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Dareing, Hodder Elected To Head Student Council For Second Term

Joe Dareing, Miami, has been chosen student council president at Northeastern A&M College for the second semester at a recent all college election. Other officers elected were Mark Hodder, Midwest City, vice-president; Pat Powers, Fairland, secretary-treasurer; Al Karther, Philadelphia, Pa., and Robert Arko, Pryor, representatives at large, and Connie Wibracht, Miami, head cheerleader.

Dareing is a sophomore majoring in Business Management. He is a member of the Military Fraternity, president of the BSU, and holds the vice-presidency in both the sophomore class and the Business club.

Hodder, a freshman psychology major, is a member of the Masquers club and president of the freshmen class.

Powers Wins

Powers, a sophomore majoring in Home Economics, is a member of the Home Economics club, Mensa club, Phi Theta Kappa, Pre-Med club, and was selected to Who's Who.

Karther, a sophomore majoring in architecture, is a member of the Inter-Collegiate Knights, while Arko, a freshman Agriculture major, is a member of the Aggie Society. Wibracht, a freshman PE ma-

ior, is a member of the Masquers club, Norse Stars, and is presently an NEO cheerleader.

Four Running

In the race for president, Dareing defeated Ted Fisher, Jenks; Barbara Fields, Miami; and Dean Wade, Stark City, Mo., to win the job for the head office.

Hodder defeated Ralph Cole, Vinita, for the vice-presidency job, while Powers defeated Jimi Kay Cannon, Miami, and Sondra Hall, Seneca, Mo., for the position of secretary-treasurer.

In the student council race for representative at large, Karther and Arko defeated Dolores Bench, Miami; Jerry Harris, Wagoner; Julia Harris, Tulsa; and Donalene Eads, Chetopa, Kan.

Wibracht defeated Sondra Hackett, Oklahoma City, for the head cheerleader's job.

Speech Students To Enter Tourney

Northeastern A&M's drama department will participate in the state junior college speech tournament at Oklahoma University March 16-11, according to department head Bruce B. Owen.

Owen stated that emphasis in the meet will be placed on original oratory, extemporaneous speaking, oral interpretation of dramatic and

humorous literature, duct acting, radio speaking, one act play, and debate.

NEO students now preparing for the contest include: Don Searcy, Robert Champlin, Caroline Sturdy, Sue Nelle Webb, Fred Holt, Bonnie Sioner, Phil Garouette, Donna Mc-Nair, and Joe Hill, all of Miami; Mark Hodder, Midwest City; and Mary Spriggs, Fairland.

Evangelist Paul McCray Headlines REW Program

"Ancient Faith for Modern Man" will be the theme of Northeastern A&M's 1961 Religious Emphasis Week scheduled for March 5-8 on the college campus. Heading the program will be Paul McCray, former NEO student and outstanding evangelist.

REW activities will get underway Sunday at 8:15 in the Little Theatre. The evening vespers service will be conducted by Rev. H. C. Wendler, pastor, Miami Lutheran church. Diane Killion and Dave Tadlock will handle the music.

The 10 p.m. Sunday dorm meetings will be held in Dyer hall, Commons hall, and the girls' dorm with various Miami pastors in charge of each meeting.

Monday's activities will open with a 9 a.m. general assembly with McCray having charge of the service. Following the assembly at 10 a.m., a visit will be made to each class by various pastors of the Ministerial Alliance. The ministers will also speak at 11 o'clock classes if the instructors wish to have them as guest speakers.

Noon-Day Service

McCray will also have charge of the noon-day services to be held in the Little Theatre at 12:30 p.m. Monday through Wednesday. Special music will be presented each day at the noon-day services. All students are invited to take part in the noon-day service.

Rounding out Monday's program will be a 4 p.m. service in the Little Theatre and a dorm meeting at 10 p.m. The 6 p.m. service will include singing and an outstanding religious film. McCray will also have charge of this service.

11 a.m. Assembly

Tuesday's activities include a 10 a.m. assembly, the noon-day service, a 6 p.m. service, which will include another film, and the 10 p.m. dorm meetings.

Concluding Religious Emphasis Week activities Wednesday will be an 11 a.m. assembly followed by the noon-day services.

The REW program committee includes Dave Berryhill, Oklahoma



PAUL MCCRAY

Engineers' Day Set March 14

Engineers' Day at Northeastern A&M will be held Tuesday, March 14, according to Oran Need, engineering instructor.

Highlights of the day will include speakers in the fields of chemical, aerospace, mechanical and electrical engineering. The speakers will represent Oklahoma University and Oklahoma State University.

A representative from Phillips Petroleum Co. of Bartlesville will also speak to the group on Industrial Engineering.

City: Steve Ward, Sulphur; Jim Andrews, Cushing; Neil Bigelow, Toledo, Ohio; Doug McGuire, Nowata; Dave Tadlock, Columbus, Kan.; Dean Liston, Nowata; George Fraley, Chetopa; and Mark Hodder, Midwest City.

Rickner Gives Recital Tuesday

A piano recital by Joyce Rickner will be given Tuesday, March 7, in the college auditorium at 8 p.m. Miss Rickner, a sophomore from Wyandotte, is a piano student of NEO professor Douglas Payton.

Miss Rickner will be assisted by Diane Killion, freshman from Miami and Kerin Boston, sophomore from Pryor. The two singers will be accompanied by Linda Roberts, Commerce.

Full Program

Miss Rickner's program will consist of "Beethoven's Sonata 6," op. 79; "Rondo Capriccioso," Mendelssohn; "Sonatina C," op. 13, No. 1, Kablevsky. Her last selection will be the first movement of Mozart Concerto No. 23, K488, A Major with orchestral accompaniment organized and directed by Dr. Robert Swanson.

Orchestra members participating will be: Violins, Dr. Robert Swanson, Dr. Charles Letcher and Hoshang Modelli; Cello, Jennifer Johnson; Bass Viola, Douglas Payton; Flute, Ruth Ann Shaeffer and Evelyn Campbell; Clarinet, Al Smith and Cynthia Seamster; Bassoons, Jim Wendelken and Linda Searcy; Horns, George Lytle and Claudine Mages; Organ, Mrs. Jim Gaines; and Second Piano, Martha Payton.

The orchestra will be supplemented by members of the Joplin high school orchestra.

All Northeastern A&M college students are invited to attend the recital according to Miss Rickner. Payton reports much practice has gone into the recital and it should prove to be an enjoyable evening to those attending.

Greatest Expansion Program in History of College Made Possible in Near Future by Urban Renewal

Northeastern A&M college, working through the Urban Renewal Agency, is in the process of making the greatest expansion plans in the college's history.

Through the urban renewal, the government assists, with grants, communities desiring title to properties not being properly developed or utilized which could be converted to better serve the community.

To encourage such localized programs, the federal government issues grants with which municipalities may acquire land to sell to other agencies for community betterment programs.

Northeastern A&M, in conjunction with the Miami City Planning Commission, hopes within 18 months, through the Urban Renewal, to be able to acquire sufficient land to permit

construction to start on classroom buildings and dormitories at the college, John Wallace, City Planning Commission chairman said.

President John F. Kennedy, who is urging the use of urban renewal, could, through his interest in the program, speed up the action and cut the time for the original estimate of 18 months to two years, according to Wallace.

Present plans call for acquiring the residential area extending south of the college campus for two blocks to Central avenue and from I street northeast to Tar Creek, including a two-block stretch of L street which includes some 85 homes in the area.

The Urban Renewal Agency, which was set up for the personal use of local residents, recently in-

cluded a law which stated that land could also be acquired and used for the benefit of colleges.

One-third of the cost would be born by the college and the other two-thirds by the federal government through urban renewal, funds of which are administered by the Federal Housing and Home Finance Agencies.

HHFA co-ordinator R. A. Bremer, area co-ordinator for the HHFA, assured owners and renters of homes in the area that the federal government is "largely concerned with their welfare in the event they are displaced by an urban renewal program."

He explained that they would be fairly compensated for their holdings and that the city must make available adequate facilities elsewhere to house them.

The program also provides for payments of moving expenses up to \$200 for homes and \$3,000 for businesses.

"Miami residents have a wonderful opportunity for a betterment program at no apparent cost to the city, but it will take a great deal of educating and programming too," Bremer remarked.

As soon as an Urban Renewal Agency is appointed by the city administration and its functions are approved by taxpayers, the city council can select a citizens' advisory committee having public relations and information responsibilities. Presumably residents in the college area would be represented on that committee.

The City Planning Commission, having proposed the program to the City Council and mayor, would

then have no role in the urban renewal project and would direct its efforts toward other community betterment and development needs.

The City Planning Commission does not consider the expansion area a slum area but rather an area that needs physical improvements such as better streets, drainage, and a program to prevent the flooding of the area by Tar creek.

However, to be able to eliminate these defects, such as the flooding, the area must first be purchased. After the purchase has been made and improvements are completed the commission feels that the land can be best utilized by the college. It is felt that this can be done without causing any hardship to any residents in the affected area.

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Government Neglected

"Student government has no power; it has become a plaything in the hands of a student body acting much like a group of elementary school children." "There are not enough top-notch students who take the time and interest to run for a student council office, and those who do are merely wasting their time." "I'm too busy to take the time to vote now, I'll vote in the more important elections later this year."

These statements and many others along this same line are made year after year by both students and faculty on college campuses throughout the country. Let us examine the ideas expressed in each of these three statements as they relate to this college and student government in general.

The Oklahoma Education code authorizes the establishment of student body associations in the public schools of Oklahoma. This section also states that the purpose of such an association shall be to conduct activities on the behalf of the student body after the approval of the school authorities.

The expenditures of funds is also authorized, subject to such procedure as may be established by the student body authority. It is clear then that the Associated Students at NEO is a legal government with certain delegated powers. The association certainly had power, and although some of us might not agree at all times on the way they exercised that power, it is apparent that they did not use it as a plaything.

As in all institutions, the government varies greatly. There are pleasant ones and unpleasant ones; those who are statesman-like and those who are not; and there are those with grade point averages above 3.0 and those who barely exceed the 2.0 required to run for and remain in the student council.

Over the years Northeastern A&M has had both outstanding and average leaders, as is true in all levels of government. A recent survey showed that most of the efforts now being made to interest better students to assume junior college roles in leadership are being initiated by faculty members and advisers. If student government is to be truly representative, the students themselves must take a greater interest in choosing the best leaders available.

The American people, at least in theory, are devoted to the ideal of representative government. A recent study of student voting habits in junior colleges shows that student attitudes toward the democratic process, as represented by student government, leave a great deal to be desired. This attitude parallels to a great extent the general attitude of Americans toward local government.

The mean percentage of student voting (29.3 per cent) is almost identical to the percentage of voters in local elections. The student who fails to vote in local government at school, will probably feel the same way about such elections in later years. When the glamor of a presidential election is upon us, over eighty per cent of the voting population journey to the polls. And yet that percentage drops far below the fifty per cent level when we elect those local officials who have such a great influence on the way we live.

NEO Art Instructor Enjoys Variety of Work and Pleasure

By NEAL BLOOMFIELD

"There is no professional field that has as many opportunities as art," stated Charles Banks Wilson, noted authority and artist of the American Indian, and art instructor at NEO.

Few other artists are so identified with their state as is Oklahoma's great illustrator, Wilson. The southwestern artist's paintings hang in some of America's best museums.

When asked at what age he became interested in art, Wilson explained that he could not give a definite date in answer to this question. At an early age he felt he was not a very good artist in comparison with other children his age. He feels that it does not matter about talent, a person acquires this through hours of study and experience, but that you must have a desire to draw and enjoy art.

Wilson's artistic technique is modern in conception and brilliant in execution, but from time to time it is pleasurable to gaze at "the people and the country" an artist knows best. Being an artist, Wilson translates certain values in those people and that country that even those who should know them best, but lack such creative processes, have undervalued.

Wilson stated that his interest in the American Indian started because of the colorful dances performed by the Indians, which could be expressed in brilliant colors and active forms. Today the only other field which shows these features is the sports field, upon which there is not much artistic emphasis.

Charles Banks Wilson has had experience in almost every field of art. He has designed packages, drawn backdrops for theater plays, illustrated for newspapers, spent several years in commercial art, illustrated books and magazine covers, and has done many other things too numerous to mention.

"It would be difficult to think of



WILSON'S MASTERPIECE — Northeastern A&M art instructor, Charles Banks Wilson, is shown with what he considers one of his best works. The painting, "Osage Great," is of the Osage chief, Charles Whitehorn, a religious leader of the Osages. The painting was especially commissioned by James Kennedy, a Tulsa businessman and capitalist, and now hangs in his office in the Kennedy Building in Tulsa.

any one thing, product, or service where art is not involved," stated Wilson. "For example, agriculture needs the artist to design the packages which make the product saleable." He designs many products, such as plumbing fixtures, automobiles, ash trays, etc. After the product is designed, there is need for him in the illustration for advertising the product. There is fashion designing, cartoons, and story illustrations, in addition to

what is perhaps the most important aspect of art, personal creative accomplishment.

Wilson feels his finest accomplishments are found in his portraits. These include Will Rogers, Thomas Gilcrease, Osage Chief Charles Whitehorn, and a recent portrait of Presbyterian minister, Dr. Harry W. Curtis.

Wilson, who makes his home in Miami, is married and has two children.

NEO Music Department Will Host High School Festival March 13-16

Northeastern A&M's music department will hold an invitational high school music festival March 13-16 according to Kenneth Richards, head of the Fine Arts department.

Andrews Picked Club President

Jim Andrews, Cushing, was elected president of the Engineers' club for the spring semester. Other officers include vice president, Joe Marciano, Venetozola; secretary, Charles Shafer, Miami; treasurer, Robert Rhodes, Miami; student council representative, Bob Blair, Wernah, N.J.; and sergeant at arms, Calvin Harris, Key West, Florida.

Outgoing officers include, president, Don Price, Nowata; vice-president Jim Andrews, and secretary, Joe Marciano.

The Engineers are planning an active spring semester, according to Andrews. Highlighting the activities will be the Engineers dance, and the picnic. Plans are being made for Engineers day to be held later.

The festival will be in three divisions with the piano division being held March 13-14, the choirs, choruses, and glee clubs competing March 15 and high school bands and instrumental groups performing on March 16.

The piano division will be under the direction of Douglas Payton, piano instructor at Northeastern A&M, while Kenneth Richards will head the vocal division. Heading the instrumental division will be Robert Swanson, NEO band director. Included in the instrumental division are solos, ensembles, bands, orchestras, dance bands and a concert.

Over 100 entries have already been received in the piano divisions according to Payton. Highlighting this division will be a concert presented at the close of the concert by the outstanding performers during the festival.

High schools from all over Oklahoma and the tri-state area have been invited to participate in the fest.

Press Club Selects Boyd As President

Northeastern A&M's Press club has elected Kenneth Boyd president. Boyd is a sophomore Art major from Cardia. Other officers are Charles Grimes, vice-president, Grove; Fauntella Sandrine, treasurer, Miami; and Karen Edwards, secretary, Miami. Coming events of the Press club are a Press Club party to be held in February and the Annual Press Day which will be held April 28.

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SCIENCE FAIR—Working on their projects for the Northeastern A&M Science Fair, March 21-April 1 are, left to right, Dick Hardin and Sam Dugger, seniors at Wagoner High School. Working on a skeleton of a cat, the boys are studying the homology and adaptation in the skeletal structure of vertebrates.

Campus Fires Top News From Around NEO A&M

The home of college president Bruce G. Carter caught fire recently. The fire broke out in the basement but firemen were able to put out the flame before extensive damage was done. The college also had three fire trucks on the campus last week when a report was received that the student union was on fire. However, it was only a pin ball machine which had caught fire.

Two new college courses have been added to the curriculum of the music department according to Dr. Bruce Carter. Now credits may be obtained in the study of the harp and organ. Mrs. Jim Gaines is the instructor. She is a graduate of Miami high school.

Sexton To Try For West Point

Mike Sexton, 18-year-old freshman at NEO A&M, has received a principal appointment to West Point, according to Kansas Senator, Frank Carlson.

Sexton must pass rigid mental and physical tests this March in order to gain entrance to the academy.

The Baxter Springs youth is an accounting major and member of the Business Club. He recently graduated from AFROTC leadership school and is active in all phases of the Air Science program.

Northeastern A&M college, and Baylor University.

Capt. James B. Ryckman, Marine Corps selection officer for Oklahoma, was on the campus Feb. 20-21 for the purpose of interviewing students interested in becoming commissioned officers. Capt. Ryckman was in the student union from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. each day.

The college is making final preparations for the science fair to be held March 31 through April 1. According to director Frank Cunningham, students from quite a distance will enter the competition.

A number of NEO's AFROTC cadets traveled to Little Rock Air Force base recently in connection with the AFROTC base visitation program. Capt. Don Persons supervised the trip.

Major Roy W. Preston, a former student at Northeastern A&M, now living in Holden, Mo., has succeeded Major James J. Gigante Jr., of Mount Vernon, N. Y., as chief of the Plans and Operations Division of the U.S. Army Infantry Center G-3 (Plans and Operations) section at Fort Benning, Ga.

Major Gigante has been assigned to the Armed Forces Staff College at Norfolk, Va.

ITS To Operate Ham Radio For Student Experimentations

Northeastern A&M's Industrial Technological Society will soon have an amateur radio station on the air with a broadcasting range of about 75,000 square miles and with the power of about 1,000 watts, according to Jerry Hollis, Industrial Technological instructor at NEO.

The station, which has not received its call letters yet, could be operated at NEO by any licensed person. Although there are no licensed operators here, several have stated the desire to obtain one. This can only be accomplished through long hours of study and testing.

Dr. A. Clark McQuigg a local dentist is responsible for the station. He operates his own ham station and is an avid radio supporter.

Equipment for the station consists of two radio receivers and senders. One set is a Collins and the other is a combination of several brands. These sets have a value close to \$2,000 and can be used only by licensed personnel.

Hollis stated that these radios can be used in event of national emergency, for civil defense purposes, and for sending and receiving messages from other operators far away.

The Life Science building is the site of the station. Atop the building will be an aerial 30 feet high. At the top of the aerial will be a group of smaller branches, 16 feet high and 30 feet long. It is built to withstand winds up to 100 mph.

It has the sending power of 1,000 watts which is about the power of KGLC. However, the radio equipment is a hobby for the electronic department and is not in competition with other radio stations in the area.

Europe Travel Program Available to Students

A low-cost travel program to Europe, Latin America and the East was recently announced by the National Student Association.

The NSA offers 30 different travel programs in Europe during the summer and has study programs with scholarships for qualified students.

For further information write: U.S. National Student Association, 2161 Shattuck Avenue, Dept. S-T, Berkeley 44, California.



RADIO STATION—Jerry Hollis, Northeastern A&M college industrial technical instructor, discusses the new amateur radio station with Alan Gordon, sophomore from Miami. The new station will go on the air with a broadcasting range of about 75,000 square miles and with a power of about 1,000 watts, according to Hollis.

Club Receives Charter From AIDD President

Northeastern A&M's student chapter of the American Institute of Design Drafting met recently

to make plans for a field trip to Phillips Petroleum company, Bartlesville.

Preliminary plans were also made for an banquet for the student chapter of the A.I.D.D. Highlighting the banquet will be an address by the A.I.D.D. national president. He will also present the charter to the NEO student chapter. Tentative plans have been made for the banquet to be held during March in the Student Union ballroom.

A panel from Phillips Petroleum company were guests of the NEO chapter at a recent meeting. Those participating on the panel were Roger Clay, structural draftsman; Jim Dum, illustrative draftsman; and Phil Kent, electrical draftsman.

Rose Renascent

By TERRY WESTFALL

Here grows a Rose with strife and pain

A popping, rising, all in vain

For it next becomes a twig.

Here grows a Rose, a spindly stalk,

With briars prickly tressed;

Yet stately, simple, symbolic,

since,

It crowned a King upon a cross.

At last arose in splendor full,

Her petals glistening black.

It blooms in spring, dies in fall,

Thus ever coming back.

Banquet Held for Top Students By Northeastern A&M Faculty

Northeastern A&M honored 40 students who were selected to the Dean's honor roll with a banquet Monday, Feb. 20.

Harry Synar was master of ceremonies for the event. Special music was provided by a trio made up of Helen Foster, Linda Hale, and Keria Boston. Following the trio was a duet by Evelyn Campbell and Neil Bloomfield. Both the duo and trio were accompanied by Joyce Richner.

After the introduction of guests by Dean C. C. Ferree, an address was given by S. A. Robertson who spoke on the subject "The Quest

for Mark."

Robertson stated that an education was more than learning information from a book and that a student should not accept everything as a fact but learn to question facts to learn the truth. He also discussed the need for more physical fitness in America today.

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REW WEEK—Making final plans for Religious Emphasis Week at Northeastern A&M college, Miami, March 2-8, are student co-chairmen, left to right, Joey Hutt, Miami and Carol Niebus, Grove. The Rev. Paul McCray, pastor of the Grand Avenue Baptist Church, Fort Smith, Arkansas will lead REW activities.

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