

Professor says plan future now

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In planning for the future, people need to look at themselves objectively and positively, a Texas A&M University professor told a small group in Rudder Forum Thursday.

"Your image of your future has a lot to do with what you are going to do with it," said Dr. John Hoyle, educational administration instructor.

Hoyle, speaking on "The Greatest Issue — Your Future," said people need to think about and imagine their roles in the future and it will give meaning to what they are doing now.

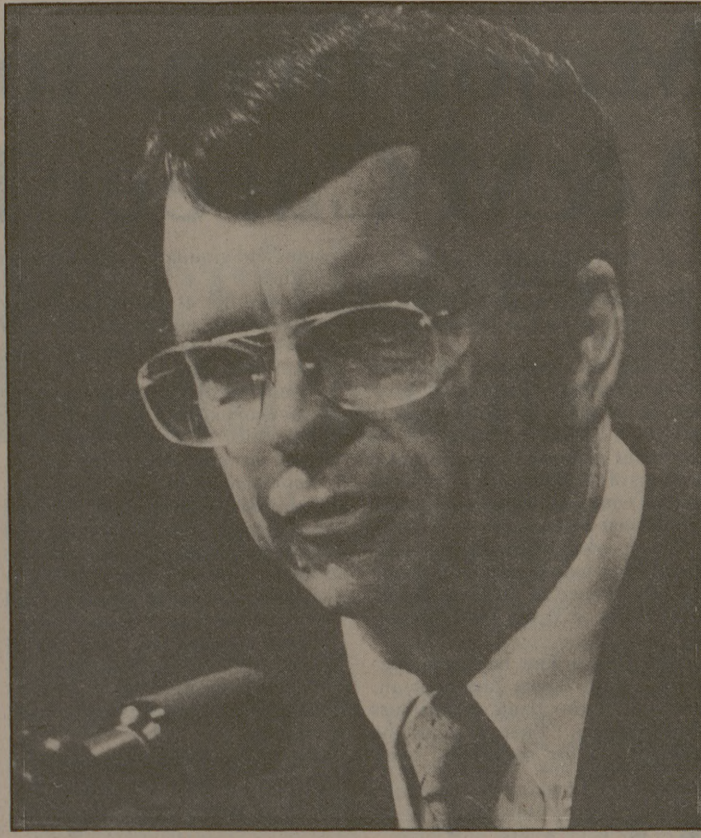
"Future is an illusion," he said. "People think the future is something that happens to somebody else."

"If you can see yourself in the future in a successful job and making a good living, then today is more important."

Hoyle, sponsored by the MSC Great Issues Committee, said education can help in this perspective by showing many options and not just a restrictive view of what is in the future.

He said, "If the only tool you have is a hammer, you tend to see every problem as a nail."

Hoyle said one way of projecting oneself into the future is by writing a scenario. He defined it as a future history that attempts to construct a



MSC Great Issues speaker Dr. John Hoyle Thursday told a Rudder Forum audience people need to think about their future and develop and establish personal goals.

logical sequence of events in written form.

He explained that the future depends on history, on which assumptions are based. He said that

although no one can predict the future, researchers called futurologists take past trends and predict what logically could happen based on the trends.

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Texas is fourth in rabies

By CAROL THOMAS
City Reporter

Despite an improvement in rabies vaccine and a state law requiring early vaccination of pets, the number of rabies cases in Texas continues to grow.

In 1979 there were 1,174 rabies cases reported in the state, making up about 25 percent of the cases in the United States. This was the most reported since 1953, when 1,335 were reported.

Dr. Leon Russell, professor of veterinary public health, predicts that the problem will continue to grow. At the end of March 1979, 231 cases had been reported. So far, 284 cases have been reported for 1980.

"If the number continues to grow at this rate, it will reach the peak of 1953," Russell said.

Although rabies used to be more common in dogs, there are more rabies cases found in skunks today than any other animal, Russell said.

Russell said researchers are not sure how the rabies develop in the skunks.

"There are a lot of mysteries to it," Russell said. "It could be passed by bites or by the milk of the mother."

An animal with rabies may react in various ways, Russell said. The animal might become hostile, or it might become friendly when it is normally hostile. Other symptoms are abnormal appetite, paralysis of the lower jaw and foaming at the mouth.

Russell said if the animal develops any of those symptoms, he should be taken to the veterinarian immediately. He added that there is a chance the symptoms might be the result of a disease other than rabies, for instance canine distemper.

When an animal is found to have rabies, it is put to sleep and its brain is sent to the health department in Austin, Russell said.

Although state law requires pets to be vaccinated at four months, there are still pets that get rabies, Russell said. In 1979, three people died from bites by rabid dogs in the United States and two of those were children from Texas.

Russell said that there might be more deaths in children because of their short stature. "The shorter the stature, the shorter the incubation period," he said. Rabies travels through the nervous system and reaches the brain more quickly.

One major improvement is a new vaccine being developed in the United States in which the rabies virus is grown in human tissue, Russell said. The vaccine, called the human

diploid vaccine, is already being used successfully in Europe and will be released in a month.

In the vaccine currently being used, the virus is grown in duck embryos.

"There is a higher concentration of the rabies virus in the human tissue than in the duck embryo and it should be more effective," Russell said.

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