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Local

Theme parks new addition

Prof compiling park data

By GLENN KRAMPOTA

Battalion Reporter Texas A&M University parks and recreation professor is currently compiling information ab-out all local, state and national parks. Dr. Carlton Van Doren's study, entitled "A Statistical Abstract of Outdoor Recreation," in

ect will be a reference book for teachers, reearchers, and policy-makers in government all cross the country, Van Doren said. Information included will help park officials etter determine visitation trends over the last

wenty years and provide park planners with data

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Van Doren, a native of Illinois, explained that is project is actually an updated revision of a imilar study done in 1958 by a non-profit rearch organization in Washington, D.C., called Resources for the Future.

Van Doren said the earlier study contained formation such as attendance levels in parks, ch refen sales figures of outboard motors and hunting censes issued

"asthe that time, it was a gold mine of information, beppears i cause all of these things were under one cover for ears have the first time," he said.

Van Doren said his document will have the ack of his we the same benefit - compiling diverse information and having it contained in one source. But, he said, over the last 20 years new categories of information and new types of recreation have sprung up, and these will also be included in his study

Examples of these new categories are off-road vehicles, recreation vehicles, bicycle sales and theme parks. Van Doren said theme parks are the biggest category and will include parks like Astroworld, Disneyland, and Six Flags Over Texas. A similar, but scaled-down handbook pertain-

ing only to outdoor recreation in Texas is also being compiled, Van Doren said.

Van Doren said it is important to note that not all information and statistics will actually be included in the two documents. But he said he will try to document where people can write for specific information

He said his biggest problem will be getting the needed information on municipal parks. National and state park data can be attained easily enough from the National Park service and the states themselves.

"But about the only thing we're going to be able to use concerning the municipalities is a survey of use by the National Recreation and Parks Associa-Van Doren said tion,

He said this group used to put out such infor-mation regularly, but ran into problems when the

cities would not cooperate. Van Doren, who is being assisted by doctoral student Larry Gustke, said they hope to have the documents ready for the printer a year from now. Though firm arrangements have not been

made, he said, he is currently looking into the possibility of the study being printed by the Heritage Conservation and Recreation Service of the Department of the Interior.

"I would imagine that 10,000 copies, once I find a printer, are going to be gone in a year if I can get it all assembled," Van Doren said.

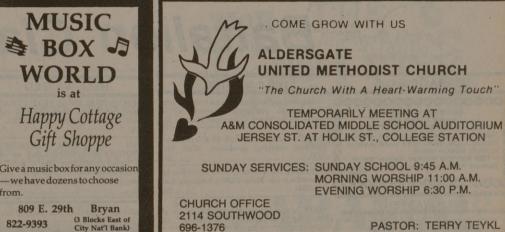
He received his masters degree at the Univer-sity of Illinois, and his doctorate at Michigan State, both in geography. Calling himself a "maverick geographer," he

said he first became interested in geography at age 11 when his parents left the country for Peru

and he began visiting them. His interest in parks and tourism came about when, as a geographer, he became "interested in movement and what attracts people... What pulls people to the Astrodome or the Renaissance Festival or Palo Duro Canyon," he said. Van Doren said he is interested in the natural

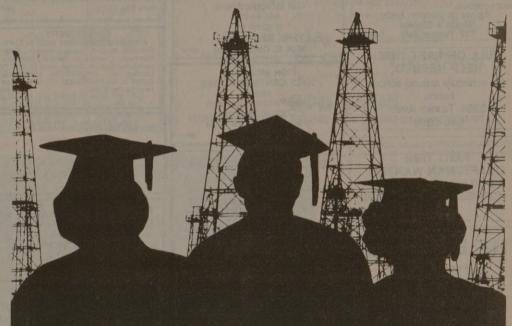
and cultural resources of attractions.

His comprehensive study of outdoor recreation is being funded by the U.S. Forest Service and the Texas Agricultural Experiment Station.



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Speaker says Soviet buyers lose

By CINDY GEE

Battalion Reporter The Soviet Union is supposedly run for the people, yet the people are the losers, Dr. Svetozar Pejovich while, Pajovich asked said Thursday.

In the last of a series of discussions resented by the MSC Great Issues committee entitled "The American Economic Crisis," Pejovich com-pared the U.S. economic system with that of Western and Eastern Europe, and said capitalism is by far mthe best system.

Pejovich, acting president of the University of Dallas, grew up in the Soviet Union and graduated from the University of Belgrade. He then came to America and received his octorate degree from Georgetown niversity

Pejovich spoke from experience when he criticized the free medical care and lack of unemployment in the Soviet Union.

"I got sick in Moscow and because I had an American passport, the doc-tor came rather quickly," he said. "Just to make sure he would not be ccused of killing an American, he gave me six different pills and two

injections. I asked him, 'What are these for?' He said, 'Everything from

After talking to the doctor for a while, Pajovich asked him if he didn't have patients to go see. The doctor said yes, he had a whole line of them, but they weren't really sick, they just wanted to be excused from

Pajovich found out differently, he said, when he went to the doctor's clinic and saw many sick people lying in the dirty halls waiting to see a doctor

The Soviet Union has its own plants to produce medication. Every time the plants produce more pills than they re required to, the mana-ger gets a bonus, he said. As a result, he added, they produce a lot of inferior pills

Every time the doctor discovers a pill that doesn't have any effect on the patient, he calls it an "over-the-planned-production pill," Pajovich said

It is true that unemployment does not exist in the Soviet Union, he said, but their employment system is inefficient.

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