

Minister claims John Hanson first U.S. President

OXON HILL, Md. (AP) — The campaign to have John Hanson declared first U.S. president went underground again Monday as searchers dug for Hanson's missing body in a hillside mausoleum near the Mount Vernon tomb of George Washington.

Led by the Rev. Alan Freed, a Lutheran minister from Dundalk, Md., a dozen Hanson buffs burrowed into the crypt where spade-work Friday uncovered a few small bones, believed to be from animals.

Pastor Freed is one of the leaders of a movement to have Hanson, a Marylander who died in 1783, recognized over Washington as the first American president. Supporters base their claim on the fact that Hanson was elected president in 1781 under the Articles of Confeder-

ation, the forerunner of the U.S. Constitution under which Washington was elected.

"Hanson is a forgotten man in American history," said Pastor Freed, who has interested several Maryland congressmen in the case for Hanson. "Our mission is to find his burial place and make

it a national landmark so that he will gain the recognition he deserves."

The digging is on the Addison estate, about 15 minutes from Washington and some six miles upriver — but not within sight of — Washington's Virginia estate at Mount Vernon.

Pastor Freed says that searchers are going on a traditional story that Hanson died at the 92-acre estate at the age of 62. The story says that he was visiting his nephew at the time and was buried there rather than at his own home 75 miles away. "It's the last chance I know

of," the minister stated. "There is no other lead I know of."

The minister added, however, that he doesn't think the absence of a body for an official national tomb will affect any chance he and others might have of getting the Marylander declared the first president.

Orientation program given for new employes

Office personnel turn the smaller wheels in the machinery of A&M's day-to-day operation.

The classified personnel now can have a university and system-wide perception through a monthly orientation program conducted by the Personnel Office.

"Classified personnel — with similar duties regardless of the department or office in which they work — pound a typewriter from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. two or three years and never have a sense of what goes on," commented H. Ray Smith, personnel director.

"The orientation helps tie this individual into the overall objectives of the system," he added.

Jim Wiley conducts the orientation on a regular monthly basis, taking about 45 minutes for a slide-illustrated presentation and question-answer session. He designed and assembled the program to introduce new employees to the TAMU system, policies, procedures and benefits.

Smith pointed out that the informal program is primarily for

new classified employees. Other employees and faculty-staff members may find it of interest and are welcome to attend, he stated.

A typical session starts with refreshments provided by the Food Service Department. Wiley,

personnel training coordinator, welcomes an average 50 attending to the community and university.

The slide program begins with a brief history of A&M. Continuously updated from there on, it reveals the present campus, A&M System components and academic colleges and buildings in which they are located.

Following discussion of the most significant policies from the "Policies and Procedures Manual," such as sick leave, vacation, holidays and group insurance, Wiley points out the benefits of being an A&M employee.

Among other things, he touches on-campus dining possibilities, library use, national and international lecturers and entertainment, major college athletic events and sports facilities employees may use.

The question-answer session opens the session to points of interest of those attending. On leaving the orientation, participants receive information packets containing the faculty-staff handbook, a campus map, university and community information sheets and a note calendar, among other things.

"We encourage deans and administrators to suggest that people from their areas attend," Smith commented.

Initiated last May and continuing on a monthly basis, future orientation programs will be an-

nounced through Personnel Office memoranda and news media including the "Fortnightly," faculty-staff newsletter.

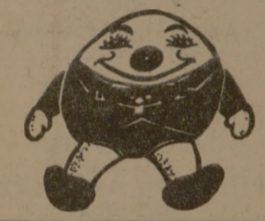
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Bottino receives foundation grant

An A&M biochemist has received a \$52,100 National Science Foundation grant to study the fats (lipids) of Antarctic marine organisms.

Dr. Nestor R. Bottino of the A&M Biochemistry and Biophysics Department will travel first to New Zealand, where he and other scientists will board the NSF ship Eilat on Jan. 16 and travel to the Antarctic. They will return to New Zealand Feb. 23.

The research site will be along and under the Ross Ice Shelf.

Bottino said the fats study will involve the whole food chain of marine organisms, from algae to the whale.

He said past research has shown that fatty acids from marine animals, whale fat in particular, is not attacked by digestive enzymes in the usual way when fed to rats and other test animals. Therefore, fats from marine organisms are different, and the scientists want to know why.

Such studies, Bottino pointed out, are generating considerable interest nowadays because of the human nutrition angle and the strong possibility that man someday will depend greatly on food from the sea.

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