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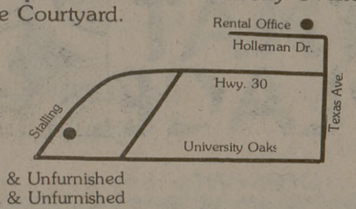

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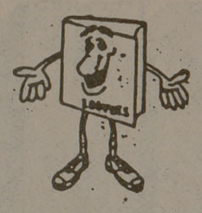

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CAMPUS NAMES

9 students honored at annual FFA banquet

Eleven persons, nine of them students, were honored here Friday (April 28) during the annual Texas A&M University Collegiate FFA Student-Prof Banquet.

The FFA chapter presented its Distinguished Service Award to **Don Jobes,** assistant manager of the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo.

Outstanding professor honors went to **Dr. Toby Titsworth,** assistant professor in the A&M Agricultural Engineering Department.

Randy Vaclavik of Elmendorf won the Henry Ross Scholastic Achievement Award, and the Marvin E. Grote Sophomore $200 Scholarship went to **James Kast** of San Antonio. **Johnny Lane** of Leander received the $125 Junior Scholarship Award.

The outstanding freshman, sophomore, junior and senior selected by the chapter were respectively, **Keith Shurtleff** of Seguin, **Philip Johnson** of Giddings, **Terry Hausenfluck** of Harlingen, and **J.C. Colton** of Aledo.

Leadership pins were presented **Robert Timmerman** of Rockdale, Chapter president during the fall semester, and to **Kevin Basham** of Daisetta, the current president.

Advisor pins were awarded to 37 spring semester student teachers.

Main speaker for the banquet was Elvin Caraway of Spur, State FFA president.

Everett joins service

Charlie Everett, formerly with the Texas Department of Agriculture, has joined the staff of the Texas Agricultural Experiment Station's Foundation Seed Service as a consultant for foundation class peanut seed increases.

Everett is based in Stephenville and works with the Foundation Seed Service in all aspects of foundation increase of public released varieties, explains Harvey J. Walker, manager of FSS.

As field representative of FSS, Everett will contact peanut shellers and growers and others in related work to keep them informed about the expanded program.

The new field representative has a farm background. He has worked with TDA for 14 years and served as an agronomist during the last four years with primary responsibilities in seed law enforcement and field inspection of foundation seed.

Everett is a graduate of Texas A&M University and also attended Tarleton State University at Stephenville. He finished high school at Florence, Texas, then served in the army before continuing his education.

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Political forum is flexible in choices

By RENEE' PEVOTO

Political stars like Sen. William Proxmire, Rep. Barry Goldwater Jr. and women's advocate Nikki Van Hightower have been presented to the Texas A&M University campus by Political Forum.

The student-run committee in the Memorial Student Center, has been an independent committee since 1969.

Prior to this it was a subcommittee of Great Issues, another MSC committee, which brings speakers of a broader spectrum.

"We bring people to talk about politics," said Jane McGregor, chairman of Political Forum. She said the committee has a political slant with a lot of flexibility.

Three programming committees, national, international, and state, have the job of compiling a list of prospective speakers. The MSC Council must approve every speaker before he is invited to or allowed at Texas A&M.

McGregor said the council gives them a lot of freedom. Generally, the reason a speaker may not be allowed to come to Texas A&M is because "one of the council members has heard he is a lousy speaker," McGregor said.

Ray Daniels, MSC Council president, said although it is not a policy, it is an assumed restriction that a person under indictment of or convicted of a felony may not speak.

"The only speaker that might have been disqualified within the past 12 month, while I have served as president, was because he had spoken before and was an inept speaker," Daniels said. "Our function is merely to approve speakers to come and speak at this University," he added.

The national programs committee chairman, Blaine Bull, confirmed this in his cause of wanting John Dean to speak. The council refused permission because of Dean's background as a convicted felon along with the fact of crash planning.

"I think it is Political Forum's responsibility to bring new ideas instead of the same old conservative rhetoric," Bull said. "I don't see any problem with this year's council in getting speaker approval, but if we have any problem, we intend to fight it." Some department heads around campus, Bull said, will help the committee to get speaker approval.

"Even if these persons are radical or reactionary, the students have a right to hear their views expressed," Bull said.

McGregor said that the filtering process guarantees that "student service fees are being used wisely." She added that the council does not want students' money to be paid to someone with a notorious reputation.

Speaker fees come directly from student service fees. Political Forum's budget is approximately $14,000 for the coming year.

About 90 percent of all speakers that come to Texas A&M are paid. Congressman and senators receive $1,000-$1,500 plus travel, food and lodging. Political Forum may pay higher fees for more popular speakers. They may also charge admission to hear the speaker.

This semester Political Forum has sponsored about 20 speakers.

Although Political Forum is run by students, teachers and faculty advise the group. About 40 of the members are active, McGregor said, adding that they are anticipating more members next year.

74-year-old uses judo on mugger

United Press International

CHICHESTER, Sussex, England — There is at least one English mugger who will think twice the next time he picks on a little old lady.

He will be the burly fellow about six feet tall, in his 20s, who attacked 74-year-old grandmother Ethel West as she was coming home from her shopping Thursday heavily laden with groceries.

The mugger tried to grab Mrs. West's handbag but she grabbed his arm in a judo hold instead and twisted it behind his back until he screamed with pain, wrenched away and fled.

"I used to practice judo when I was younger, but I have been getting a bit unfit recently," Mrs. West explained.

"If I hadn't been loaded down with shopping and taken by surprise I would have floored him," she said.

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On The Road

You know, almost ever since I can remember, something has been following me around. It's been a sort of a sense that I'm not alone, that something's been waiting for me to turn and find it or see it. An event or happening is waiting for me to arrive. It's sorta hard to describe, yet that doesn't in any way diminish its presence or its reality.

When I was very young, maybe six or so, my two older sisters cornered me in a bedroom. They told me about Jesus. How He had died for me and forgiven my sins. How I could live with Him forever. That word "forever" cut right through me. I can almost place myself back in the experience of that moment. I caught a fleeting glance of something eternal, something far beyond the limits of myself. Since that day I've not been alone.

Now I wouldn't have you think my life since then has been one of heavenly experiences. For the most part it's been quite the opposite. There was much strife in my home. A constant quarreling and division developed between my parents. Irrational and unbelievably painful events transpired. Things happened that seemed to strike at the very heart of my being.

My mom felt my hurt almost as much as I. In a situation beyond her control she pointed me toward God. She spoke to me so much about Jesus that I'd get mad at her. What place did He have in our home? What was He doing about this situation? I mean at times it was a real battle to go home. If there wasn't some completely crazy fight going on, there'd be good old mom preaching to me and watching to see what effect this debate was having on my life.

For the sake of self protection, I built a wall around my inner self. There were very few people who earned enough of my trust to enter into that sanctum. My feelings and thoughts were my own, not for public inspection. The deeper I went into myself, the more thorough my barrier to the outside world, the more acutely aware I became that I was not alone. Further inside of me than I could reach or exclude was a person, Jesus.

Now I wouldn't have you think my behavior reflected the fact that God was inside me. It didn't stop me from doing all the things high school kids do and never tell their parents. Perhaps I even wandered further afield than you. Yet there was this person pricking my conscience. He always seemed to stop me from taking that one last step that would turn my escapades into disaster.

I used college as sort of an emergency exit from home. I'd had my fill with those problems. It was time to get far away and see something new. A big city like Houston has about as many diversions as one could ask. I spent two years exploring downtown, the people, concerts etc. as well as many varieties of weed and pills. The person inside watched all this, pushing the button on my conscience more frequently and with more force.

The last two years I decided to get my act together. The escapades were more controlled, replaced in part by some heavy duty studying. I got the good grades and found a beautiful girl who loved me more than I could believe. I figured I was beginning to get life wired, you know — under control. This was the kind of situation I'd always looked forward to. In my mind's eye I figured this level of living would carry with it happiness.

The fellow inside me had different ideas however. He began pressing me for much more than He ever had before — He wanted my life. I didn't know exactly what to do. Here I'd begun to realize some positive things, some dreams come true in my life — yet He was telling me to lay them aside. I fought because I sorta consi[illegible] these things as part of a reward [illegible] how bad I'd had it earlier. [illegible] assurance did I have that He [illegible] give me something better?

My best friend returned [illegible] semester break in California [illegible] ing a Bible. This caused quite [illegible] in our little group — I mean [illegible] had known this fellow it [illegible] have stirred you up too. The [illegible] son inside began hitting more [illegible] a few bells. This friend was [illegible] right road, He said, it's tim[illegible] you to start walking it as [illegible] found myself on my knees, [illegible] myself to Jesus.

Now I wouldn't have you be[illegible] ing my life was instantly [illegible] formed in a blaze of glory. I [illegible] lifted up into the heavens [illegible] above the things of mere hu[illegible] ity. Rather, a far more wond[illegible] thing is taking place. I am be[illegible] ing more and more human, [illegible] normal everyday. This Jesus [illegible] storing my humanity, not tak[illegible] away. My scared emotions [illegible] being healed, my mind refre[illegible] and renewed. The wall I bu[illegible] protect myself from the outsi[illegible] being torn down from within [illegible] things I sensed were waiting [illegible] are happening every day. [illegible] Jesus who's been following [illegible] around for so long is becoming [illegible] best friend.

My life recently reminds me [illegible] bumper sticker I once saw. On [illegible] top edge it says "The answer [illegible] and on the bottom "Is the answer [illegible] In between it appears to be a [illegible] of unintelligible lines. Then all [illegible] sudden, when you see it, it [illegible] out at you — JESUS. The more [illegible] look at Him, the more He [illegible] out at me. Jesus is my answer.

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