

Space, time exhibit displayed at MSC

A series of twelve "Sky Paintings" is currently on display in the Memorial Student Center Art Gallery. The canvases, in oil, acrylic and pencil, were created by Joseph M. Hutchinson, associate professor of Environmental Design at Texas A&M.

"All of these paintings deal in some way or other with an attempt

to explain space and time," Hutchinson said. "All have sections in which different times may be represented in one painting. They show the past, the present, and the future in one relationship."

Since coming to Texas two years ago, Hutchinson said that he has been "enthralled" with the skies in this area. "There are high billowing clouds and the sky has distance, clarity, and openness," he said.

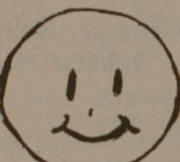
Included in the exhibit are paintings from several series that Hutchinson has dealt with. "Brazos Wind" and "Gulf Wind" are representative of his Plains series, but are only a portion of the 22 paintings of that era. Altogether, there are six series on display at the exhibit.

Hutchinson said that the Barbizon series is his latest and "the most successful, the one that holds its own. The force of the environment here in Texas moved me from abstraction to realism."

Of the twelve paintings on exhibit, all but two are for sale. Prices range from \$200 for the 24x24 inch acrylic "New World" to \$1200 for the 84x84 inch oil painting "Brazos Wind."

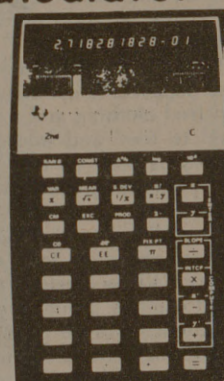
The exhibit will continue until September 30.

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Turn-off Speller to teach

AUSTIN — Norma Gabler of Longview, perennial critic of textbooks that fail to say evolution is a theory, shifted her attack Wednesday to grade school spellers.

"Our parents are sick and tired of seeing the results," Mrs. Gabler told the State Textbook Committee. "Too much emphasis is placed on having a good time, on turning them on. Well, let's turn them off a little and turn them on to basics. We see too many kids who can't read or write or spell."

She said a 1971 Louis Harris survey showed nearly 19 million persons over the age of 16 in this country could not read and write well enough to fill out a job application form.

Mrs. Gabler attacked all six books in the grade school speller series that will be published by Merrill Publishing Co. next year.

The series "violates a basic principle of learning," she said. "Instead of going from the simple-individual sounds — to the complex-combinations of letter sounds, the student will be hindered in his learning how to spell or read."

"It has students write sentences before the letter sounds are

learned. The child will be limited to what he memorizes. Can this type of teaching fail to increase the problem of illiteracy?"

In the third-grade book, she cited a page where students are asked to write something about the words spooky, silly and crash.

"Couldn't more encouraging words be used?" she asked. On another page students are to do these things natural phenomena and don't understand it. Write a myth to explain it. Make up your own names for gods."

Mrs. Gabler exclaimed, "This is humanistic!"

In the grade 4 book, she said, nine of the 17 famous figures listed "are Negro," while only 2 per cent of the population is "Negro."

The publisher responded, "All of the 17 persons are black. As stated in the second column, the purpose of this activity is 'to enlighten students about the contributions of black Americans to our country.'"

Mrs. Gabler noted a reference to witches and Halloween, while "other, more significant holidays aren't mentioned in the book. Emphasis to the occult is given. This is religion."

In the fifth-grade book, she found

Benches stop vehicles to preserve walkways

By PEGGY INGRAM
Staff Writer

Only at Texas A&M do they give you benches to climb over rather than to sit on.

Observe the new concrete slabs to the west and south of the Harrington complex. Blocked by these recent additions, bikers and pedestrians often turn into a hopeless jumble squeezing through already congested malls.

Curiously, a few of the 81 new 1000-pound benches are obviously plunked in the way of otherwise reasonable thoroughfares.

University landscapers didn't make an "Aggie" mistake, though.

Charles Brunt, director of systems construction here, said the benches were purposely put at various points of the North Plaza Mall to obstruct vehicular traffic. Delivery trucks and other large motor vehicles have been driving on the new, somewhat fragile pebbled sidewalks. These were not engineered to handle such heavy loads, he said.

Architect Kent Beasley of Dallas-based Schrickel, Rollins, and Associates Inc. said the \$1000-a-piece sandblasted seats were not intended for use as roadblocks. His plan is to have them in the shade and out of the way.

But since the unanticipated motor traffic problem developed, Beasley has recommended to Brunt that perhaps upright posts could be installed instead, or maybe even planters.

"You can't very well put a chain up or no one could get by," he added.

Brunt, however, is not yet ready to decide if the benches will go or stay.

"They solve the immediate problem which is prevention," he said in reference to the vehicles. He asserted that upright posts would probably be a less desirable solution to the benches — particularly for unsuspecting bikers.

Brunt said the issue will face a final decision within six months. They could stay where they are, he said.

Meetings scheduled

The Sociology Club will meet at 7:30 p.m. Thursday in Room 127, Bolton Hall.



The American Meteorological Society (TAMSCAMS) will meet at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday in room 112 of the Oceanography & Meteorology Building. The meeting will include elections of representatives to the College of Geosciences' Student Council.

Upcoming events and a film on tornadoes will be discussed. The 4-H Chapter will hold an organizational meeting at 7:00 p.m. Thursday in room 301 of the Rudder Tower.

The Organization of Arab Students will meet at 9 p.m. Friday in room 404 of the Rudder Tower. Elections will be held and all arab students are invited.

The Agricultural Economics Club will meet at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday in the Plant Science Bldg., Room 112.

The American Society for Mechanical Engineers will meet at 7:00 p.m. Tuesday at Thomas Park, located two blocks east of the College Station Fire Substation. Students and faculty are invited.

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