

Christian views to be aired

by Angie Kerr

Battalion Reporter

A lecture team of professors and businessmen from all over the United States will be at Texas A&M University this week to present Christian perspectives in classrooms.

Dr. Walter Bradley, a Texas A&M metallurgical engineering professor and a member of the lecture team, said the Christian Update Forum will offer a Christian perspective on academic subjects where it might provide a distinctive point of view. The lectures will apply Christian ideas to particular academic areas. Most members of the forum hold doctoral degrees.

But, he said, there are subjects where a Christian viewpoint is not necessary.

"There are obviously many subjects where a Christian perspective really doesn't suggest any different interpretation of information than does a non-Christian perspective," Bradley said.

Thirteen members of the Christian Update Forum will be speaking in more than 100 classrooms on subjects including mechanical engineering, education, psychology, philosophy and zoology.

The group was invited to the campus by Aldersgate Methodist Church, Grace Bible Church, Inter-Varsity Christian Fellowship, Campus Crusade for Christ, Navigators, Young Life and the Fellowship of Christian Athletes.

After the group was invited, students in the classes asked their instructors if a Christian speaker could come into the classes and lecture. Instructors who consented were allowed to choose the topics that the guest lecturers would cover.

Besides the classroom lectures, the forum will offer five evening lectures.

Speeches scheduled for Monday night are: "Thermodynamics and the Origin of Life," "Changing Sex Values" and

"Abortion: Do You Know the Facts?"

Evening lectures on Tuesday and Wednesday are "Success in the '80s" and "Marriage: Contract or Commitment?"

The Christian Update Forum has visited more than 40 university campuses in the United States and Canada and has lectured to students in more than

1,800 classrooms. Most members of the lecture forum are full-time university professors or work in business-related fields.

Dr. Clinton Phillips, dean of faculties, said the University does not endorse the program, but it is being permitted.

"If a professor wants to invite someone into his class that's perfectly all right," he said.

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Spectrum plays gamut of music

by Robert McGlohon

Battalion Staff

Spectrum, a Houston-based band which played in Rumours Friday and Saturday night, lived up to its name. The group played everything from high energy rock to new wave and threw in some commercial jazz and rhythm and blues.

Both concerts had a good turnout and were sponsored by the Memorial Student Center Basement Committee and the Miller Brewing Co.

Group co-founder, Mike Butts, set the tempo for the evening with a bass that can only be described as funky. He had a lively stage presence and contagious enthusiasm.

Mike Rosas, the other co-founder, helped keep the beat on drums. Although he had a precise style most of the time, he occasionally let go with a rousing drum solo.

The band's featured vocalist was Able Salazar, whose high, clean, clear voice was a joy to

hear. Salazar — like several other members of the band — showed versatility by playing keyboards, bass, guitar, alto sax and flute.

Rusty Miller, lead guitarist, lacked the showmanship of Butts and Salazar but played a good lead with occasional bursts of inspiration.

Don Pope, Spectrum's newest member, played alto, soprano and tenor saxes as well as the flute. While his musical performance was enthusiastically flawless, he looked lost when not playing — which was much of the time.

The band mostly played copy material but did perform a few original songs.

B.B. King's "How Blue Can You Get?" was one notable number. Pope and Miller highlighted the song with exceptional leads on sax and guitar.

Of the original material, "No Batteries" — which was written and sung by Butts — was a standout.

A&M retailing center planned

by Stephanie Fondy

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The marketing department at Texas A&M University plans to establish a center for retailing studies to aid students interested in retailing and also to help retail companies that recruit students.

Dr. Leonard Berry, associate professor of marketing and a member of the center's planning committee, said he expects the Texas A&M System Board of Regents to approve the center in its meeting this month. If approved, the center will open in January 1983.

There is a need in major colleges of business to acquaint students with the areas of opportunity in retail, Berry said.

"Jobs in the 1980s are in retail and we hope to make our students aware of these jobs through the center," he said.

The center will be privately funded by retail firms whose headquarters are in Texas. Sponsors include Zales Corp., Dillard's Department Stores, Sanger-Harris Department Stores, the Southland Corp., Neiman-Marcus, the Kroger Co., H.E.B. Grocery Co., Brookshire Grocery Co. and the Tandy Corp. Berry said the center is seeking additional sponsors and hopes to find ones that have headquarters outside Texas.

Berry said other centers in the country focus on aspects of retailing, but said the Texas A&M center should be more comprehensive than most.

If the center is approved, the marketing department is planning an introductory campaign for students in January and a retailing career fair in February.

Council wants program study

The MSC Council will hear a program study committee proposal and a long-range planning committee report in its meeting tonight in 216T MSC. The council also will hear officer reports.

The program study committee proposal will ask the council to create a committee to study and oversee all the MSC programs. Currently, four study committees oversee such specific committees as recreation and educational programs.

The new committee would study those problems that concern all programs and committees. Council President Todd Norwood said, and also will deal

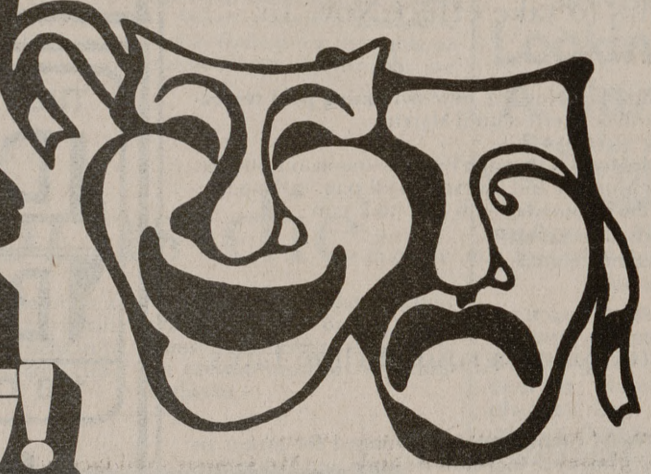
with specific problems that could relate to all committees.

A long-range planning committee report will review what the council has done and will report on future plans, Norwood said. The committee has discussed the most pressing problems within the council and has set up subcommittees to evaluate and report on them. Norwood said some of the problems being discussed are the student development program and fund-raising.

Vice-president for entertainment programs Kyle Spencer will report on a Cepheid Variable program by psychic Donna Burman.

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