

# Free-form metal sculptor supplies aid to art students

By RHODEMA SPEARMAN  
Stephen Daly, artist-in-residence at Texas A&M University, enjoys having people guess what his sculpted creations are, even if they guess wrong.

And they often do.

Daly sculpts with metals. The shapes, cast in molds, are free-form. They are not made to resemble an object, but are to be enjoyed for their shape and style, the 36-year-old artist said.

Texas A&M's artist-in-residence program originated with the departments of architecture and environmental design. The program brings an artist to the University for a year to vary the students' educational experiences.

Daly came to Texas A&M last Au-

gust and will stay through June of this year.

One of his jobs as artist-in-residence is guest lecturing in the classroom.

"I am an in-house visiting critic," Daly said.

Besides maintaining a studio and teaching a class on the history of contemporary sculpture, Daly conducts an apprenticeship program. Students in the program study his methods and apply them to creations of their own.

Daly said he and his students are disappointed that there is no art department at Texas A&M. Art classes are taught in the environmental design department in the College of Architecture and Environmental Design.

Daly, who has been sculpting since 1960, said the key to his art is "personal inspiration," which he finds in the common shapes and forms around him. He said nature yields curved "organic" lines to his art while straight "mechanistic" lines are found in man-made objects.

Daly is experimenting now with color for his sculptures. In the past, his pieces retained their materials' natural tints.

Daly, a native of New York City, formerly was an associate professor, teaching sculpture, at Humboldt State University in Arcata, Calif. He also has taught sculpture at the University of Minnesota.

Daly received his B.A. degree from San Jose State College in California in 1964, and his M.F.A. in sculpture at Michigan's Cranbrook Academy of Art in 1967.

# Assistant for Prescott named

Mary Helen Bowers has been named to a newly created position of assistant to the vice president for academic affairs at Texas A&M University.

Dr. J.M. Prescott said Bowers will assist in a variety of administrative functions and periodically represent him at meetings and related activities.

Bowers has been a member of the Texas A&M staff since 1973. She initially joined the Office of Admissions and Records as an information representative and was named assistant to Dean Edwin Cooper two years ago.

She will be succeeded as assistant to the dean of admissions

and records by Sue Matula, currently student records officer at Moody College in Galveston.

Bowers earned a master's degree in educational administration at Texas A&M last year and is pursuing a Ph.D. in management on a part-time basis. She earned her undergraduate jour-

nalism degree at Texas Tech.

Matula, who holds B.S. and M.S. degrees in education from Texas A&M, has been at Moody College since 1976. While studying for her master's degree, she served as a graduate assistant to the dean of education, Dr. Frank W.R. Hubert.

# Soviets buy more U.S. corn

United Press International  
WASHINGTON — Soviet officials have ordered another 500,000 metric tons of American corn, the Agriculture Department announced Monday.

The sale, following a Soviet purchase of 362,000 metric tons of corn disclosed last Friday, pushed total Russian orders for American wheat and corn combined in the current 1977-78 season to 12 million metric tons.

Agriculture Department officials had earlier said they hoped the season's sales total would reach 15 million tons as Soviet buyers stepped up their purchases to help offset a disappointing 1977 Soviet harvest.

The sales were made within the

framework of a five-year grain trade agreement under which the Soviet Union is committed to buying at least six million metric tons of wheat and corn annually. Purchases can go over eight million metric tons if United States officials agree.

The 1977-78 season, which runs through next Sept. 30, is the second of the five years covered by the agreement.

Officials said the 500,000 metric ton corn order was equal to 19.7 million bushels of the livestock feed grain.

Total wheat orders for the season to date now cover 3.5 million tons, or 29 million bushels. Total corn orders are 8.5 million tons, or 335 million bushels, officials added.

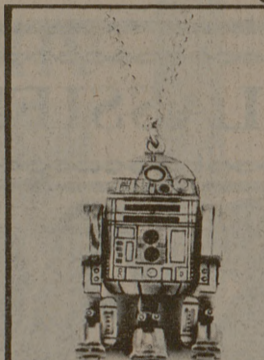
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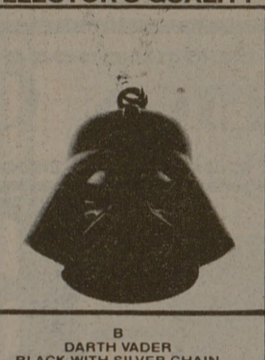
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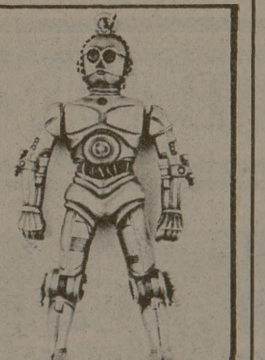
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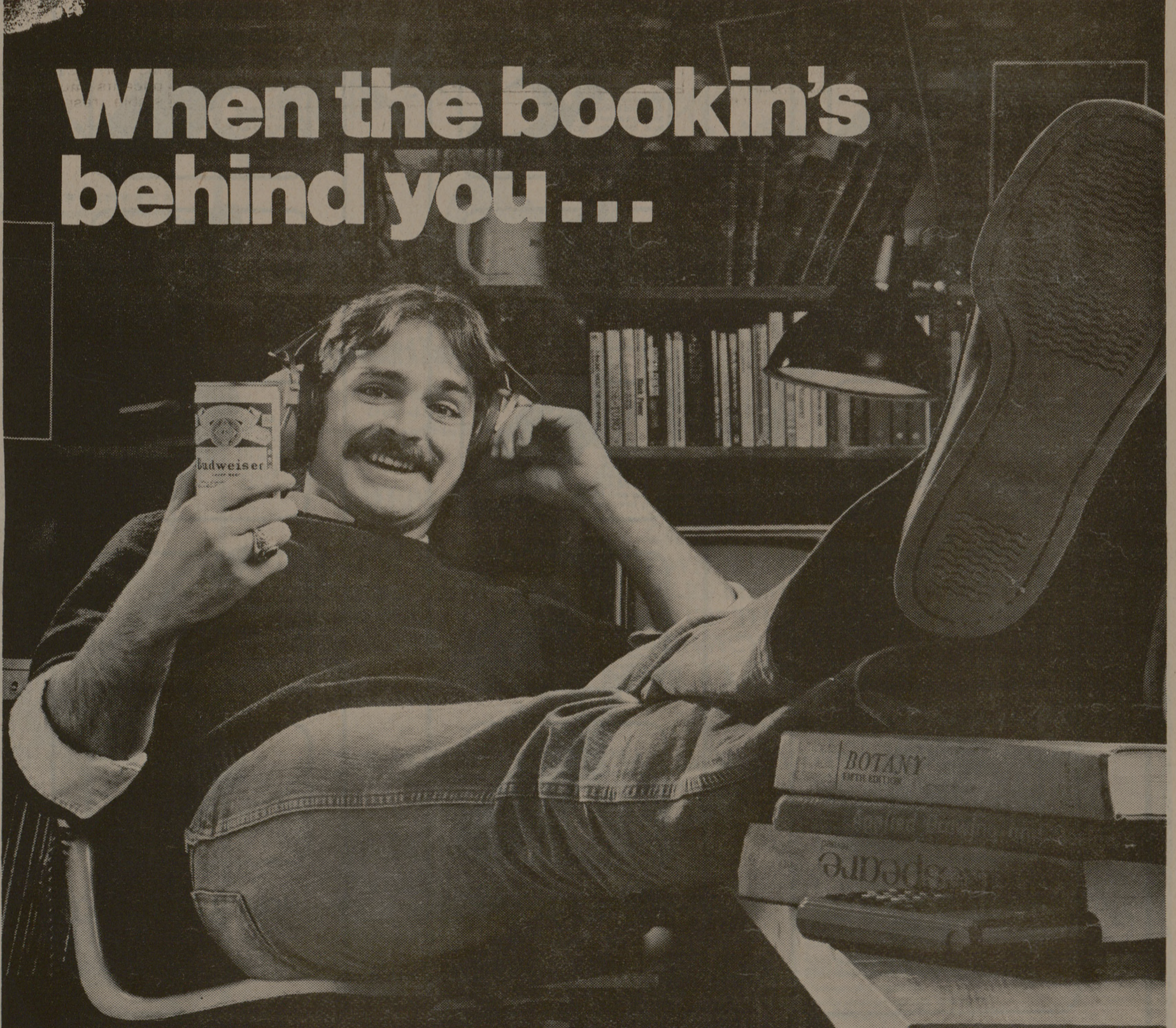


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