

# 30 A&M students to study in France

Paris, Texas, is about a four-hour drive from the Texas A&M University campus, but soon some architecture students will be able to say Paris is just three hours away. Paris, France, that is.

About 30 College of Architecture and Environmental Design students will travel to Strasbourg, France, next fall to enroll in a new foreign studies program. The students and two Texas A&M architecture professors, will be at Schiller College in Strasbourg, a city near the German border in northeast France.

"The program will give students the opportunity to view many different types of architecture and landscapes," says Raymond D. Reed, dean of architecture and environmental design at Texas A&M. "It will provide new ideas and varying concepts for those who are able to partake in the European experience."

When the students return to Texas A&M, Reed says they will be able to enrich other students with their experiences.

Reed emphasized that the program will not cost the state any more than if the students stayed in College Station. Additional expenses, he says, will be paid by the students and will amount to about \$3,000 to cover travel, room and board, and activity fees for recreational and educational field trips.

Students will be required to take at least 12 credit hours of courses

that can be used toward their degree plan when they return. The two professors will have as many classroom contact hours with the students as they do at Texas A&M, Reed said.

Reed, who recently traveled to France to make arrangements, notes the atmosphere is much different at Schiller College, a coeducational institution that allows students to drink beer or wine during class breaks.

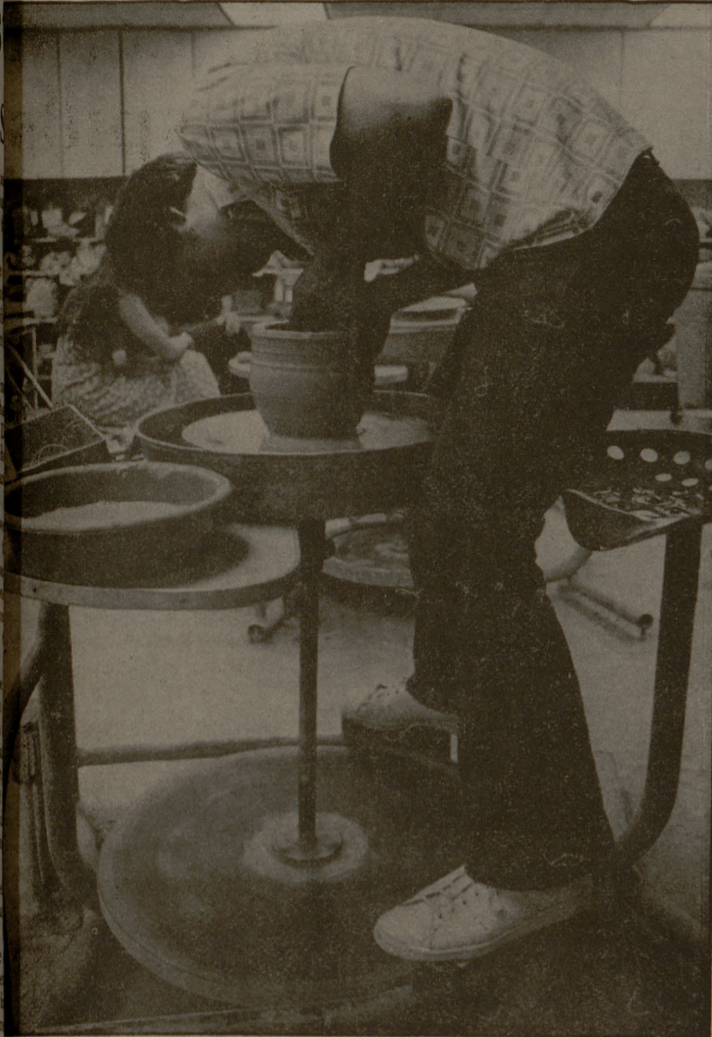
Reed said that the buildings are beautiful, but are not in prime condition. One objective of the pro-

gram will be to help revitalize the buildings and landscape.

"Students will be living in a chateau with about 70 students attending the fine arts college. Sixty percent are Americans," says Reed.

If things go well with the program, the college will make plans for other foreign study projects.

The dean says some of the students may undergo a cultural shock and want to come home. But, he adds, before the professors ship the students back to the states, they will take them into Strasbourg — to McDonald's.



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Bill Reeves, graduate student in Architecture, instructs pottery classes for the Memorial Student Center craft shop. Pottery and stained glass are the two most popular classes given at the shop. Reeves was designing the pot for a class demonstration.

## Certificate given to library week

Dr. Norman D. Thomas has been presented the Texas A&M University Libraries' first Faculty Library Award.

Presentation to the anthropology professor concluded National Library Week events at Texas A&M. Thomas received a certificate and a volume added to the library's general collection in his name.

Emma Perry gave the award after a panel discussion on the research library's role in meeting research, teaching and community needs. Other library week events included Friends of the Library-conducted reference sale, a program on animated and poetry-fiction readings. Thomas, five-year faculty member, was cited for his work as library representative from the Department of Sociology and Anthropology. Perry said it is reflected expansion and quality of the anthropology collection.

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