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Dr. Irvin May, Jr., a research historian at Texas A&M University, shows off the book that won the Texas State Historical Association award for the best book on Texas History for

1980. May said he started research for the book in 1971. May is currently working on a book about the Texas A&M Agricultural Experiment Station.

## Researcher wins award for book of Texas history

By DIANA SULTENFUSS  
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A research historian with the Texas A&M University Archives has received the annual Coral H. Tullis award from the Texas State Historical Association.

Dr. Irvin M. May received the award after a TSHA committee said his book contributed most to the study of Texas history.

He was awarded \$800 for "Marvin Jones: The Public Life of an Agrarian Advocate," published by the Texas A&M University Press in 1980. The book is about agricultural history and policy during the 1830s and the impact it had throughout Jones' life.

The Tullis award, which was established in 1967, is presented each year at a TSHA meeting.

May began forming ideas for his book in 1971 when he first met Jones at a TSHA meeting.

"I wanted to meet him at first because he had been chairman of the U.S. House Agriculture Committee during the New Deal," May said. "That was my area

of interest at the time.

"I was looking for a subject for a book. Jones was one of the most powerful people in U.S. agricultural policy."

Jones was one of the few people to work in all three branches of the federal government.

During different periods of his life, Jones was a member of Congress, a judge on the U.S. Court of Claims, and adviser and assistant to the director of economic stabilization. He also served as administrator of the United States War Food Administration.

May's research was funded by the Texas Agricultural Experiment Station. He also published three articles about Jones in advance of the book.

"I had some good years with him (Jones)," May said. "It was difficult writing about a person I also had met, but I think the book says we overcame that."

All proceeds from the book will be given to Texas A&M University.

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### God's Son vs. Man's Religion

Many people consider God's Son and religion to be synonymous. But in reality there is a clear distinction between the two. In fact, not only is God's Son different from man's religion, but the two stand in direct contrast.

**GOD'S SON**

God's Son is His expression. The Bible says, "no man hath seen God at any time" (1 John 4:12). Without His Son, therefore, God would remain a mystery. But through His incarnation, God's Son brought God down to man and made Him known. "The Word (Christ) became flesh and tabernacled among us" (John 1:14); and "the life was manifested, and we have seen it" (1 John 1:2). Now God is no longer mysterious. Jesus Christ, God's Son, has fully defined, expressed, and declared God (John 1:18). Although we could never reach God, God has reached us in the Person of His Son.

God's Son also accomplished redemption. As sinners we needed God's forgiveness. So Christ, as the spotless Lamb of God, presented Himself to God on the cross as an offering for sin (1 Pet. 1:19; Heb. 10:12). There, as our substitute, He met all the requirements of God's law and paid in full the debt charged to our account. His death solved once for all the problem of sin so that now we can come boldly to God without fear (Heb. 10:19). Have you ever received the cleansing of your sins by faith? You can by believing in Jesus Christ, because His blood cleanses us from all sin (1 John 1:7).

God's Son is also life to man. Spiritually, man is not only sinful, needing cleansing, but also dead, needing life (Eph. 2:1). Therefore, through His death, God's Son became our Redeemer, and through His resurrection, He became the life-giving Spirit (1 Cor. 15:45, lit.). By be-

lieving in Him and receiving Him, a man is regenerated or born anew — not with the human life, but with the eternal life of God (John 1:12-13; 3:16, 10:10). Christ Himself actually comes into us and lives in us in the power of His resurrection life (Gal. 2:20; Phil. 3:10).

God's love and delight centers in His Son. When Jesus was baptized by John the Baptist, God the Father spoke from the heavens saying, "This is My beloved Son, in Whom I delight" (Matt. 3:17); and when Jesus was transfigured on the mountain, the Father again proclaimed, "This is My beloved Son, in Whom I delight; hear Him!" (Matt. 17:5). In the whole universe, the only person well-pleasing to God is His Son. Therefore, in order to please God, we must receive Christ into us. This is what pleases God — to reveal His Son in us (Gal. 1:15a, 16a).

This is God's Son — the very expression and declaration of God, our Redeemer who cleanses us from all sin, and the life-giving Spirit who continually imparts His life and nature into us.

**MAN'S RELIGION**

What then is man's religion? Man's religion is any worship, service, or activity done for God apart from Christ. Thus man's religion may have "sound" teaching, eloquent preaching, and zealous activity, but be destitute of the living Person of God's Son. Man's religion can even esteem the Bible and teach about Christ, but the present, living Person of Christ may be little known. Therefore, it is powerless, impotent, and dead.

Man's religion can teach, but it cannot enlighten; it can preach against sin, but it cannot liberate; it can exhort, but it cannot empower; it can stir the emotion, but it cannot give life. It is described by the Apostle Paul as

having a form of godliness but denying the power thereof (2 Tim. 3:5). It is like a husk that is missing the vital, life-giving kernel at its very heart.

With this honest view of man's religion, we can realize that much of what is called Christendom today is just impotent religion. No wonder many do not want it! What man needs is not more religion, but the living Person of God's Son.

Man's religion is not only devoid of God's Son, but even rises up to oppose those who attempt to follow Him. This is seen in the case of the Pharisees. Of such Jesus said, "You shut the kingdom of the heavens in the face of men; for you do not enter in yourselves, nor do you allow those who are entering to enter" (Matt. 23:13). From the time when Jesus was on earth until our present time, the way of knowing Christ as a living, present, life-giving Person has consistently been opposed by man's religion. How amazing that the religious world, even more than the secular world, has opposed the living experience of Christ.

**A CHOICE**

The way is now before us. We can know the living Christ, enjoy the forgiveness of sins, and receive the eternal life. The Son of God has come, died, and has risen from the dead. He is living and waiting to come into man and fill him with the divine life. He is the way — no one can come to the Father except through Him (John 14:6). Will you receive Him? Will you take this way?

To receive God's Son is simple. Turn and confess to Him. Open your whole being to Him and receive Him. He is near and available. Just pray, "Lord Jesus, I believe in You. Thank You for being my Redeemer. Thank You for being my life. I receive You right now to be everything that I need."

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## Free U classes still have openings

By KATHY O'CONNELL  
Battalion Staff

Emergency medical treatment, dancing and exercise routines are only three of several MSC Free University programs offered at low cost.

Free U Chairman Ann Barrier said there are still openings in several of the short courses.

She said the registration deadline has been extended to Friday, since many of the courses are un-

filled. The courses include two sections of cardio-pulmonary resuscitation (CPR) training held, April 6 and 8; and April 13 and 15. Cost is 50 cents per person. Barrier said

Red Cross volunteers will teach the class.

Barrier said Free U has two different program lengths. Long courses began Feb. 17 and lasted about eight weeks. These courses were generally more expensive than the short courses beginning Monday.

The more popular courses are beginning and advanced country and western dance classes, Barrier said.

She said these classes are usually "filled by noon the first day of registration"; however, that's not the case for the short courses. She said the lack of participation is "probably because it's the end of

the term, or it's spring, or maybe they just ran out of money."

Most of these classes will last four to five weeks, she said.

She said the dance classes need more women to register. Cost is \$12 per person.

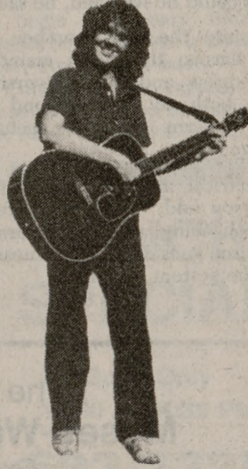
Barrier said this year they are trying something new with C&W classes. They plan to hold a marathon session that will be held two consecutive Sundays from 2

p.m. to 5 p.m. She said a woman from San Antonio is coming to Texas A&M to instruct the class.

Two jitter bug sessions will meet Sundays from 6 p.m. to 7 p.m. and 7 p.m. to 8 p.m. Cost is \$6.

Classes that are already closed include: Dancercise, Slimastics, intermediate guitar and yoga. These classes are expected to last five weeks.

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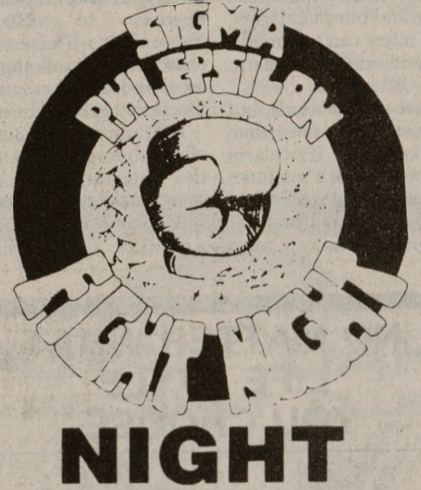
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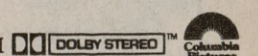
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