

Opened by Pope John Paul II

Holy Week activities begin

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VATICAN CITY — Pope John Paul II opened Vatican Holy Week activities with a traditional Palm Sunday mass in St. Peter's Square and a strong plea to young people to vanquish selfishness and lust.
 "Jesus Christ does not cease to be the ideal, the most perfect

model of humanity. Young people look to him because youth means a particular need for a model of humanity," the pontiff said in his homily.
 "Learn from Christ the Redeemer to conquer sin, to conquer selfishness and the concupiscence hidden within it: that of the eyes, of the flesh and the pride of life," John Paul told

about 150,000 people, most of them youngsters, gathered in St. Peter's Square under sunny skies.
 The pope, dressed in white vestments and a white skullcap, blessed palm fronds and olive branches to commemorate the palms strewn before Christ when he entered Jerusalem on a donkey five days before he was crucified.

"Palm Sunday has become the summit of the extraordinary Jubilee of Youth," said John Paul. Several members of the crowd walked up to a canopied altar erected in front of St. Peter's Cathedral and gave the pope gifts.
 One of the offerings was a history of Alaska written in the pope's native Polish and signed by citizens of Fairbanks, Alaska. John Paul plans to make a stop-over in the city during a journey to the Far East next month. He is expected to meet President Reagan during the same trip.

"Let us unite ourselves to those young people on the roads leading to Jerusalem," John Paul said, speaking in Italian, in a reference to pilgrims in the Holy Land who observed Palm Sunday by retracing the path of Christ.

Mother Teresa of Calcutta, the Roman Catholic nun renowned for her work with India's poor, stood near the pope during the mass.

The open-air service marked the start of the sixth Easter season celebrated by the Polish-born pontiff since his election to St. Peter's Throne in 1978 and concluded the Vatican's Jubilee of Youth for Holy Year.

On Holy Thursday, the pope will celebrate a mass at the Basilica of St. John's in Lateran and wash the feet of 12 of the faithful to commemorate the last supper of Christ and his 12 apostles.

On Good Friday he will lead the "Way of the Cross" procession around the ruins of the Colosseum.

The Holy Week ceremonies will culminate at noon Easter Sunday, when the pope will impart his "Urbi et Orbi" (to the city and the world) blessing and message from the central balcony of St. Peter's Basilica.

All Faiths Chapel gets new air conditioning

By CAMI BROWN
 Reporter

Construction workers have replaced brides and grooms in the All Faiths Chapel this spring but the replacement of the chapel's air conditioning system won't be complete until at least the first of May.

Installation of the new system has been planned for some time, but since the work started in March the flowers and frills of about six weddings have been replaced by scaffolds, saws and hammers. A renovation of the chapel will begin next fall.

"The air conditioning system was causing problems," said Kevin Carreathers, who is in charge of scheduling events at the Chapel. "It wasn't cooling very well."

He said the air conditioning system, which was built into the floor, caused condensation inside the building. This caused mold on the walls and other problems. The new system is being installed in the ceiling.

The meetings and weddings Carreathers schedules in the Chapel must be held somewhere else until the beginning of May.

"The sanctuary is off limits," he said. "But the Student Affairs office and study areas are still open and accessible through the east door of the Chapel."

According to the contract, the construction must be finished by June 1, but the mechanical contractors say they'll be finished by the end of April. They'd better be, because Carreathers said he has weddings scheduled in May.

So if the materials continue to arrive on time and the construction continues problem-free, things should be back to

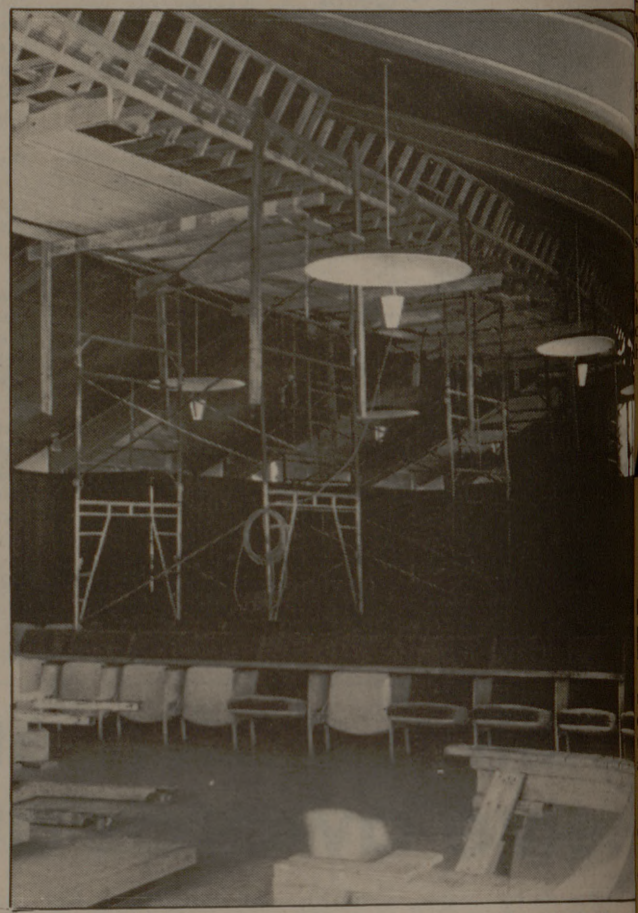


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The All Faiths Chapel is getting new air conditioning — and the scaffolding needed to install it is shown here. Weddings and meetings must be moved until the work is completed.

normal — better than normal — by the beginning of May.

If problems arise in the construction process, the brides and grooms might be wearing hard hats and marching through the sawdust that covers the sanct-

uary. But at least they won't be sweating.

Texas A&M is spending \$68,500 to replace the air conditioning, and next fall the University plans to renovate the chapel at a cost of \$103,000.


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Corrigan: Teacher pay raise key to scholastic excellence

University News Service

Texas A&M's dean of education says that if Texas fails again to raise teacher salaries "it will be the worst thing that has ever happened in this state."

Dr. Dean Corrigan, a member of the Select Committee of Public Education, said that the committee's recommendations to raise teachers' base salary to \$1,520 a month "has to be the key ingredient" in improving the educational system.

Corrigan was speaking to public school teachers and administrators at the University's second Inquiry in Education Conference.

"You can't keep raising people's hopes and dashing them," Corrigan said in reference to unfilled promises to give teachers a substantial raise. The pay hike would cost the state \$638 million, he said.

Corrigan is optimistic that a recommendation to reduce class size to 15 students in the first three grades will be implemented in at least the schools where children need individual attention the most. Implementing the recommendation statewide would cost \$1 billion, he said.

However, Corrigan says the select committee's proposed "career incentive plan" needs a lot of work.

"I am not satisfied with what the committee came up with for the rest of the career incentive plan," he said. "It is a hoax to call it a career incentive plan."

Corrigan said the plan is a merit pay performance appraisal system which operates on the false assumption that all teachers do the same thing. It also makes no provision for ex-

perience, expertise, training, role definition and different terms of service in placing teachers on the career ladder and providing incentives, he said.

The current plan "treats teachers as beginners and does not help keep outstanding people in the profession of teaching."

Corrigan is also concerned about the apparent "tough" and "punitive" attitude of the education committee.

More homework, tougher requirements and a longer school year are just a few of the tough measures recommended, he said.

"More is not necessarily better, it's quality," said Corrigan. "Homework without time for feedback and teacher preparation won't do a thing."



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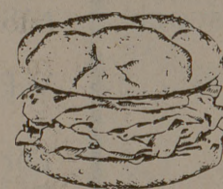
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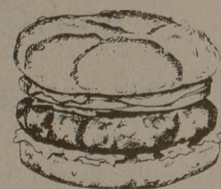


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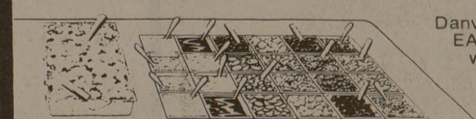
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