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**A STREETCAR
NAMED DESIRE**

Communicating without words

Touch enhances perception

By JUDY DUNN

For a few minutes Tuesday night, eight nervous couples in the Memorial Student Center sat across from their partners, touching hands and looking into each other's eyes.

They were participating in touching and eye contact exercises conducted by Dr. Josh Crane, associate professor in the speech and communication section of the English department. The purpose of the exercises was to show American Humanities students the importance

of non-verbal communication.

"Non-verbal communication is a very important part of our everyday lives," Crane said.

For American Humanities students it is especially important. They plan a career in administering youth agencies.

He said touching and eye contact are very important in working with people.

"You must be aware of how other people perceive you," he said.

Crane conducted exercises covering areas in non-verbal communication such as person perception, name perception, color coding and proxemic space.

In the person perception exercise, Crane showed that most people form assumptions about others when meeting for the first time. He asked two strangers he had brought to the workshop to answer a few questions about themselves. After students heard their responses, they were told to describe the strangers as friendly, confident, or liberal in written responses. The

answers were then compared to the strangers' responses about themselves. Many assumptions of the students were correct, but some were not.

Crane showed that people also tend to make assumptions about names. He said that people assume someone has certain qualities after only hearing the person's name. This, he said, is also a type of non-verbal communication.

In the color coding exercise, Crane called out moods and types of emotions to the group. Participants were asked to respond by writing down a color they associated with the mood or emotion. A mood such

as "exciting" made many people think of the color red, while "secure" made them think of blue. This exercise showed that colors, a type of non-verbal communication, evoke certain emotions from people.

Proxemics is the study of non-verbal communication in distances, Crane said. The proxemic space exercise showed how people consider a close distance between people to be friendly and casual, and consider great distances to be impersonal. Students felt that distances up to 18 inches were friendly.



English constable here

Keith Shattlock, police constable of Briston, England, is in College Station publicizing daily non-stop flights from London. His visit included a stop at Texas A&M University, where he chatted with students in the Memorial Student Center.

Battalion photo by Susan...

Allen to speak Monday

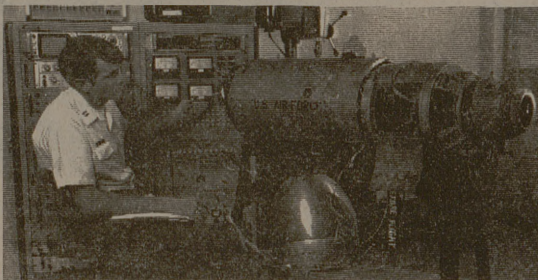
Dr. John Allen will speak on Texas A&M University's new Center for Education and Research in Free Enterprise at a Monday meeting of the Brazos County A&M Club.

Allen is acting director of the center, which was authorized by the Board of Regents last spring. The center's mission is to improve economic understanding among Americans. Texas A&M's establishment of the center was recognized with the American Eagle Award of the Invest-in-America Council.

A question-answer session is planned as part of the program, according to Brazos Aggies President Ed Davis.

The dinner meeting at Wyatt's Cafeteria will start at 7:15 p.m., Davis said. A social period is planned at 6:30 p.m. Reservations may be made by calling 845-7514.

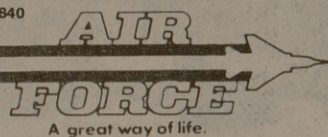
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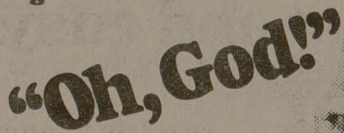
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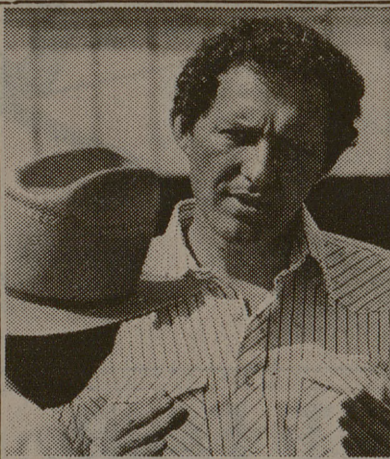
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