

Local



Fixing an old problem

Staff photo by Pat O'Malley

Virgil Hartsfield, an employee for the Physical Plant, sprays a degreasing agent on the layer of tar inside the fountain in front of the Chemis-

try building. After the tar is removed, a new layer will be put on and then a layer of epoxy sealant will be applied after that.

Small crowd sees Pulitzer play

'Gin Game' deals odd hand

By JULIE STANDARD
Battalion Reporter

A simple card game became the final realization of life for an elderly man and woman Monday night in MSC Down Hall's presentation of "The Gin Game" in Rudder Auditorium.

For almost two hours, the crowd of about 400 first laughed at the cynical attitude of Weller Martin and the self-righteous air of Fonsia Dorsey before being freed, along with the characters, to accept the bitter realities of their past.

A primarily middle-aged crowd watched this 1978 Pulitzer Prize winning play for drama by D.L. Coburn. Phyllis Thaxter (Dorsey) and Larry Gates (Martin) portray two divorced, elderly residents of a run-down

apartment building who begin to use the game of gin rummy as an escape from the frustrations they experience at the home.

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For the older members of the audience, "The Gin Game" offered a chance to examine their lives without having to experience the same pain Martin and Dorsey have.

The ending seemed to leave the audience unsatisfied, as Dorsey runs Martin off as she has everyone else in her life and Martin loses yet one more battle, with neither having a chance to change the patterns they had established their entire lives.

Tech to host talks on women's jobs

Students who are interested in international developments are invited to attend a conference titled: "Developing Nations: Challenges Involving Women," next Monday and Tuesday at Texas Tech University in Lubbock.

The Office of International Programs is offering \$150 mini-grants under the Title XII Strengthening Grant Program to students, faculty and administrators.

Mini-grant applications must be filed by Thursday with Dr. Pamela Horne, strengthening grant coordinator, Office of International Programs, Bizzell Hall.

All other information about the conference can also be obtained from Horne.

The conference will focus on women's role in development in

many foreign nations. Workshops, discussions and lectures will cover such topics as expanding opportunities, resource development, culturally sensitive programs and others.

"Women in development need to be recognized by our technical personnel," Horne said. "Sixty to 70 percent of women are small farmers in some countries. Some technical personnel talk only to women and that deters development," she said.

Male and female students and faculty are invited to attend the conference, Horne said.

The Title XII program is sponsored by the Agency for International Development which provides funds for international assistance and development to Texas A&M University.

United Way drive extended

The Brazos Valley United Way has collected \$163,000.50 or 67 percent of its goal and has extended its fund drive into November.

Texas A&M University has reached 66 percent of its \$50,210 goal, said Anne Bell, publicity chairman.

The United Way supports the following local agencies: the Arthritis Foundation, Bluebonnet Girl Scout Council, Boys' Club of Bryan, Boy Scouts of America, Brazos County Chapter of the American Red Cross, Brazos County Community Council, Brazos County Senior Citizens Association, Brazos Valley MH-MR Center, Brazos Valley Museum of Natural Science, Brazos Valley Rehabili-



tation Center, Camp Sweeney Diabetic Foundation, College Station Recreation Council, Community House, Girls' Club of Brazos County, Retired Senior Volunteer Program and Salvation Army.

Mechanical engineer gets Halliburton grant

A \$20,000 grant has been presented to the Texas A&M University College of Engineering by the Halliburton Education Foundation.

Engineering Dean Robert H. Page received the grant from officials of Brown and Root, Welex and Otis engineering firms, which are units of the Dallas-based Halliburton Co.

Page said the funds, which represent the 16th annual grant to Texas A&M by the foundation, will enable the new Halliburton Professor of Engineering, Dr. Walter L. Bradley of the mechanical engineering faculty, to perform studies in high temperature mechanical behavior of materials.

Bradley, a four-year Texas A&M faculty member, has degrees from the University of Texas at Austin and taught earlier at the Colorado School of Mines.

The metallurgist has presented expert testimony on gas pipeline failure. Also, he has studied thermal fatigue of turbine blades in jet en-

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GTE reps to speak at RHA meeting

Representatives from General Telephone Company tonight will discuss problems with the telephone service in Texas A&M University communities.

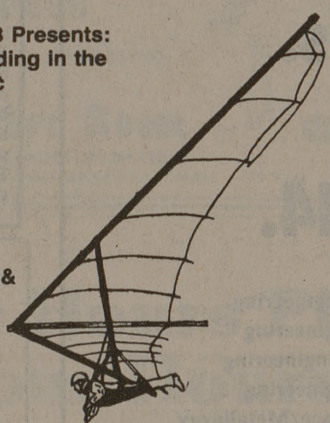
The GTE representatives will be guest speakers at the Residence Hall Association meeting at 7 p.m. in M. Harrington.

Also on the agenda are the results of a proposal to collect room keys from students during the Christmas break and evaluation of the RHA 100th anniversary celebration held Oct. 30.

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