

At MSC 12 years, Executive retires

After spending 25 years in the Army and 12 years helping student groups grow with the University, Hal Gaines is ready for something else.

Harold W. Gaines, associate director of the Memorial Student Center, retires today.

"I feel that it's time," Gaines said. "I've worked a long time and now I'm looking forward to other things."

Gaines has been an adviser to student groups such as the Opera and Performing Arts Society (OPAS) and Town Hall. He has helped various groups expand to meet the demands of growing enrollment at Texas A&M University.

Gaines said the building expansion at Texas A&M has played a big part in the growth of some student group projects, particularly the film program.

"When the auditorium and thea-

ter came alive, the program was ready to expand -- and it did," he said. In 1965, the University showed only five or six films per year. Now over 200 films per year are shown to 60,000 people.

"I think I've been very fortunate to be here at Texas A&M during the most exciting part of its history," Gaines said. "When I came here, enrollment was eight to nine thousand. Look at it now."

"The challenge involved in expanding programs to meet the requirements of that enrollment has been great -- a lot of fun, all of it."

Gaines' plans for the future include travel and a move to a resort in Arkansas.

James R. Reynolds, director of the University Center at North Eastern Oklahoma State University, has tentatively agreed to fill Gaines' position.



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Battalion photo by Susan Webb

Reception to honor chemist

A reception is planned Friday to honor longtime faculty member Dr. Wilmon W. Meinke, research chemist with the Food Protein Research and Development Center and professor of chemical engineering.

The ceremony will be at 3 p.m. in 103 Teague Research Center.

Meinke retires today after 42 years service to Texas A&M University.

His research here has most recently included a USDA project to study preparation and evaluation of textured vegetable proteins from cottonseed flour.

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Scholarship group picks Williams

Dr. Jack K. Williams, chancellor of the Texas A&M University System, has been elected to the board of directors of the National Merit Scholarship Corporation, Robert C. Guinness, NMSC board chairman, announced today.

NMSC, based in Evanston, Ill., is the nation's largest independently financed scholarship organization. Established in 1955, the non-profit organization conducts two nationwide scholarship competitions

annually, the National Merit Scholarship Program and the National Achievement Scholarship Program.

Texas A&M has been a sponsor in the merit program for the past 14 years and ranks among the nation's top 20 institutions in enrollment of National Merit Scholars. It has 171 of the high-achieving students this year.

Chancellor Williams' selection for the NMSC post is the latest in a se-

ries of appointments to key national and regional positions in scholarship, testing and accreditation activities.

He recently completed a three-year term as a trustee of the National College Entrance Examination Board and is a past president of the Council of the Federation of Regional Accrediting Commissions of Higher Education. Additionally, he served from 1968 until last year as chairman of the Commission of Col-

leges for the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools and was a member of the association's board of trustees.

Other related appointments included membership on the executive committee of the Board of Commissioners of the National Commission on Accrediting and membership on the Commission on Education for the Business Profes-

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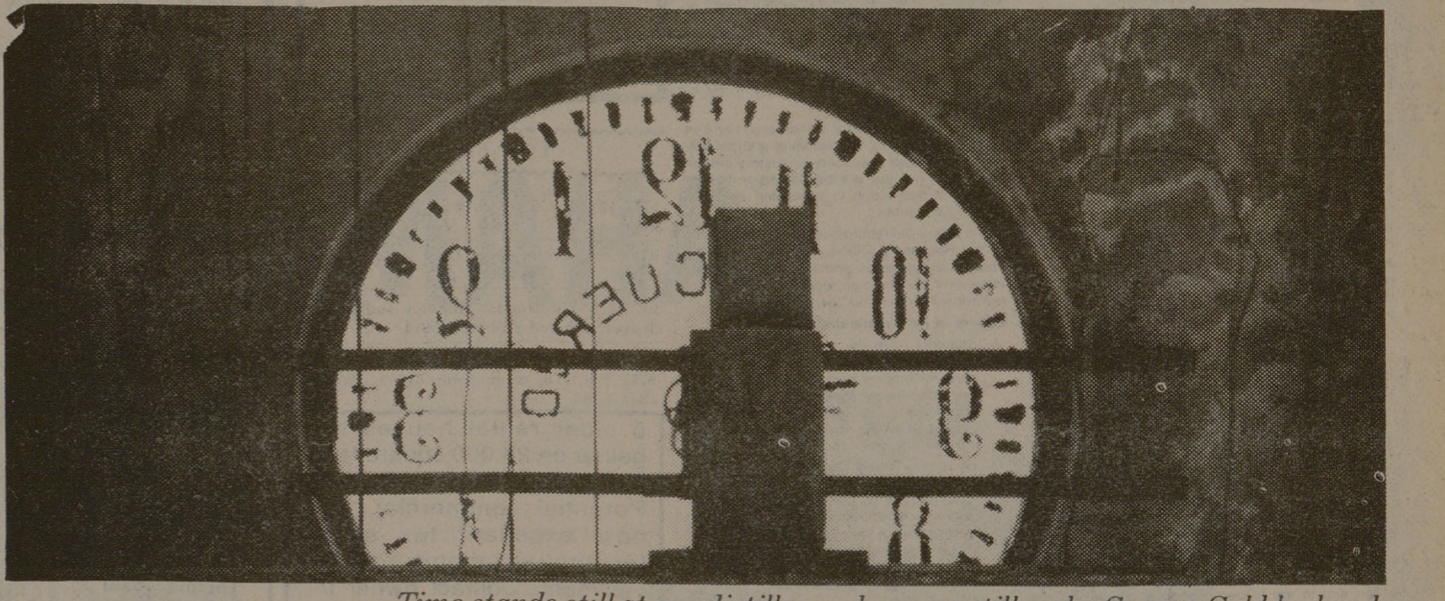
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