinner

Brisk ticket sales indicate a sellout crowd for the Olin E. Teague appreciation dinner Nov. 5 at Texas A&M.

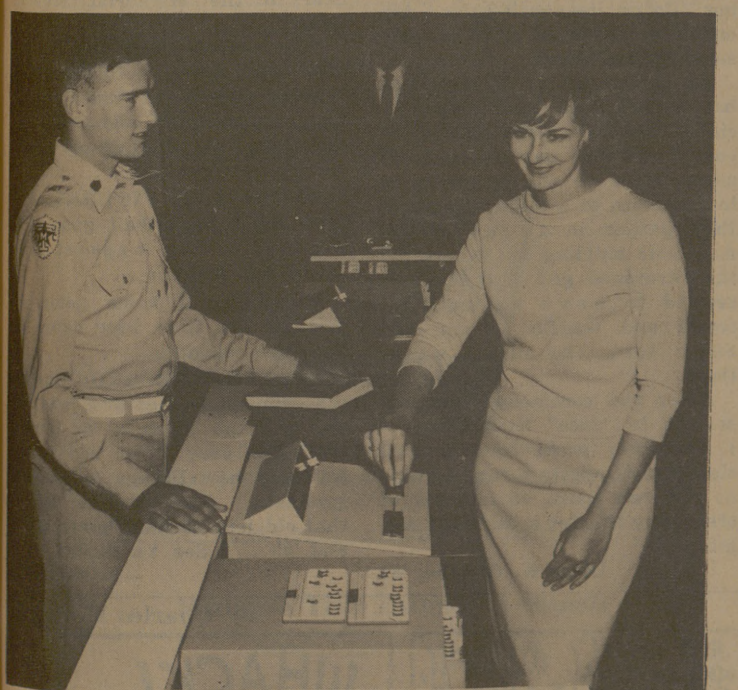
The meeting honors the College Station congressman for his 20 years of service to A&M and the Bryan-College Station community.

General chairman Ford D. Albritton Jr. reminded Teague's friends to arrange for tickets "as soon as possible."

He said tickets were available at all local banking institutions, the Ramada and Holiday Inn motels, the Memorial Student Center and the B-CS Chamber of Commerce.

Keynote speaker for the dinner will be Dr. Kurt Debus, launch chief of the Kennedy Space Center in Florida. Debus is expected to discuss the advancements of America's space program with emphasis on the GT-4A shot this week. Debus and his crew at Cocoa Beach have handled every IBM launch since 1953. A second speaker will be announced this week, Albritton said.

New Check Out Plan Started



LIBRARY GETS COMPUTER

An IBM 357 data collection system has streamlined operations at Cushing Library. The circulation system went into effect this week. One of the first patrons was Gene Riser of George West. Assisting him is Beatrice Christ of Rosenberg. In the background is Richard L. Puckett, circulation head. A patron can check out a book in seven to 10 seconds, Puckett said.

Texas A&M's Cushing Library has computerized its circulation operations.

Effective this week, a patron can check out a book in seven to 10 seconds without signing anything. All he needs is his library card.

Bruce Stewart, data processing supervisor for the library, said the IBM 357 data collection system will be a great boon to patrons and allow circulation clerks more freedom to serve customers.

The switch to computerized circulation methods has been under way since spring. Punched IBM cards were prepared for every circulating volume except periodicals. Call numbers and book identification were imprinted on the cards.

Next came the conversion phase of matching cards to books. The electronic equipment was installed in August. Library cards were punched last week.

Stewart said the library's volume of circulation can be doubled or tripled without an increase in staff members. All five current circulation staffers will be retained, he said.

Pen Pals Stir Learning

Ship Adopted By School

Think life at sea is lonely?

Could be, but not when your ship is adopted by 80 school children.

Such is the case of the S. S. North Dakota, a tanker of the Texaco fleet, which was adopted by the fifth grade of the College Hill Elementary School two years ago.

It's strictly a give-and-take affair, with both sides benefitting. The youngsters correspond with members of the crew, asking questions which only 11-year-olds can think to ask. They make and send cookies, Christmas cards, Valentines and birthday cards. Last Christmas, when the ship pulled into New York the crew found a package containing place settings and a centerpiece waiting for them.

In return, the crew sends the children postcards, posters and travel folders from each port they visit. They also record tapes and send them to the kids.

The class is also sent an itinerary of the ship's cruise before it sails. Thus they follow the ship on a large map, compute course and speed, look up the different ocean currents and trade winds and find out what time the ship will pull into a port.

They also look up the history and geography of each country on the itinerary, its imports and exports and its total involvement in world trade. Looking into the technical aspects of sailing, the students learn the basic principles of navigation, convert statute miles, study the various phases of communications and learn to work time zone problems.

The school applied for a ship

through the Propeller Club of America, an organization to which most sea captains belong. They were granted a ship within a few months, while some schools have to wait several months before getting one.

In May 1964 the S. S. North Dakota pulled into Houston and the class went to visit it, climbing all over it from stem to stern.

According to Mrs. C. K. Leighton, principal of the school, the children in the fifth grade are at a level in geography where their interest is greatly aroused. The interest of the fourth-graders is also aroused because they know

that they will be working with the ship next year.

Mrs. Leighton added that this sort of project readily demonstrates the right to make a living by buying and selling competitively. This is also one way in which big industry helps education.

All in all, its work and fun for everyone concerned, and it's always nice when learning and enjoyment can be combined.

The only problem comes at the dinner table when Daddy is asked his opinion on why the total export of coconuts from the Fiji Islands rose 15 per cent over last year's figures.



TRUCK FIRE REPORTED

A 1963 pickup, owned by Melvin B. Emmons, caught fire Tuesday afternoon behind the Military Science Building. Sgt. Marvin O. Robert, of 708 Eagle Pass, Bryan, pushed

two cars clear of the burning truck before the A&M Fire Department arrived. No one was injured. A door of the truck blew open during the blaze.