

Baptists lead all in YMCA study

A religious preference printout has shown that Baptist students number 2,463, more than any other denomination, according to Logan Weston, general secretary of the YMCA.

The printout, recently completed at the Data Processing Center, reviewed the records of 14,320 students. The second largest groups were Catholics, with 2,350, and Methodists, with 2,290. The numbers in other denominations are as follows: Lutheran, 784; Presbyterian, 760; Episcopal, 592; Church of Christ, 513; Christian (Disciples of Christ), 361; Oriental religions (Buddhism, Moslem, etc.), 162; Jewish, 62; Latter Day Saints, 40; Unitarian, 40; Assembly of God, 39; Brethren, 36; Nazarene (Holiness), 33; Christian Science, 19; Seventh Day Adventist, 10; agnostic, 5; atheist, 4; and Jehovah's Witness, 2.

Students asked to respond for interviews

Students contacted for interview in a Brazos County transportation study are asked by the associate dean of students to cooperate in the effort. "Only 28 students responded Monday," said Don R. Stafford, associate dean of students. "There are 641 yet to be interviewed. We urge them to report promptly and give interviewers full cooperation." Stafford said the survey is being conducted in accordance with U. S. law for federal funding of highway construction in certain areas. The survey will sample only a portion of the student body. Students to be interviewed have been contacted by letter. The interviews, requiring only about 15 minutes each, are being conducted by Texas Highway Department personnel between 4 and 8 p.m. through Friday.

Campus Briefs

Meier to participate in region conference

Dr. Wilbur L. Meier, Jr., associate professor of industrial engineering, will participate in the Region 9 Conference of the American Institute of Industrial Engineers in Dallas, Oct. 16-17. Meier will be a panelist in a round table discussion on the subject of how industrial engineers can be more useful in attacking problems of the environment.

Coulter to present seminar Tuesday

Dr. J. K. Coulter, British agriculturalist specializing in tropical soils, will present a seminar here Tuesday. The 3:30 p.m. presentation in the library is entitled "The Role of Soil Science in Improving Tropical Agricultural Systems." Dr. Coulter is the tropical liaison officer for England's Rothamsted Experimental Station. Dr. Coulter is visiting the United States as a member of the Committee on Fertility of Tropical Soils. The committee was established by the National Academy of Sciences for the Agency for International Development.

Wood scholarship awarded to Powell

James C. Powell of Houston, senior forestry major at Texas A&M, has been awarded the first Wood Science Scholarship of \$500. The scholarship, provided by the Texas Wood Preservers Advisory Council, was presented to the student during a recent meeting of the council in Lufkin. Dr. Robert Merrifield, head of the A&M Forest Science Department, said the award is made to a student in the wood science and technology curriculum on the basis of grades, character and attitude. James is the son of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Powell of 7105 Gammage in Houston and is a graduate of Austin High School. He is active in student functions at

A&M, and his principal academic interest is wood chemistry.

Beekeeper groups to meet here

Three beekeeper organizations will gather in College Station Oct. 22-27 for annual meetings. They are the American Bee Breeders Association, the Southern States Beekeeping Federation, and the Texas Beekeepers Association. Claude J. Burgin of the Texas A&M Entomology Department said the bee breeders will meet on Oct. 22 and the beekeeping federation Oct. 23-24 in the Ramada Inn. Sessions will cover such topics as pollination, price supports, bee shipping, and laws which can affect bees and pesticides. The Texas Beekeepers Association parley starts on the afternoon of Oct. 25, with all meetings in the A&M Memorial Student Center. Adjournment of the overall conference is scheduled for noon, Oct. 27.

Computer society to install members

A&M's chapter of Upsilon Pi Epsilon, national computing science honor society, will install 10 new members during a 7 p.m. initiation banquet Tuesday, Oct. 20, at Wyatt's Cafeteria. Dr. Robert Korfhage, director of the Computer Science and Operations Research Center, Southern Methodist University, will speak on "Computer Science Education for the 1970s." The society originated at Texas A&M in 1967. New initiates are Dr. Udo Pooch, Dennis L. Dance, James E. Roberts, Patrick E. Howard, Larry A. Fry, Lowell W. Jones, Ronald M. Kimball, Clinton G. Brocco, Craig D. Hanson and David A. Heck. UPE membership requires completion of 16 graduate credit hours toward a degree in computing science, at least a 3.5 grade point ratio and standing in the top 35 per cent of computer science graduate students.

The new members will bring active chapter membership to 40. Two hundred students have had membership during the society's four years at A&M.

Nixon's peace plan formally rejected

TOKYO (AP)—North Vietnam on Thursday labeled President Nixon's Indochina peace plan "a deceptive maneuver" and a "fraud" in what appeared to be total rejection of the president's cease-fire initiative. The statement, issued as the Paris peace conferees prepared to meet Thursday for the second time on the Nixon plan, was more sweeping than earlier attacks on the proposals made Oct. 7 by the President.

Hanoi's Vietnam News Agency, in a broadcast monitored here, said the statement was issued by the North Vietnamese foreign ministry. The Nixon proposal does not "at all contribute to the peaceful settlement of the Indochinese problem but only serves the scheme to prolong and expand its

aggressive war in Indochina," it said.

Referring to Nixon's proposal to convene a Geneva-type international conference on Indochina, the statement said it is "nothing but a cunning trick aimed at fooling public opinion, hiding the fact that the United States is obdurately maintaining its aggressive stand against Vietnam, Laos and Cambodia. "The key question is that the United States must change its policy and end its aggression against the three Indochinese countries," it said. The statement added: "the Vietnamese people are resolved to endure all sacrifices and hardships, persist in and promote the fight on the military, political and diplomatic fronts till complete victory."

Poor nutrition may cause retardation

There is increasing evidence that malnutrition in children, particularly in the first year of life, can lead to mental retardation, members of the 25th annual Texas Nutrition Conference learned here last Wednesday. There is even some suspicion that such conditions may also cause social misbehavior in later life. Dr. Paul B. Pearson, president of the Nutrition Foundation in New York City, said the problem is heightened by the fact that more than half of the world's 70 million babies born this year will suffer from poor nutrition within the next two years. He said the latest scientific thought, backed by preliminary research, is that the human brain is sensitive to malnutrition when it is growing fastest, or from birth to about 1 year. Equally as serious, the speaker pointed out, is the possibility that damage during this period may be permanent. Many studies have already shown that brain impairment is irreversible

in a wide variety of test animals. "There is more evidence that this also occurs in humans," Pearson said. "Over half of the people living in the world today suffered from malnutrition during childhood. The full inherent capacity of these people to become productive and useful citizens may never be attained." Lack of proper foods during that first year of development apparently affects brain cell development. The speaker pointed to recent Cornell University tests on children who had received adequate and inadequate diets. "Nucleic acid and protein analysis indicated that there was marked reduction in the number of cells in the brains of all malnourished children studied. This reduction was extremely marked in some cases, with the number of brain cells being less than 60 percent of normal," he explained.

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