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## grab bag

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Opposition to the war in Viet Nam has resulted in a threat of economic boycott to the federal government by 360 persons, including folk singer Joan Baez, Yale history professor Staughton Lynd and Nobel Prize-winning biochemist Albert Szent-Gyorgyi.

In a statement which they issued this week, the group agreed to refuse voluntary payment of their income taxes because of United States involvement in Viet Nam.

According to Section 7203 of the Internal Revenue Code, willful refusal to pay taxes may be punished by jail sentences of up to one year and fines as high as \$10,000.

The group's statement, which the withholders have proposed to run as an ad in the New York Times, says:

"The spectacle of the United States—with its jet bombers, helicopters, fragmentation and napalm bombs and disabling gas—carrying on an endless war against the hungry, scantily armed Vietnamese guerrillas and civilians . . . will go down in history alongside the unforgivable atrocities of Italy in Ethiopia.

"The spectacle of the United States invasion of the Dominican Republic—again pitting our terrifying weaponry mainly against civilians armed with rifles—will go down in history alongside Russia's criminal intervention in Hungary.

"But the spectacle of the indifference of so many Americans to the crimes being committed in their names, by their brothers and with their tax money . . . reminds us more and more of the indifference of the majority of the German people to the killing of six million Jews.

"The United States government has not reacted constructively to legitimate criticisms, protests and appeals by world leaders including the Pope, U Thant and President DeGaulle; by United States leaders including Senators Morse, Gruening, Church, Fulbright, Robert Kennedy, Eugene McCarthy and Stephen Young; by hundreds of thousands of citizens including 2,500 clergymen and countless professors who placed protest advertisements in leading newspapers; by innumerable students, many tens of thousands of whom have taken their protest to Washington on several occasions; by celebrated individuals such as the Rev. Martin Luther King, Robert Lowell, Arthur Miller and Dr. Benjamin Spock, and by leading newspapers, including the New York Times.

"We believe that the ordinary channels of protest have been exhausted and that the time has come for Americans of conscience to take more radical action in the hope of averting nuclear war.

"Therefore, (we) declare that at least as long as U. S. forces are clearly being used in violation of the U. S. Constitution, International Law and the United Nations Charter, WE WILL REFUSE TO PAY OUR FEDERAL INCOME TAXES VOLUNTARILY."

"Some of us will leave the money we owe the government in our bank accounts, where the Internal Revenue Service may seize it if they wish. Others will contribute the money to CARE, UNICEF or similar organizations. Some of us will continue to pay that percentage of our taxes which is not used for military purposes.

"We recognize the gravity of this step. However, we prefer to risk violating the Internal Revenue Code, rather than to participate, by voluntarily paying our taxes, in the serious crimes against Humanity being committed by our government."

First Bank & Trust now pays 4½% per annum on savings certificates. —Adv.



INVENTIVE AGGIE  
... Mims demonstrates seeing-aid device.

## Mims To Demonstrate Seeing-Eye Project

By DANI PRESSWOOD  
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If it can't be done, you can count on Forrest Mims to try it. And don't ever bet against him.

With his electronic wizardry and initiative the Aggie senior is slowly but surely pushing Thomas Edison out of the science books. Mims is in Austin today presenting an exhibition of his miniature radar-like object detector to the Texas Medical Convention.

Designed and hand-manufactured entirely by Mims, the detector possesses tremendous potential as a mechanical seeing eye dog for the blind.

Housed in a plastic case about twice the size of a pack of gum, the device consists of a transmitter, which sends out an infrared light beam, and a receiver, which picks up the beam after it bounces off an obstacle and converts it to an audible tone received through an earphone.

The intensity of tone is determined by nearness of the object in the path.

"I've submitted requests to 11 corporations and one foundation for backing," he said. "What I need most is nation-wide attention."

The present model is carried by hand, but Mims has already planned and begun work on a more practical unit contained in a pair of eyeglasses.

This detector will send beams in all directions with varying

frequencies, making it possible to determine the height of and direction of an obstacle.

Another project Mims is studying is a detecting unit built into a ring.

"This will be the best thing I've ever made," he declared. "However at the present time the only work I've done on this has been feasibility testing."

The eight-transistor unit would pick up objects within a range of about eight inches, causing a vibration on the wearer's finger. Practical uses for the ring would include aid in eating or using tools.

Mims, surprisingly enough, will not be receiving an engineering degree, but will possess a degree in government when the May commencement rolls around.

His "hobby" has led to the construction of a four-transistor radio which fits into an ear, a smaller one — transistor radio, several computers and now his "seeing eye" projects.

Since deciding to put his ideas into realization, Mims has attracted interest from several individuals and organizations which have helped further his chances of success.

"Texas Instruments Corpora-

By ROBERT SOLOVEY  
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A student who overlooks applying for a room now risks finding no bed available on registration day next fall, Dean of Students James P. Hannigan warned Wednesday.

Hannigan referred to an expected increase in enrollment next fall which has caused Housing Manager Allan M. Madeley to announce several changes in the procedure for room registration.

"Cadets cannot count on their outfits saving them a bunk — they must reserve one themselves," Hannigan added.

He advised any student presently here, especially Corps members, not to assume a room will be waiting for their return.

In a note to Hannigan and the

student body, Madeley noted the expected 11,000 students in the fall will make room space critical, forcing every room and bed to be utilized.

Students who are now registered must reserve rooms before the end of the semester.

Room reservation cards will not be mailed with grade reports this year. A student who does not sign up this spring will have to write for a card and compete with all other applicants.

Any cancellation of room reservation after August 15 will cause forfeiture of the \$20 room deposit.

Madeley said if the need for space arises, reservations will not be held beyond the student's scheduled hour to register.

The biggest change may come for Corps juniors and seniors who have usually had individual rooms. Hannigan said there would be no guarantee of any single rooms if enrollment increases.

Short on facilities for both single and married students, Hannigan said he was counting on the College Station-Bryan community to provide adequate housing.

He noted a marked increase in the number of apartment projects being built, and mentioned a tentative plan calling for rebuilding some sections of College View Apartments.

Hannigan said master plans

indicate construction of six new dormitories in the Duncan area by 1969. Planned as eight-story structures, these new dorms would provide only enough facilities to house the enrollment in 1969.

The reconditioning of dormitories 1-12 has been delayed until next summer due to other massive construction projects on the campus.

He said other construction would have to be finished first, including an addition to the Memorial Student Center and a new auditorium in place of Guion Hall.

All of the Duncan area dormitories except 10 and 12 will be reserved for the Corps and

dormitories 17, 18 and 20 in the Sbis area. All other dorms will be for civilians.

Civilian students will fill out reservation cards at the housing office according to the following schedule:

April 18-27 — all civilian students who wish to reserve their present room only.

April 28-May 13 — all civilian students who did not sign up by April 27 will register on a first-come, first-served basis with preference given to graduate, foreign and veterinary medicine students.

Any request for off-campus living must be approved by the Office of Student Affairs or Hannigan.

## Cochran To Serve On Reactor Project

Dr. Robert G. Cochran, head of the Department of Nuclear Engineering, will serve as consultant for initial startup of the University of Missouri's \$4.5 million nuclear reactor.

The reactor will begin operations this summer at the power of five megawatts. In the near future, Dr. Cochran revealed, power will be increased to 10 megawatts, making it the most

powerful university research reactor in the United States.

Cochran has been a technical consultant for startups of eight research reactor facilities in the U. S. during recent years.

Dr. A. H. Emmons, director of the research reactor facility at Missouri, extended the invitation to Cochran, who will make calculations during actual loading experiments and advise Missouri officials about the reactor's behavior.

The uniquely designed reactor — which includes a central section in which the neutron flux peaks — has not been mocked up and tested in a critical facility.

Dr. Glenn Seaborg, Atomic Energy Commission chairman, will speak at dedication ceremonies for the facility May 28.

Dr. Cochran said University of Missouri officials are hopeful the initial test can be made in early June.

The scientist joined A&M in 1959 after five years as director of Pennsylvania State University's research reactor facility. Previously, Cochran was a nuclear physicist at Oak Ridge National Laboratory for four years.

He had charge of the swimming pool reactor facility at Oak Ridge and conducted research in neutron detection devices, neutron and gamma ray spectroscopy, nuclear reactions induced by neutrons, reactor shielding and reactor design.

The Indianapolis, Ind., native earned a Ph.D. degree in physics at Penn State. He is a member of the National Research Council's sub-committee on research reactors.

## Science Group Awards Secondary School Grants

Two National Science Foundation grants totaling \$38,390, to train secondary school teachers, have been awarded to Texas A&M for 1966-67.

The grants were announced Wednesday by President Earl Rudder.

Largest program, \$21,300, for geology and oceanography, will be directed by Dr. M. C. Schroeder. It provides for oceanography training in the fall and a geology section in the spring at A&M's Marine Laboratory in Galveston, and a geology course in the fall at Temple High School.

The remaining \$17,090 is for astronomy, oceanography and meteorology courses directed by Dr. Dale F. Leipper. Astronomy

will be taught during the fall term and meteorology in the spring at Galena Park's North Shore High School, and meteorology in the fall and oceanography in the spring at Tyler's Lee High School.

Coleman M. Loyd, coordinator of NSF programs, said 25 science teachers for grades 7-12 will receive travel allowances, tuition and books for each course, all of which carry three hours of college credit. Applications are available from Loyd.

Meeting dates and class hours will be determined during the first meeting of each class, Loyd noted.

Schroeder and Loyd will attend a national directors' meeting of in-service institutes for secondary school teachers April 25-26 in New Orleans. Loyd, representing Leipper, will discuss in-service institutes at off-campus locations during the April 25 sessions.



PAN AMERICAN EXHIBITS

College Station coed Isabel Gramatges views Pan American exhibits on display in the Memorial Student Center. The exhibits of Latin American costumes and other cultural aspects will remain on display in MSC showcases for the remainder of the week.

## Thumbing Champ Travels To Japan

Texas A&M's world-champion today.

hitchhiker traveled half around the world to present the largest turkey ever grown to the Prime Minister of Japan.

Keyes Carson, a 1940 ex, thumbing his way to the Far East to give the 56-pound gobbler to Prime Minister Eisaku Sato during Easter.

The bird, largest shown at the Houston Fat Stock Show in March, was purchased by the turkey rancher from Miss Janice Leonard of Johnson City.

"Since the beginning of this great country, the turkey has been the symbol of friendship," the native of Texas' turkey capital notes. "This gift is in thanks to Japan for offering us peace in 1945. I was in Manila awaiting orders for the invasion of Japan when the treaty was signed. 'I feel I owe Japan a bird of thanks because I have life

"Hanoi and the rest of the world should look back at history and see the way America helps her enemies after a peace treaty," Carson said, nothing the prosperity of Japan since occupation.

Carson, who has traveled 251,000 miles as a hitchhiker, gives a bird to some famous person annually as a token of Texas friendship. The jaunt to Japan is his longest trip.

The lanky, six-foot-tall Aggie began thumbing rides while a student. During four years, he racked up 200,000 miles in 6,000 vehicles and averaged 37 m.p.h. on his trips.

Crossing the United States several times east-west and north-south, he once journeyed from DeWitt County to the New York Fair and then to the San Francisco Exposition in 14 days—with only \$5 in his pocket.