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'Chapter Two,' Wells leave Aggie audience gasping

By RICHARD OLIVER
Staff Writer

For 2½ hours Thursday night, nearly 2,500 persons laughed, cried and pondered at "Chapter Two" together — and they left emotionally drained, but satisfied.

Dawn Wells and David Faulkner, starring in Neil Simon's hit play, ran their Rudder Auditorium audience through a variety of emotions, and drew them stunned but happily to their feet afterwards.

"Chapter Two" is Neil Simon's semi-autobiographical story of a

man's struggle to overcome the grief caused by the death of his first wife, and the sudden joy of finding new love.

The joy, however, is hard-earned, as the memory of his first wife continues to haunt him, severely damaging the second relationship.

Wells and Faulkner brilliantly portrayed the roles of Jennie and George, created by Simon to represent himself and his present wife, Marsha Mason.

The play begins with George fairly morose, and obviously moody over

the loss of his first wife, Barbara. His brother, Leo (Donald Gantry), tries hard to comfort him, introducing him to different girls, trying to find the right one to draw George out of his hole, but to no avail. That is, until

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Leo meets Jennie at a New York disco. He leaves the phone number with George, and the action begins. George, calling a number he believes to be an elderly librarian's, finds instead he is speaking to Jen-

nie, a beautiful, divorced female. Through the course of their conversation, they find they are both interested in one another, and agree to meet to satisfy the demands of their matchmaking friends.

Their meeting naturally leads to romance — with an additional load of soul-searching — and eventually, marriage.

The play climaxes when George and Jennie violently confront one another following their honeymoon, as Jennie tries to find the reason for George's sudden coldness and anger towards her. George's constant comparisons of Jennie with his ex-wife draws hurt feelings and misunderstandings, resulting in a superbly probing exchange between the two.

Wells' brilliant acting here presented the focal point of the entire play. Her cries of misunderstanding and injustice left the audience gasping for breath as she screamed and raved and literally picked apart George's persecution.

Following the play, Wells said she felt the audience was appreciative.

"They were great, I loved it," she said.

Wells, known primarily for her role as Mary Ann on "Gilligan's Island," said she is currently producing and directing a documentary on wildlife.

Field study trip planned by Ag Economics club

By LISA MARTIN
Campus Reporter

Members of the Agriculture Economics Club will spend spring break in California on an agricultural business field study tour.

Mark Troutz, trip coordinator, said that 41 members and 2 advisers will be going on the student-sponsored trip.

"It provides the best well-rounded learning experience the students can have by seeing the agriculture-related businesses," Troutz said. "We will be seeing all phases of the

agricultural industry and the students can get hands-on experience from the tour."

During the nine-day group will make 19 stops in different parts of California, Troutz said, including production and marketing of citrus and large farm and feedlot operations.

The group will visit places such as Sun Maid Growers, Nature Bite Berry Growers and the SunKist Research Center, where research and testing involving oranges is done.

Troutz said a stop will be made California Cannery and Grower one of the largest private-label suppliers and Calcott Limited which is complete marketing system.

A tour of a large, integrated poultry operation which is fully automated will be seen along with harvesting and packing operations, Troutz said. The group will also visit a winery for wine making and tasting, he said.

Troutz said the trip is offered as two-hour credit agricultural economics class.

A&M skeet shooters are olympic hopefuls

By ANGELIQUE COPELAND
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For a team that is sending two members to compete for a berth on the U.S. Olympic team, the Texas A&M University Skeet and Trap Club has remained in relative obscurity.

Ed Simmons, a junior from Houston, and Jeff Sizemore, a freshman business major, will be in San Antonio in May competing with the best shooters in the nation as they make their bid for the 1980 Olympic team. Simmons is a two-time national collegiate champion and Sizemore traveled with the U.S. team last year competing in world competition in Italy and in the Pan American Games. The United States took the gold in the Pan Am games with Sizemore tying for eleventh place individually.

Both men are members of the A&M Skeet and Trap Club, an extramural sports club.

Skeet comes from a Swedish word meaning "shoot," and involves 25 targets released from two throwers. One thrower is placed about 10 feet from the ground in a "high" house and the other is located in a "low" house about 3½ feet from the ground.

There are eight "stations" arranged in a semi-circle between the two houses from which shooters try for targets released at known angles. At four of the stations, birds are released from both houses at the same time, at about 60 mph.

Trap is a longer range game with less predictable target flights. There is one ground-level thrower and five shots are fired from five stations. Distance from the trap house is gauged according to handicaps given to shooters, with the most proficient, 27 yards from the house.

The team will travel to the intercollegiate championships April 23-27 in Peoria, Ill., and Club President George Strickhausen estimated that it will cost around \$6,000 to send a team to the meet.

In addition to the expense, the Aggie shooters have trouble finding a place to practice.

"We presently have to practice at the Bryan-College Station Skeet Club which is over 15 miles from the University," Strickhausen said.

"Not only are we limited in time and place to practice but the Bryan range is only geared up for the American versions trap and skeet and yet we have to compete with other schools in the international style trap and skeet," Skrickhausen said.

There may be relief in sight for the clay hunters, if the Texas A&M Health and Physical Education Department is successful in finding funds for a trap and skeet facility it has developed plans for.

The range is on private property north of Bryan and is closed 10 months out of the year.

A site has been picked for a \$75,000 four-field trap and skeet complex that would have both American and International capabilities and would be utilized by the physical education classes, the club, intramural teams, faculty members and former students.

The Texas A&M team placed second in American skeet competition in 1975 and 1976 and second in International skeet in 1976. The team went on to become the national collegiate champions in 1978 with team member Simmons winning the individual championship. The team finished second the following year in international with Simmons again winning the overall competition. If Simmons wins the championship again this year he will become the first person to win the title three consecutive years.

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