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A&M prof writes book on myths

By CHERYL CESSNA

Battalion Reporter  
Searching out the dividing line between female virtue and vice is the theme of a new book written by Dr. Claudine Hunting, an associate professor of French at Texas A&M University.

Hunting said the book, entitled "Innocence ou Culpabilite? Silvie, Manon, Biondetta: Trois Visages d'Eve Dans le Roman Francais au XVIII Siecle," or, in English, "Guilt or Innocence? Silvie, Manon, Biondetta: Three Faces of Eve in the Eighteenth Century French Novel," still needs some finishing touches.

"It should be published in 1981. I have to do some revision, which entails getting texts from other universities. They're 18th century books and very difficult to get."

Hunting, a native of Paris who received bachelor's and master's degrees from Sorbonne University and a doctorate from Harvard, said her book compares the themes of three 18th century works.

"The book really is an analysis of three novels and the stereotypes and myths on which they rest. I feel they exemplify a progression, an evolution of the idea of woman in the 18th century. But the interesting thing is the ambiguity of the positions of the female characters. First they're presented as guilty, then there is a question about their guilt, and then they begin to appear more and more innocent until at the end they appear as saints."

Hunting said the book also studies the idea of virtue.

There was a revolution in ethics in the 18th century, with the idea of virtue and vice, particularly female virtue and vice, being centered around a sexual theme. As you progress into the century, you feel the idea of a female virtue is less and less secure. There is a certain point in 18th century philosophy where virtue and vice begin to have very fuzzy frontiers — we no longer know what virtue is and what vice is. So I'm looking at those heroines in that light."



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Piggy back

This young spectator gets an "above-the-crowd" view after Saturday's graduation ceremonies.

A&M gets 'bowl' game

By CINDY COLVIN

Battalion Reporter  
College Bowl, the "varsity sport of the mind," played at major universities across the nation for about 10 years, will finally come to Texas A&M University next semester, according to Erum Sheikh, an MSC Council assistant.

The game show-format College Bowl is a competition between two teams of four students each who answer questions about a broad range of topics.

After a correct answer, a team has the chance to answer another question correctly for extra points. The team with the most points at the end of the game wins.

The council plans to have an intra-collegiate match between at least ten teams from the University. The winning team in the final match will win a trip to Fort Worth, where it will

compete with teams from universities from Arkansas, Louisiana, and Texas. The MSC Council will pay expenses.

The winners of this regional tournament will go to Miami for the national tournament, and from there, the winners will go to England to compete against that nation's top team.

The regional tournament will be Feb. 28, Sheikh said. The Council plans to begin the intra-collegiate competition in January.

There is an entrance fee of \$10 per team, and Sheikh said that if an individual wishes to participate in the project, the Council will place him on a team if he doesn't already have one. The deadline for turning in an application and paying fees is Dec. 20.

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Bragg OK'd as Batt editor

Roy Bragg, a senior journalism major from Bryan, has been confirmed as the editor of The Battalion for the 1980 spring semester by Dr. J.M. Prescott, vice president for academic affairs.

Bragg was recommended to the position by a unanimous vote from the Student Publications Board last month.

Bragg will be replacing Liz Newlin, a junior in journalism. Newlin will be working in Washington during the spring semester for Sen. Orrin Hatch, R-Utah, through the Sears, Roebuck and Co. Congressional Intern Program. Each spring about 15 college journalists are selected in national competition to work on Congressional staffs, usually writing speeches and press releases.

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