

Danforth Lecturer Urges More Cultural Spending

A noted Latin American authority declared Friday that the United States should spend more money to make its great culture known and appreciated.

Dr. Jose Maria Chaves, a Danforth visiting lecturer, said the truly phenomenal intellectual activity of the U. S. is not generally known outside this country.

"The U. S. has achieved greatness in literature and science — in making the fruits of higher education and learning available to more people, universities, libraries, concert halls than any other place in the world," Chaves said.

"The U. S. is willing to spend a great deal of money in various development and public information programs abroad, but has not been willing to spend any money to speak of in making its great culture known and appreciated by the nations it is attempting to lead," he continued.

"While people of the United States are developing a high degree of technology and enjoy tremendous financial and economic wealth, they do not have any greatness when it comes to the humanistic studies or those disciplines of a cultural nature," he added.

Chaves, president of the Institute Israel-Iberoamerica in New York since 1948, said he favors strengthening existing programs of cooperation between the U. S. and Latin American countries.

"U. S. interests can best be served," he said, "by providing trained leadership and by training people for future work in cooperative programs."

Chaves praised the American farmer.

"The American farmer is not aware of vital contributions he is making to uphold the position of U. S. leadership in the world and to support U. S. foreign policy," he commented. "The foreign policy of the U. S. is financed in great measure by sale and distribution of agricultural surpluses in the underdeveloped areas of the world."

"People are not always aware that the position of the U. S. as a world leader depends to a considerable extent on relations with Latin America," Chaves continued.

"Latin America is the number one buyer of U. S. manufactured products and the number one supplier of strategic and raw materials for American industries . . . coffee, tin, gold, platinum, silver, tungsten, boxite, diamonds, bananas and tropical

fruits . . . to name a few. "I am firmly convinced that the support and cooperation of Latin American nations is absolutely essential to preservation of the free world," Chaves emphasized. "If this were not so, the Russians and Chinese would not be making efforts to gain support and influence in the western hemisphere. For instance, the Chinese are spending \$100 million a year in subversive programs and other activities in Latin America alone."

In contrast, the U. S. Information Agency budget for the entire world is only \$14 million. Less than four per cent of all U. S. foreign aid is spent in Latin America, he added.

Chaves, who has represented Latin America at the United Nations, criticized the U. S. for sending ambassadors to various countries as a reward for their political support or economic achievements.

"If the U. S. sent one of its Nobel Prize winners anywhere in the world and he remarked that he was from the United States, do you think people would say: 'Yankee, go home!' . . . certainly not," Chaves pointed out.

"Latin America is a vast area . . . also eight million square miles . . . with tremendous natural resources virtually untapped, undiscovered," the educator-attorney added. "Only four per cent of the land is used for food production for 220 million people. Eighty-seven per cent of the people are involved with agriculturally-related industry, however."

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County Officials Conference Studies Retirement System

Members of the eighth annual County Judges and Commissioners Conference heard a proposed state constitutional amendment described here last week that would provide a retirement system for all county employees.

The amendment was outlined by J. C. Davis of Austin, assistant attorney general in charge of the state and county affairs section and one of the organizers of the conference.

He said Senate Joint Resolution Number 4 would authorize the Legislature to provide a state-wide system of retirement, disability and death benefits for all officers and employees of counties, other political subdivisions of the state and political subdivisions of the county.

The proposed constitutional amendment, he said, will be submitted to Texas voters at the general election in November of this year.

One of the proposal's provision, Davis added, is that the system be operated at the "ex-

pense of the county or other political subdivisions of the state or political subdivision of the county electing to participate."

In other action by the Legislature which affects counties, Davis said House Bill 374, as amended, authorizes the Commissioners Court in each county to increase the maximum compensation of each officer in an additional amount not to exceed 20 percent of the maximum authorized by the bill.

Grad Student Wins Pollution Grant

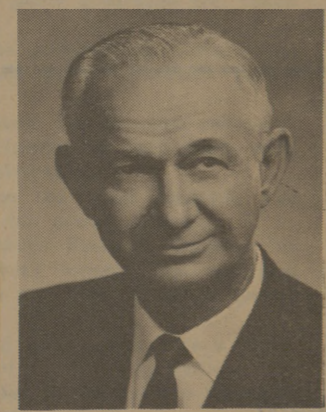
Maynard Earl Hill, a Texas A&M graduate student from Del Rio, has been awarded an air pollution special fellowship from the U. S. Public Health Service.

The training grant is the highest award made to an individual by the service, an agency of the Department of Health, Education, and Welfare.

Hill's research, mostly of a basic nature, will be directed by Dr. Howard Applegate of the Department of Plant Sciences.

He will work with "particular matter" and its relation to atmospheric pollution. The study, which covers a three-year period, involves such pollutants as dust, pollens and pesticides which are increasing problems in rural areas.

Hill was graduated from Del Rio High School in 1956 and received a BS degree in range management from A&M in 1961. He is now working toward a master's degree in business administration to be completed this August.



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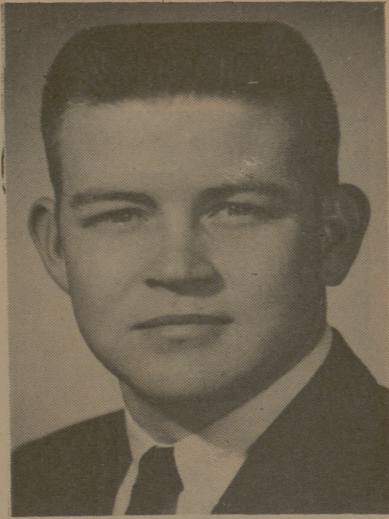
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SCHOLARSHIP WINNER
William O. Smith Jr., a junior industrial technology major from Dallas, has been awarded an Alvin M. Smith industrial distribution scholarship.

Louisianan Joins Parks Department

Carroll D. Dowell, formerly of the Louisiana Bureau of Outdoor Recreation, has joined Texas A&M's newly-created Department of Recreation and Parks as an instructor.

Dr. R. E. Patterson, dean of the A&M College of Agriculture, said Dowell is now teaching "Principles of Park Administration," the first course offered by the department. The instructor's research will deal generally with outdoor resources in Texas.

The Department of Recreation and Parks, headed by Dr. Leslie M. Reid, is part of the College of Agriculture's also-new School of Natural Biosciences approved early last year by the Texas Commission on Higher Education. Operation began last September.

The instructor received his bachelor's degree in education at Henderson State College in Arkansas in 1958 and his master's in education from the University of Arkansas in 1960. He is currently working toward a doctorate in recreation and parks.

Campus Briefs

Peace Corps Team To Visit Sunday

A Peace Corps team from Washington, D.C., will visit Texas A&M from Sunday through March 5.

Staff members, including returned volunteers, will be on campus to explain the Peace Corps, its training and service programs and the opportunities it offers students. They will also accept applications.

An application center will be staffed by the team throughout the week-long visit and the non-competitive Peace Corps placement test will be given each day. These tests are used to determine an applicant's strengths and qualifications and require no preparation.

Members of the team will be available as speakers at any time during the week. Arrangements can be made with the Peace Corps' liaison, Dr. W. D. Kutach, Director of Agricultural Instruction.

Profes To Present Microbiology Papers

Papers by Texas A&M professors will be presented at the national meeting of the American Society of Microbiology in Los Angeles in April.

Dr. Willard A. Taber and Dr. Billy G. Foster of the Department of Biology will attend the four-day meeting.

Taber's paper is "Sequential Primary and Secondary Shunt Metabolism by Claviceps Purpurea During Forced Aeration." Foster and W. F. McCulloh collaborated on "Studies of Active and Passive Immunity in Animals Inoculated with Toxoplasma Gondii."

Taber, member of a study section of the Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases of the National Institutes of Health, will assist in reviewing grant requests at NIH in April. He will go to Washington, D. C., April 14-16, for the reviews.

Ag Specialists Meet Runs Through Friday

More than 250 specialists from all parts of the state are attending the Agricultural Specialists Conference at Texas A&M through Friday.

The conference is part of the Agricultural Extension Service's endeavors to keep specialists in all fields up to date on recent research and findings in their particular fields.

In addition to committee meetings there will be special meetings of the 1966 State Conference Committee, Publication Needs Study Committee and B.I.G. Committee.

All meetings are in the Ramada Inn with Extension personnel conducting a general conference session each morning before the specialists divide into their respective fields.

Nance Attends Institute Meeting

Dr. J. M. Nance attended the 30th annual meeting of the Texas Institute of Letters in Dallas last weekend.

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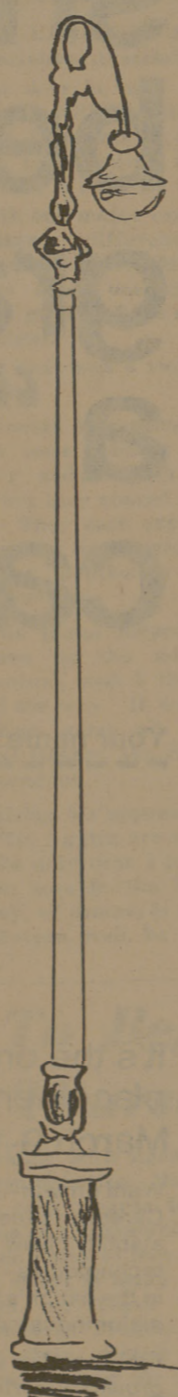
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