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New degree plan offered at A&M

Texas A&M University now offers a degree program developed to provide public agencies with employees trained in public administration.

Graduates of the new public administration program will be qualified to hold positions as municipal administrators, members of research teams for city staffs or city councils, personnel management assistants and many more, said Dr. Sam Kilpatrick, head of the Texas A&M Department of Political Science.

Most of the positions will be beginning to mid-level management jobs for local, state and federal governments, he said. The program was approved by the Coordinating Board of the Texas College and University System in March.

A survey, conducted by the National Association of Schools of Public Affairs and Administration, pointed out the pressing need expressed by public employers "for graduates who have the necessary knowledge and skills for planning, implementing, and evaluating public programs," said Dr. Gary Halter, adviser for the program.

"This degree will allow the student to be more career oriented. It will be a degree on which a student can go out and get a job," Halter said. "We are not abandoning our bachelor of arts programs. These are still important, but the bachelor of arts programs are aimed at students who will seek advanced degrees either in political science, government or law."

The new degree program also emphasizes practical experience through internships and cooperative education so students can work with local public administrators, Halter said.

Suspense king Hitchcock dies

HOLLYWOOD — Sir Alfred Hitchcock, 80, the pear-shaped, jowled master of macabre suspense whose 54 movies successfully blended murder, laughter and gore, died peacefully Tuesday at his Bel-Air home.

Members of Hitchcock's family — his wife of 53 years, Alma Reville, his daughter Patricia O'Connell and his three grandchildren — had been at his bedside since last Friday and were with him when he died at 9:17 a.m.

The family said Hitchcock died of natural causes — a combination of arthritis, heart disease and kidney trouble that has plagued him for years. The rotund director's heartbeat was maintained by a pacemaker for the past four years.

A funeral was scheduled for Friday at 10 a.m. at Church of the Good Shepherd in Beverly Hills.

The portly Englishman — who kept his British accent intact, although he left England 41 years ago — perfected the art of scaring audiences and always included his ritual walk-on cameo appearances.

For more than half a century, Hitchcock chilled and bemused audiences with films including such classics as "Rebecca," which captured an Academy Award for best picture in 1940 in his first Hollywood venture.

Last January, the film director was honored by the country of his birth and officially became "Sir Alfred," being named Knight Commander of the Order of the British Empire by Queen Elizabeth II.

Actor Jimmy Stewart, who appeared in some of Hitchcock's finest films, was close to tears when told of his old friend's death.

"I've lost a wonderful friend," Stewart said. "The world has lost a tremendous talent that has made a tremendous contribution to the art of film, to millions and millions of people."

Hitchcock, whose career started in the early 1920s in London, directed a stream of hits such as "Suspicion," "Spellbound," "Lifeboat," "Notorious," "The Paradine Case," "Strangers On a Train," "Dial M For Murder," "To Catch a Thief," "Vertigo," "North by Northwest," "The Birds," "Marnie," "Torn Curtain," "Topaz," "Frenzy" and "Family Plot."

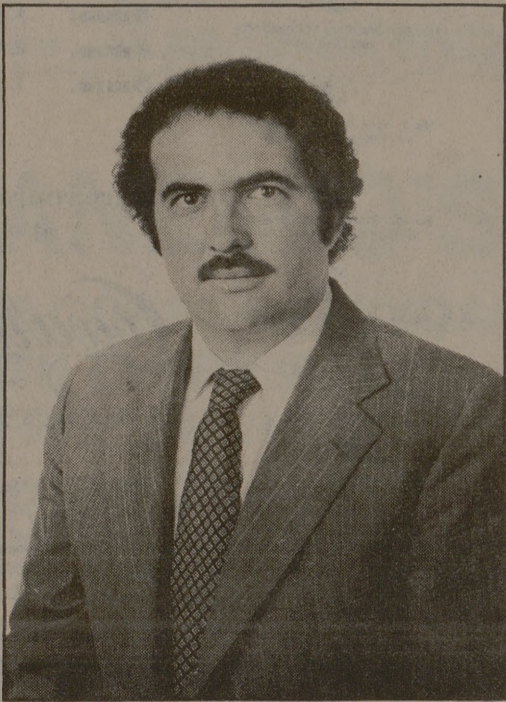
But he may be best remembered for the shower scene in "Psycho," a film containing what he called "the most shocking effect in any of my pictures."

Hitchcock's cherubic face and droll delivery became familiar to television viewers during the 10-year run of "Alfred Hitchcock Presents." He introduced each show of the series.

Hitchcock also had a preference in his leading ladies — a cool-looking blonde in the Ingrid Bergman-Grace Kelly-Joan Fontaine tradition.

"I have never cared for women with sex hanging all over them like baubles," he said.

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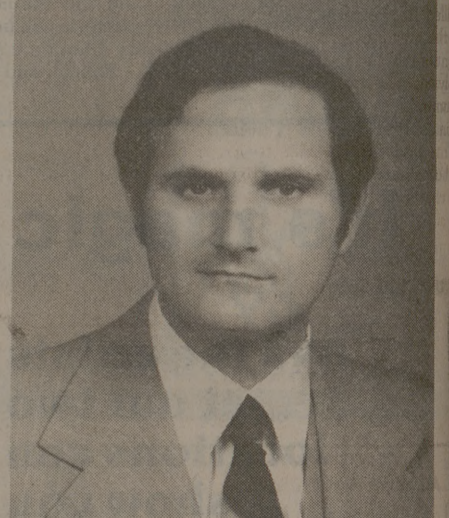
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