

'Anisa' takes in all major religions



Jordan talks on Anisa

By TERESA COSLETT
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A new educational system called Anisa, with its philosophical development and characteristics, was presented by Dr. Daniel Jordan of the University of Massachusetts in a lecture and piano concert sponsored by the TAMU Philosophy Club Wednesday night.

Anisa is based on principles of the B'hai faith, embracing all major world religions and theories of modern philosophers like Alfred North Whitehead who subscribed to spiritual principles.

Noted British philosopher and mathematician Whitehead said, "The universe is characterized by change, the translation of potentiality into actuality."

Jordan said Anisa was founded on the concept that man is endowed with an infinite number of poten-

tialities.

Jordan said the process of translating potentiality into actuality is creativity and if tapped by teachers could create a revolution in education.

"The function of teachers is to make sure these infinite potentialities are actualized at an optimum rate," he said.

To accomplish such actualization, Anisa concentrates on stimulating children's curiosity.

Jordan called curiosity ultimately religious, saying everyone has to approach unknowns on faith, even atheists, or else be paralyzed."

Anisa also concentrates on how a child learns instead of what he learns.

"The what's will change but a child who knows how to learn will be in charge of his destiny," Jordan said.

Some characteristics of Jordan's educational system include no bells, allowing children to work at their own pace, not grouping them by age and making them finish work they start.

Jordan said, because the Anisa system eliminates irrelevancies, it prepares a child for graduate work by age 15.

Demonstrating learning through interacting with the environment, Jordan had a group of children from the audience gather around a piano on stage.

As he played, he informally taught the children basic principles of sound, music and harmony.

Such basic principles could also be applied to human personality and used to teach children abstract concepts like harmony in racial relations, he said.

Grad planning class studies impact of railroad on B-CS

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A graduate Urban Planning class is presently making an impact study of the Missouri Pacific and Southern Pacific railroad to the west of the campus.

Joe McGraw, professor of the class, said the study was originated from statements by President Jack Williams last summer, about the relocation of the railroad to improve the development of the West Campus.

Williams said Wednesday he would send a letter to the local governments giving the university's support to a professional study on the railroad. Brazos Valley Development Council (BVDC) Executive Director Glen Cook said that BVDC would obtain funding for a study if the county, university and the cities of Bryan and College Station want it.

"The class, composed of ten graduate students, is not making a study of relocating the railroad but rather, a study of the present effects of the railroad on the community," McGraw said.

Students are covering the entire county in search of information concerning the railroad. Presently, the group is checking the economic, environmental and social effect of the tracks on the area.

Sound levels have been taken at distances from the tracks to see how

much noise is caused by the trains Robert Graham, Urban Planning class member, said.

Class members are also surveying all the business owners and resi-

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workshop agenda for the council's Dec. 10 meeting.

Councilman Lloyd Joyce agrees with Sledge. "I'm not at all opposed to studying the possibilities," he said. "That's, just the kind of thing we need."

At the county level, Commissioner Bill Cooley of College Station said he foresaw no problems if the commissioners were officially asked by the university to help.

Williams told The Battalion Wednesday he would send a letter to County Judge Bill Vance expressing the university's interest in the study.

D.D. Williamson, district engineer of the Texas Highway Department stressed the urgency he saw in the move. "If we're going to do anything, now is the opportune time to do it," he said. "Each time we do a grade separation (at roughly \$1 million per project), the tighter the railroad is tied to its existing location."

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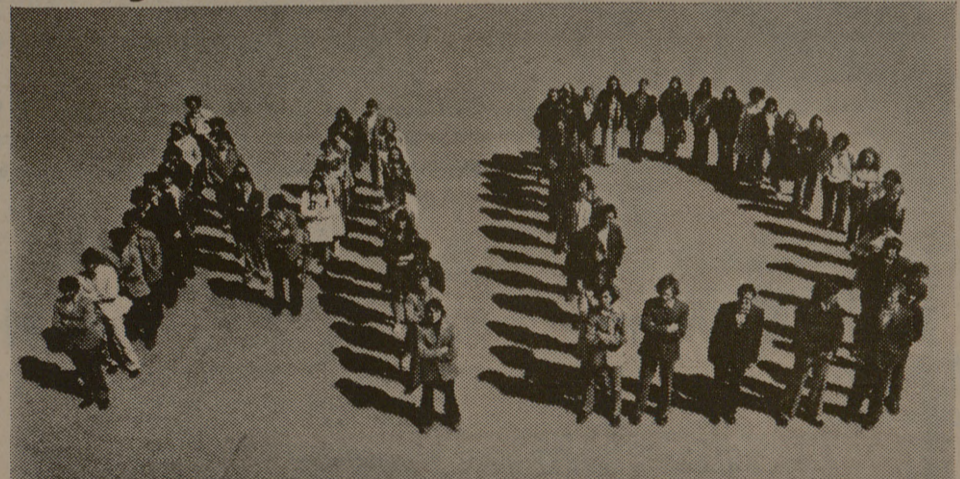
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